

ing the latter course. "But we need not expect quick results," he adds. "On the contrary, we must expect a period of acute irritation and tension, tormented on one side by the Lavesques of Quebec, and, on the other, by English-speaking Canadians who tell Quebec to accept their terms or leave Canada without realizing the consequences to themselves."

In fact, there are only two alternatives left open to us. We must reunite a single nation or have none. That is why we cannot afford to allow such incidents as occurred in Montreal this week to affect our thinking. The issue is much too important for that.

Seaway Problem

Reference was made in these columns yesterday to the serious maintenance problem which the St. Lawrence Seaway is facing. It is hard to get at the details, but here is the situation as given in an American exchange.

Though tomage through the Seaway has been mounting, it has come nowhere near the rosy estimates of its proponents. The total of \$9.9 million tons moved in the first four years of operation is 34 million tons less than estimated for the purpose of establishing toll charges. This has produced a lag of \$5 million in net revenues. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has concluded that a market research study that the goal of 50 million tons estimated to be reached in 1968 will not be attained until the 1970's.

The Seaway was to pay its own way and not be an additional drag on taxpayers of both countries. Yet the combined deficit of the United States and Canadian operation averages for the first four years was over \$85 million. This is equivalent to a subsidy of 39 cents for each ton of revenue cargo shipped through the Seaway. And this is almost entirely to foreign shipping.

The railroads of both nations are being weakened to maintain this subsidy system, and Seaway interests are urging that the tolls be further reduced, instead of being set at a level to make the project pay its own way.

Shoe On Other Foot

Sir Anthony Eden, who was rebuked by the United States when he attempted to defend or retake the Suez Canal from President Nassar, may be getting some sardonic satisfaction over the present Panama Canal situation. Thus comments Letter-Review, an interesting monthly publication issued by the Review Company of Port Erie Limited. But Britnkers generally, it would seem, are taking a much more sympathetic view of Uncle Sam's difficulties in Panama than Americans showed when the shoe was on the other foot.

The history of Panama and of the Canal Zone is not a happy one, but at this time it is obvious that the United States must assert its authority over the region and also—it is hoped—restrain trigger-happy guards wearing the uniform of the United States.

One thing is evident, at any rate, is the absence of British criticism that might conceivably add to the friction between Washington and the Panamanians. The odious comparison of Suez is not being drawn. Though the temptation to do so in London must be very strong, it is being resisted in the interests of world peace and stability.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Shaw has described as satisfactory his talks with ARDA director A. T. Davidson to discuss federal financial assistance that may be available for this province's resources development program. Let's hope that this amicable understanding will continue. We can't afford to be at loggerheads with Ottawa on this matter, in any case.

It is reassuring to have Solicitor-General MacNaught's refutation of the rumored reports from federal officials about the Northumberland Strait causeway being planned without rail facilities. However, shouldn't we get a straightforward statement from the Public Works Minister on this matter? He is the responsible minister, and we haven't heard a word from him on the subject of the causeway since he took over.



STUCK IN THE CANAL

OTTAWA OFFBEAT

Wacky Season of Political Hoopla

Richard Jackson in the Fort William Times-Journal

The thing is rightly stylized. Almost like a folk festival, which perhaps in a sense, it is. A touch of cloak and dagger is almost routine as the rebels and the dissidents—and they have them in every party—plot to undermine the Brass of the day and find themselves caught up in counter-plots.

What are traditionally known as the Old Guard and the Young Turks scheme and conspire against each other like so many amateur secret agents. And when everybody had had a nosh at playing political James Bonds, they all stand up. If they still can—in a ringing vote of confidence from themselves, their executive, the leadership and what obviously they believe is this best-of-all-possible parties.

Let it be well remembered that mainly it's whoop-de-do

PUBLIC FORUM

BEARD COMPETITION

Sir,—I am writing to notify you that I have a beard under consideration for the coming Centennial celebration. If there are any special rules or applications necessary I would appreciate your letting me know.

I AM, SIR, ETC.,

IGNATIUS WOLFER

Grandview, P.E.I.

It's a free-for-all, we believe.—Ed. G.

UNSIGHTLY BILLBOARDS

Sir,—It appears that it is time our people took cognizance of a problem that threatens the rural landscape, so appreciated and admired by visitors and natives alike. I refer to the innumerable displays of billboards along our highways. Who cares to drive through a tunnel of signs along a road which the view is thus obstructed?

Should not an act be passed which would restrict the Legislature from forbidding such practices? If we value tourists' appreciation of the beauty of our highways, let us not allow this type of unsightly display to mar the view. I am, Sir, etc.

I AM, SIR, ETC.,

L. LINCOLN MACKENZIE

Mitchell River, P.E.I.

THE BEST LEADER

Sir,—What's this nonsense he has about depicting the Diemember? Have those who are in revolt against Mr. Diemember's leadership found a leader who they are satisfied? Who is he and what are his qualifications? Have they considered the great achievements of this man Diemember?

Mink Raising Has Hazards

By Dr. Theodor R. Van Delen

Aleutian mink disease was discovered several years ago and is known to exist in most mink raising areas. It is a chronic, smoldering ailment and in many cases for months before the animal appears ill. The spleen, and kidneys enlarge and the blood vessels are involved. In 100 per cent of the affected animals die.

Several years ago Dr. Irving Chapman and Dr. Fidelio A. Jimenez cared for a mink raiser who died of the disease despite careful autopsy. The patient told of having been fed mink meat, and these animals, after a relationship between the two was suspected but not proved, were fed mink meat.

These mink raisers, in searching the medical literature and finding no reference to a description of Aleutian mink disease. The results of the microscopic examination of the dead mink were the same as those of the patient who had raised the mink. In 1951 more case histories appear, now that the disorder is recognized as a possible hazard in the industry.

Rabies is the most widely known disease transmitted from mammals to man. Cat scratch fever is less serious but some veldt cats are carriers of this animal, after a relationship between the two was suspected but not proved, were fed mink meat.

Mink bile is extremely hazardous, as the human mink teems with millions of bacteria. These organisms may be carried in the mink's milk and if introduced under the skin and could prove fatal if blood poisoning ensues. Mink should be thoroughly with plenty of hot water and soap or in a 1:1000 solution of iodine to destroy the bacteria against this complication.

SAND NO LAXATIVE

J.K. writes: I'm 74 years old and no longer suggest that I have cured my constipation. Someone told me that taking a teaspoonful of sand in my food will help. It chickens and ducks can eat it, maybe I can. What do you think?

REPLY

You are no chicken and you are not a duck. Consider your constipation, considering your age. Many birds with no teeth eat hard-boiled eggs. They break up the food in the gastrointestinal tract.

ANOTHER REACTION

A.M. writes: My wife has Meniere's disease, which she has been having since she was well with an antihistamine preparation. But every October she has to be hospitalized for this condition. Would you have any idea what the cause is?

REPLY

No, unless she suffers from an autoimmune disease, such as an unhappy or unfortunate event that occurred in October.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(February 1, 1959)

Mr. Gordon Bennett, 64, of Charlottetown was appointed to the teaching staff of Prince of Wales High School, Charlottetown, the Board of Education held today, to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred Winston Wayne. Mr. Bennett has been on the teaching staff of West Kent School.

Messrs. Neil Higgins, Arthur Wright, George Lewis, Steve Ives and Jack Gordon were appointed a committee to work out the organization details in the formation of a Junior Board of Trade in Charlottetown. The committee met at a meeting in the Trade Board rooms at which Mr. Walter Hynes, president of the board, presided.

TEN YEARS AGO

(February 1, 1949)

Contracts for the erection of the prefabricated concrete building on the Exhibition grounds were signed today between Messrs H. J. Kennedy and Sons, Ltd., and the Association, D.S. Wood, Toronto, representing A. S. Lee Buildings Ltd. and Frank Curtis of the County Construction Company.

The fire bell, long silent since the installation of the fire horn alarm, was rung for the first time in its own last night when the horn became loud and refused to stop. The bell rang for some time later on showed that it was working all right.

Bother Over Million

Vancouver Province

The news that Canada has just spent a little more than \$1 million to complete a laboratory of the entire west side of London's famed Trafalgar Square for the London County Council, might seem to be a little surprising to some Canadians.

Some four taxpayers might suggest that the London County Council should not be spending money on a site, or that the million might have accomplished more elsewhere. It is a little difficult to see why the London County Council should have spent the money on a site, or that the million might have accomplished more elsewhere.

Others—especially those who have visited London and seen the cavernous corridors and ballroom-sized offices of the London County Council—might be more judicious use of existing space might have left Trafalgar Square's west side all but empty.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"I'd rather give my life than be afraid of it."—President Lyndon Johnson.

Popular songs seem to be about evenly divided between lamentations over growing older and a central celebration of immortality. —Fort William Times.

Some people are easily entertained. All you have to do is sit still and determine it isn't Niagara Falls Review.

Little sister was entertaining the visitors in the parlour until one lady came down stairs. Said one lady to the other, with an approving look: "Not very pretty, but I determine it is not Niagara." —answered the child: "Not awfully sm-r-l."—Galt Report.

Another Regime Toppled

By Harold Morrison

Canadian Press Staff Writer

The war in South Viet Nam seems to have turned into a bitter struggle between the two policies of world powers reared from the local culture and the United States. The latter, with first access to food, shade and the other good things of life, has been able to stand up and down the social scale according to their ability to build and shove.—Milwaukee Journal.

It would be difficult, therefore, to ignore the Moscovite claim that the American war was as deep as this coup as it was in the last November, when that removed Diem who had become repugnant to the Buddhists and caused embarrassment to Washington.

ALLEGED PLOT

The present American argument is that the generals who overthrew the Diem family had pursued the war against the Viet Cong with great diligence and had, instead, received the approval of the French President de Gaulle to end the war through the United States. The Viet Nam was to this allegedly critical case of preventing neutralism in South Viet Nam. Gen. Nguyen Khanh, immediately addressed himself as a neutralist and was hailed as a leader of the previous junta.

Now the U.S. feels the war against the Viet Cong may soon be pursued with greater diligence than ever. It is to be done in view of the internal disorder that undoubtedly results from the Viet Cong's activities. It would take no clairvoyant to suggest that if the Viet Cong were to take over South Viet Nam, the United States would be brought great intervention from the other side.

Three days before the latest coup, Defence Secretary Robert McNamara reported that the Viet Cong had been encouraged by recent operations. On the third day, the Viet Cong had stepped up their operations sharply and that casualties were mounting.

ILLUSTRATION CONFUSION

The confusion that has followed U.S. policy in South Viet Nam is illustrated in a Washington Post cartoon showing men watching tape coming out of a Postage computer. The tape reads: "The situation in Viet Nam is becoming more and more confused today—and we can get much worse." —"Maybe this code" suggests one of the men watching the tape.

This may be an accurate reflection about the true nature of the war. But McNamara's critics, that the Viet Cong must be encouraged by recent operations within our capability to prevent a neutralist in South Viet Nam. McNamara's way of thinking, neutralism in South Viet Nam, is a neutralist in the side of Red China and this "will inevitably lead to Communist control."

Summer in the Mail

Montreal Gazette

The air may be biting cold, and the wind cruel, and frost may be spreading its fingers over the window panes, but Summer has arrived, in the midst of all this.

For the seed catalogs are beginning to come in the mail. And with these gorgeous color illustrations of flowers of wondrous size and tonnage, they are just like dreams, somehow, a smile of Springtime is felt, and the fresh smell of uncovered earth, and the warmth of the nourishing sun.

Those seed catalogs are works of art, and happily they do not change much, but keep to the old tried tradition. The names of the roses are full of Summer; the white ones are called Summer Snow; and the fiery red ones Texas. The sulfured salmon between Pinocchio, while Fashion is the name of the coral pink, overlaid with gold, and something of a red, and then deepens to red, clear tones at the finishing stage. There are something of a little horticultural lore in the wonderful Latin names that are attached to the flowers in these seed catalogs.

The Snapdragons is the Antirrhinum; the Bachelor's Buttons are Centaurea; the Baby's Breath, Gypsophila.

And the whole lot was offered in a Kora E. Chrysanthemum, a Kora E. Chrysanthemum, in Canterbury Bells, and African Daisies.

Turn a few more pages, and you come to the vegetables. The time will come when weathered old men and women, stuck on little stakes, will mark the garden. The photographs show the tremendous tails of the carrots, and sweet corn with just a little of the green outer covering peeled down.

Turn a few more pages, and you come to the lawns. Quite forgotten is the toll and sweat, the chore with the lawn mower, or the creaking back from working with the broken kitchen knife at the weeds. Here the grass spreads out, smooth and serene, with a few was trees spreading beneficent and sturdy branches. It's still January, Winter has certainly come, and Spring is yet far behind.

But yet these seed catalogs, fat and glossy and garish—as they should always be—are Summer-time thrust through the mail box and landing with a plopp on the porch floor, to be brooded over in that big chair, close to the radiator.

So beautiful you'll never want to leave

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