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As From Today...

Today's flag raising ceremonies at Ottawa and across the country will serve to underline, in a colorful manner, an order which has been sent by the Department of National Defense to all Canadian military establishments at home and overseas.

Merchant ships, and ships of the Canadian Coast Guard, have also been ordered to fly the new flag instead of the red ensign.

The Queen's colors of the RCN, of Army regiments and of the RCAF will stay, according to a spokesman for the defense department.

Nobody can dictate in this matter to individuals or business establishments. Within the limits of decency they may fly whatever banner they like over plant or office.

This is the flag that will henceforth mean Canada in the eyes of the world. Canadians are in duty bound to honor and cherish it.

U.S. Farm Income

By way of comparison with Canadian farm income figures prepared in connection with the new ARDA agreements, it is interesting to note the results of a survey made by economists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, on which President Johnson based his recent Farm Message to Congress.

In an effort to measure farm income against the income of urban population, the U.S. economists selected a formula for parity income—that is, the amount needed by a farm family to have a comparable income with a factory worker.

With this yardstick they measured the average net income of the 1,586,000 commercial farmers, producers who market 80 per cent of the food and fiber.

In their study of commercial farmers, the department's economists found that there were 384,000 producers with farm sales averaging more than \$20,000 a year.

had an average net income of \$10,100 which was about 6 per cent below the parity income standard established. The second group, numbering 594,000, had average gross sales of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year, and a net average income of \$6,207, about 27 per cent below parity of income.

The economists figure it would take an increase of 169 per cent to bring the 1.5 million low-income farmers up to parity of income. These farmers, in some cases, may need better credit opportunities to enlarge operations, become more efficient and earn parity income.

Noted in this connection is the fact that the commercial operator benefits more from the Federal Government's price and income support programs because he gains stability through the program and can efficiently gear his operations to a market with a stable price.

The low-income farmer, on the other hand, does not have the output volume necessary to take full advantage of the price-support program, although he does benefit because of stable prices and gains income by selling directly to the Government rather than using the price-support program to move some of his products to open market.

Instant French

Almost "instant" French—a unique "French-in-a-hurry" course—has recently caught the attention of educators in Southern California. We don't know much about it, but it is said to have been devised by a French-born educator-linguist, Michel Thomas, who uses no textbooks, notebooks or blackboards.

Over the years, Mr. Thomas has specialized in teaching foreign languages this way to adults individually (Grace Kelly is one distinguished alumna). Now he has begun to teach groups. He was prompted by the success of a recent experiment with five teenagers, aged 14 to 17, who learned enough French in 45 hours to qualify for second-semester college French courses.

Prof. Robert L. Coon, of the University of South California's French department, regards their accomplishment as "startling" for only three weeks' work. And although they had not had time to develop an extensive French vocabulary, Prof. Coon found they had "remarkable comprehension of essential concepts of language and surprising control of the entire body of French grammar."

Mr. Thomas believes that in the teaching-learning process, the student is never at fault if he doesn't learn. He says, "The responsibility for learning is the teacher's, not the student's... even the responsibility for remembering."

This, we confess, is all startlingly new to us.

Time's Changes

As an example of how times have changed, the Hamilton Spectator quotes these words from a speech by the Hon. Leon Balcer, head of the Tory revolt against Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership, made in 1961 when he was Minister of Transport in the Conservative cabinet:

"As long as Canada has a political leader imbued with these principles of justice and charity, as long as we possess men in Canada like Mr. Diefenbaker who respect the scale of values, we have no need to fear for the future of our country nor for the respect which is due to human liberty, nor for the survival of our democratic system."

It is a very different Mr. Balcer who is now raising Cain about Mr. Diefenbaker's indifference to Quebec. Or is it the same Mr. Balcer and a completely changed Mr. Diefenbaker who is responsible for what it would be a euphemism to call the strained relations between them? Probably a little of both. But who badgered whom in the first place, and started a squabble that has developed, unfortunately, into a problem affecting the stable political climate of the country, is a moot question.

Meanwhile, as our Hamilton contemporary notes, Mr. Balcer and his rebels are having a tough time making it clear what they want, and what they would do, if a new leader suddenly came out of the hills. Shouldn't they call a halt, now, until they get their bearings?



ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS ONE

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Budget Looms As Legislative Highlight

The longest session ever staged by Canada's Parliament reopens this week, with a good prospect of running into its second year before it ends—a bumbling length never before reached in peacetime.

When a new session finally opens, its legislative highlight will be the budget. Finance Minister Gordon will be able to report a much lower deficit for the present fiscal year than he had predicted and almost certainly the lowest deficit we have had since the last pre-Diefenbaker budget year.

But the 1966 budget will be the one to wait for. The report of the Carter Commission on Taxation, expected in July, will lead to sweeping and overdue reforms in our system of taxation, and these will be incorporated in next year's budget.

What else can we expect in the coming parliamentary sitting? It will be interesting to see how much substantiation comes of the almost daily rumors of yet more and ingenious scandals, and their sensational aftermath, in high places.

"CRI DU COEUR"

Prime Minister Pearson revealed his personal feelings about this when addressing a large Liberal rally in Toronto recently. "1964 has been a year when political leadership has not been easy, and when one leader—I speak for only one," he interjected with pointed sarcasm, "has often longed for a life with more leisure, some ivy and no autographs."

Then he outlined the four kinds of partisan politicians he detected on Parliament Hill last year:

- 1. Those who hit hard, or not so hard, but above the belt.
2. Those who, when in the heat of debate or by accident, hit below the belt and genuinely regret the low blow.
3. Those who normally and cheerfully hit below the belt.
4. And those who go around looking for belts below which to hit.

That last is a genuine example of Mike's own gay wit, original, very much to the point, and lucidly clear.

With all the current obsession with below-the-belt politics, Canada is not getting the determined leadership, competent administration and well-planned national policy which we so desperately need. We have been shown but a glimpse of what the Liberals propose; we have heard no mention of what they

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(February 15, 1940)

The Canadian Bank of Commerce announced the retirement of manager of its Charlottetown branch.

Fire in a garage at the rear of Wendell Barbour's car show room on Fitzroy Street caused damage estimated unofficially at several thousand dollars. The fire was discovered by Constables A.J. Dowling and Sterns Webster.

TEN YEARS AGO

(February 15, 1955)

Edwin C. Johnston was elected president of the P.E.I. Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society at the annual meeting yesterday at the Clover Club.

Conservatives offer as an alternative. NEST-FEATHERING Our leading politicians have far too long been obsessed with their own welfare, rather than with that of the nation. They have not been presenting long-term policies which would establish Canada as a proudly self-sufficient and independent nation, but practicing what they glorify as pragmatism meaning patchwork measures of handouts designed to win them votes from this or that special interest group.

In contrast, we see the enviable achievements of Canada's more efficiently operated and successful Big Business—life insurance companies, banks, breweries, pulp and paper companies. If one could transplant their competent directors from their company board rooms into the nation's council chamber on Parliament Hill, Canada would streak ahead into an era of more jobs, higher pay and greater prosperity.

It may sound heretical in this era of sympathy for the "little man," who demands the prop of state handouts to correct his own lack of drive, but the time has come to glorify Canada's self-made successful men, who have built businesses which employ Canadians in good jobs, and to recruit their ability in the service of the nation.

Teacher "Raiding"

Winnipeg Free Press

Representatives of the Urban School Trustees Association attending the Canadian School Trustees Association executive meeting in Toronto last week opened discussions on a subject that had better been left closed. Their aim was to sound out the possibility of instituting a "no raiding" policy, as far as teachers are concerned, among the various provinces.

The motives behind this are of course, understandable. Each year Manitoba loses some teachers to other provinces; only recently a representative from an Alberta schoolboard made a successful "raid" on student-teachers who are due to graduate this spring. The USTAM would like to keep these teachers at home.

In justification of their stand, trustee officials point out that Manitoba has invested money in teacher education and that the province has every right to expect a return on its investment. Over against this, however, is the fact that we live in a free society and to place restrictions on teacher movement is not consonant with our concepts of freedom.

Cooking By The Book

London Free Press

No shelves in the bookshops are more crowded in these times than the shelves that hold the cookery books. They offer a fine confusing choice, like those enormous menus in expensive restaurants. You may buy a bulging treatise, richly illustrated with colored plates, or a collection of menus for every day of the year, designed presumably as a kind of insurance against beans on toast.

The style of the writing is sometimes reverent, approaching the mystery of haute cuisine on tip-toe; but more often it is chatty, tripping lightly through the kitchen towards a brilliantly improvised snack. What a pity it is that we cannot know what proportion of these publications is bought by mothers for daughters, by young wives determined to do better in future, by bachelors, by middle-aged cooks sick of the old routine, and so on.

With a couple of graphs and a bit of conjecture one might write a fine report on the subject. Considered as literature, the piles of cookery books close a serious gap in our inheritance. English literature, rich in tales of feasting, and good cheer, has had less to say about the preparation of food.

Mrs. Forrester, of Cranford, was famed for bread-jelly, but sometimes the recipe to Miss Maitly, not to us. Arnold Bennett praised tripe as a glorious dish, but did not set down in his Journal instructions for the preparation of say, tripe à la mode de Caen. Three Men in a Boat does, in-

deed, describe in detail the assembly at Shipplake of a dish in which "the remains of cold beef" figure, with potatoes peeled and unpeeled, a cabbage and half a peck of peas, half a pork pie and a bit of cold-broiled bacon, half a tin of salmon, a couple of eggs, and other ingredients which J. refrains from listing, but the dish was only Irish stew after all, and most households possess their own, much safer, notes on its preparation.

The same might be said of Robinson Crusoe. The immortal castaway is generous with culinary details, but few of them are relevant to this island as distinct from his.

COLD WASTE WARMER

Russian scientists report their far north is warming up—some 600,000 square miles of perennal ice have been melted and Januarys are getting warmer each year.

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Here in Canada much the same results are happening. The permafrost line has been moving north; the cod has extended its range further into Arctic waters.

Rheumatoid Arthritis

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen An office worker writes: "I have rheumatoid arthritis in several joints but it my feet that really hurt. My toes turn out and the metatarsal joints are so swollen and tender, it hurts to stand. Did you ever try to walk on rocks? This is what I do every day. I will be a guinea pig for any surgeon who wants to shave off the swollen joints so the bottom of my feet will be smooth."

There is no need to be a guinea pig. This type of operation is done every day. In some instances, the knobby joints are removed. In others, the protruding part is chiseled away. There are many other procedures, depending upon the type of deformity. Surgery is advisable when pain persists or the arthritic process creates faulty alignment. The same can be said when joints stiffen into a bizarre position, making it difficult or awkward to walk. Now and then, the swelling is due to fluid and it becomes necessary to remove the capsule that surrounds the joint.

Several years ago, a patient of mine insisted on amputation because of severe arthritis of the foot. It was a drastic remedy, but he found that an artificial limb was more comfortable than his deformed arthritic foot.

Arthritis of the foot is a common disabling disease. The condition is no different from arthritis elsewhere, except that the victim traumatizes the painful joint every time he stands and walks. The bony arch spreads on bearing weight; involvement of the big toe may be so serious that the completion of a step is a struggle. These troubles are multiplied when the individual is overweight.

Operations for arthritis are not done when the victim is elderly or has heart or lung disease. None of these procedures are advisable until conservative treatments have been tried and have failed. These include massage, whirlpool baths, hot paraffin dips, diathermy, and the use of splints and casts. Sometimes "the individual is anesthetized and the foot is manipulated to relieve stiffness."

FLU VACCINE

Mrs. R. writes: Should young children get flu shots?

There is no harm, except that most young children take influenza in their stride. The vaccine is better for the parents, especially if the mother is pregnant. The same can be said of adults with heart or lung disorders. Grandparents also will benefit.

ENLARGED PROSTATE

S. H. G. writes: What can you tell me about a pill that will shrink an enlarged prostate?

Hormones are used for this purpose but results are inconsistent that the remedy is seldom used. Enlargement, due to infection, is treated with prostatic massage and antibiotics.

POSITIVE TB TEST

G. S. writes: Are persons with a positive tuberculosis skin test doomed to contract the disease some day?

No—only a small number, considering the high percentage of adults with a positive test. It means the individual was exposed to the tubercle bacillus earlier in life.

UN Inaction Scored

By Joseph MacGeeves Canadian Press Staff Writer

Peking's demand Friday for a "thorough-going reorganization" of the United Nations strikes a note of bitter irony in view of the Vietnamese crisis. Inaction at UN headquarters in New York over the Vietnamese fighting was seen "in some circles in Britain and elsewhere as new evidence of UN weakness in all its nakedness."

This depressing view has been fostered by the world body's continuing deadlock over finances and Indonesia's recent departure from membership, developments clashing harshly with International Co-operation Year and the UN's forthcoming 20th anniversary.

Officials note it has become almost customary among critics to write off the UN with every new emergency—yet it has survived the international storms of two nuclear decades.

They are confident countries have too much at stake to let the UN go the way of the League of Nations. Certainly no one in British Prime Minister Wilson's government predicts the doom of the UN.

Sources said positions between the United States and its Communist antagonists over South Viet Nam have been "immovable" for so long that the chances of the UN breaking the impasse would be slim even if it was in a position to take a hand.

The Peking People's Daily, main news paper of the Chinese Communist party, said Friday the UN has assisted the U.S. in committing many "evil deeds" and brought crisis upon itself.

"If this international organization hopes to discharge its responsibility for safeguarding world peace, it must correct its mistakes and carry out a thorough-going reorganization," it says.

The newspaper is merely following the line set in a speech by Premier Chou En-lai, who Jan. 24 spoke of the possibility of setting up a "revolutionary united nations." That project may have lost steam when no country followed Indonesia out of the UN.

The newspapers also seeks to establish a link with French President de Gaulle's call Feb. 4 for a Geneva conference of the great powers, including Peking, aimed at "recovering the balance" of the UN.

Observers in London feel there may well be a hiatus in UN affairs—excluding the agencies—for six months or so while countries continue diplomatic efforts to clear the decks for agreement on peace-keeping arrangements. Opposition by the Soviet Union, France and some other countries to present arrangements have brought the UN to bankruptcy.

It is thought a review of the world organization, envisaging the entry of Red China as a member, is inevitable but this is not seen as an early development.

Florida Treasure Hunt

Guelph Mercury

With the winter tourist season here Florida has let it be known that treasure hunters have salvaged \$2 million worth of articles from the ocean bed near the coast. In addition to gold and silver coins, the salvagers are said to have brought up gold bars, necklaces, buckles, rings, glassware and vases from one ship.

A fleet of a dozen or more Spanish galleons was wrecked en route home from Mexico two and a half centuries ago. Next on the divers' list is a ship said to have sunk off the Florida Keys in 1656 with a \$10 million cargo.

The hunt for treasure has enticed men a down the centuries. There is the still unrecovered treasure reported to be buried on Oak Island, off the Nova Scotian coast. Evil King John's jewels and other riches are said to lie deep beneath the floor of an English inlet. All countries and all corners of the oceans have their legends.

There can be no doubt, however, that the development of diving—breathing apparatus, such as the scuba device used by the Florida divers, has opened up new possibilities wherever previously inaccessible ships can be reached.

Under state law Florida collects one quarter of the value of treasure recovered and is considering going into the business itself for bigger revenue.

The chances are, though, that Florida's larger treasure will continue to be its harvest of winter dollars from Canadians and residents of the northern states.

Our Warmer Winters

Montreal Star

Canadians who, studying their fuel bills, sometimes feel they must be warming a great deal more than the houses in which they live, are, it appears, perfectly right.

They are warming as well the atmosphere of the earth. In the past century, according to Soviet scientists, the global air temperature has increased by half a degree centigrade owing to the burning of fuel.

If we go on running our furnaces at the present rate the global air temperature will have been increased by another two degrees by the year 2000.

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Travel bargains advertisement listing prices for various cities: Sackville \$2.20, Moncton \$2.90, Truro \$3.70, Saint John \$4.30, Halifax \$4.80, Antigonish \$5.20, Sydney \$9.50, Quebec \$12.15, Montreal \$13.00, Ottawa \$15.70, Winnipeg \$35.00, Edmonton \$47.00.