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The Scientists Disagree

It is no wonder that President Eisenhower does not know what position he ought to take with respect to the Soviet Union's plea for a ban on nuclear tests, to be controlled by experts which each country would station in the other's territory.

This is brought out in a recent article by James Reston, the distinguished correspondent for the New York Times in Washington. He says that Dr. Edward Teller, one of the foremost experts on hydrogen bombs—and who is very much against ending the tests—has told the President that absolute detection would be impossible.

Another noted scientist, however, Dr. Harrison Brown of the California Institute of Technology, thinks differently. He says that "it is possible to establish a detection system which would make bootlegging extremely difficult, is not impossible. Both experts have their following.

As Mr. Reston points out, this controversy makes it difficult not only for the President but for the Senate which would have to ratify any agreement before it could become effective. It is bad for public morale, too. There is no question but that most people in the United States, as in other countries, would like to see a ban on nuclear tests.

Good Suggestion

The Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Canadian Bar Association have proposed a change in income tax practice which could be easily effected, and which would be of considerable value to the business world.

One of the difficulties is ascertaining the amount of tax liability at the time of a proposed transaction. As it is now, persons, may have to wait for several months, sometimes several years, before such a transaction would be finally assessed.

The petition for a central agency to make such advance rulings, is one that should receive careful consideration in Ottawa. It is something that could easily be effected through the central tax office in the Capital.

In general, the proposal offers advantage to both parties, the taxpayers involved in these transactions, and the government as collector of revenue.

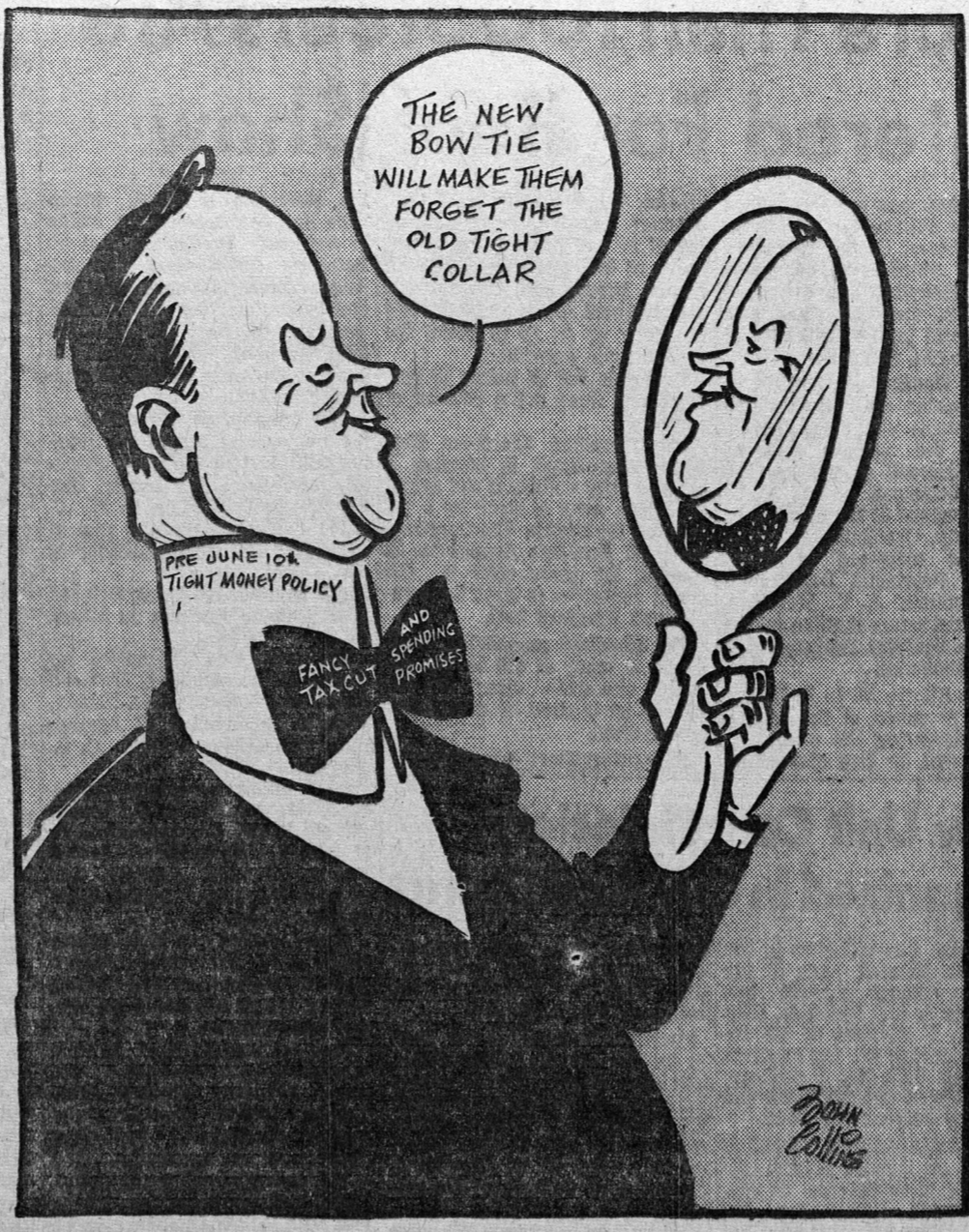
EDITORIAL NOTES

Commenting on the political situation in Canada, the Manchester Guardian says that the Liberals were defeated last June because they had become "hubristic".

The best thing to do with that "recording machine" which was set up in the Legislature last year is to sell it for scrap for whatever it will bring. There was no need for it in the first place, even if it had worked satisfactorily.

We are almost inclined to agree with Premier Matheson that there should be enough information on hand in Ottawa already to tell whether a causeway is feasible or not. In any case, it is strange that the result of the first survey has never been made public.

Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod is now back home at Dunvegan Castle in Skye, attending to her housekeeping after returning from her second round-the-world trip in three years. According to the Edinburgh Scotsman, when she flew into Prestwick she was still talking happily about the enjoyable birthday parties which she had in Canada.



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PUBLIC FORUM

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IRRESPONSIBILITY

Sir,—It is commonly acknowledged that in past ages, before an election, contestants would make claims and denunciations, without any regard for truth and facts. This had been the custom for ages ever since the democratic form of government, introduced we believe by the Athenians, who changed their original concept of legislation by public vote, to that of elective representation.

Mr. Pearson, whose inexperience caused his failure to recognize this trend and, in his frantic efforts to discount the solid and factual accomplishments of the Diefenbaker government during the short time it has been in office has turned back the clock a thousand years. In his determined effort to grab any weapon, however unethical, he has raised a hue and cry of unemployment and hard times since Mr. Diefenbaker took office.

In the first place, we are not burdened with extraordinary unemployment. The fact is that Canadian people in many brackets are satisfied with their employment dividends, and are indifferent regarding winter work.

The ratio of unemployed, even if it were factual and as distressing as Mr. Pearson would have us believe, would merely reflect the result of Liberal unilateral trade policy with the U.S.A., in which as a result of almost exclusive trade arrangements with that country, we react immediately in barometric sequence to their economic conditions.

We are expressing ourself here with not as a party affiliate, but as one who has the interests of Canada, and especially the Maritimes, and our Island in particular, at heart. We are not looking for a job. We are not getting paid. We do believe that, with this Government given the proper mandate, we will go ahead; we will have our Causeway, increased

China's Disgruntled Minorities

By W. N. Ewer
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The attitude of the Peking Government to national minorities continues to harden. A year ago Mao Tse-Tung was insistent on the need for patience and conciliation. He warned his comrades "Han-chauvinism."

But now they are subject to two pressures. There is the determination of the central Government and of the leaders of the Communist Party to impose on them the same social and economic pattern that has been imposed on China proper. And there is the planned and increasing migration of Han from the crowded provinces of eastern China into the "extensive areas with rich natural resources" of the outer provinces.

Hence the manifestations of discontent and resentment among the Tibetans, the Mongols and the Uighurs of Sinkiang. The Chinese Communist press reports them in order to condemn them as "outbreaks of bourgeois nationalism."

But we do find for example that even Mongol Party members have complained that in Inner Mongolia the majority of the Party executive are Han and the Party members are "seldom able to express their wishes"; that "the Communist Party as a whole is a Han party" and its "cadre policy" is "Hanist".

This is one cause of the other unrest which is causing much anxiety in Peking. It is regional, not national. The discontent is among the Han of the west and south, traditionally distrustful of Peking and inclined to stand up for their local rights and interests. This is being attacked and condemned as "parochialism."

Also, we were told by the Opposition when Mr. Diefenbaker proposed a Commonwealth Conference that it would be a good thing, but he could never arrange that convention. Now that it has been achieved, it is said to be dangerous to our trade relations with the U.S.A.

If England were to take more of our apples from Nova Scotia, potatoes and Wiltshire sides and beef from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, we would still sell to the U.S.A. as much as she will require when she has a deficit in any of these commodities; and that is the only time she will take our produce without a prohibitive tariff.

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harbour facilities for our small fishing boats, increased agricultural support, and so many other things that for decades we have cried for in vain, while the rest of the world rolled by. Let us give this Government a clear and decisive mandate. Let us turn a deaf ear to the vapourings of an opposition seeking election by promises, which exceed manifold the promises they condemned Mr. Diefenbaker when in opposition—for making, and which the Liberals—the Government—said were impossible of fulfillment.

Music Helps In Relaxation

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. PROBABLY nothing can relieve the tension and strain of a busy day as well as music. Many employers have come to realize this and have equipped their stores and plants with record players or the so-called "canned music" which provides soothing tunes for their employees throughout the day.

RELAXES PATIENTS A dentist I know also has records of soft music playing continuously to help his patients relax. It works, too.

You can work to music, you can play to music, you can relax to it and you can eat to it. Doctors agree that we can develop indigestion and serious stomach upsets by eating while we are tense and nervous.

The greatest danger of tension, in fact, is that it can destroy your appetite and damage your health seriously. Ulcers may be the ultimate result. Are you bothered by such tension? Probably.

VICTIMS OF TENSION A survey of 4,000 restaurant owners across the country recently disclosed that 93.7 per cent of them believed most of their customers were suffering from nervous tension when they came in to eat.

To help soothe this tenseness among their patrons, the restaurant owners have installed air conditioning, sound-proofing, indirect lighting—and music equipment.

Music helps you relax at home just as it does in a restaurant or at work. It probably works a lot better in your own home, since you can be more at ease and you can select the type of music you like best.

Whether it's the latest popular tunes or "long hair" stuff, choose the music you enjoy most. You've got to be honest with yourself in your selections. Don't choose classical music simply because you think it shows good taste.

In order to enjoy it as much as possible, sit back and relax. Don't concentrate too much on the melody.

Music will help keep you happy no matter what you may be doing. Whistling or humming while you are walking or driving a car will make everything seem cheerful.

And that's important to retaining your good health. QUESTION AND ANSWER T. B.: My child was bitten by a rat. Are there any contagious diseases transmitted by rats? Answer: Your child should re-

ceive protective inoculations against tetanus or lockjaw, for a bite from a rat can transmit this disease. A rare disease known as rat-bite fever also can be transmitted in the same manner.

It would be advisable for you to consult your physician.

THE VIEW Could I but hold one-half the earth, Half the world to be my own, All men in the other half Would covet it nor leave alone. For they would look and see my wealth. Wishing it were theirs to keep, And I should not rest day or night Nor have time for sleep; So half the world they may not rule I give you to all and one, Learning peace of him who knows The rise and set of holy sun— Who knows ways of earth and more Across the void where no dream flies, And breathes in full a wind that breaks Laughter down the skies. —John Travers Moore, in the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 18, 1933) A working arrangement will be sought with the Maritime Co-operative Egg and Poultry Exchange by representatives of the P.E.I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association who will meet members of the Maritime Exchange at Sackville to discuss joint efforts to obtain better prices and reduction in overhead expenses.

Professor Lloyd W. Shaw has been awarded one of the six scholarships made available by the Carnegie Corporation for the study of Scandinavian Folk High Schools, it has been announced by Morse A. Cartwright, Director of the American Association for Adult Education.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 18, 1948) A penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars for each interruption of service in the supply of electricity energy lasting longer than fifteen minutes, unless the interruption is approved by the Public Utilities Commission, is provided for in the Electric Power and Telephone Act which passed committee stage yesterday.

Major George W. Craig, general chairman of the Red Cross City campaign, announced last evening that the campaign would get under way on March 20 when the special names committee will begin their canvass. This committee is under the chairmanship of Mr. T. Roy Cudmore.

APRECIATION Sir.—At a recent meeting of the directors of this Federation, the first since the publication of your Special Fisheries Edition of January 31st last, official note was taken by the Federation of that splendid Special Fisheries Edition and I was accordingly instructed to convey to you the very warm congratulations of this Federation and all its members on the excellent job you made of it.

We will look forward to its becoming an annual event and an annual growth and development of our Island Fishing Industry. Yours very truly, PEI FISHERIES FEDERATION Per A. W. Gaudet, Secretary, Charlottetown.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An Australian sportsman claims to have developed a basketball playing kangaroo. Interesting, no doubt—but is it tall enough?—Edmonton Journal.

A letter writer to a Toronto paper complains that bank clerks can't figure small amounts. That is understandable and as you go up the scale bank managers can't always figure why you want big amounts. —Peterborough Examiner.

By implication, Prof. Jacob Viner of Princeton University has told Canadians they would not have to worry so much about the impact of United States culture if they could show better creative work of their own. Professor Viner pointed out in a lecture in Ottawa the other night that 18th-century Scotland was in a similar position to Canada's—next door to a wealthier and more populous country. Yet the Scots of those days did much to civilize the English, and s. by analogy, Canadians could hope to civilize the Americans if they put their minds to it! —Ottawa Citizen.

It is all very well for a clergyman to offer customer resistance as an excuse for pulling punches in the pulpit. But how is one to explain the full churches of those preachers, famous and less so, who have something worth saying and who say it concisely, pointedly and clearly. —Brandon Evening "A man drives as he lives," has become a cliché among the analysis of automobile accidents. In other words, the greatest single cause of highway mishaps is the personal equation, rather than the condition of the car, or the character of the road, or legal regulations. —Portland, Me., Press Herald.

Local government outside the city of St. John's will have its 20th anniversary this year for it was not until 1938 that the town of Windsor became the first to be incorporated under the legislation passed by the Commission of Government. Since then, the number of incorporated areas has grown to 65. —St. John's News.

Premier Bennett, who has said in the past that he would like to see a more effective opposition in the legislature, has set about doing something to produce one. He proposes to provide, at public expense, a small research and secretarial staff for the people on the other side of the chamber. —Vancouver Province.

The right of the press to gather news is really not a right but a duty; to tell the public the truth. The right is the public's—to be told the truth—and the duty of the press is to get the news with the framework of the law and without infringing the other rights of individual members of the public. —London Economist.

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