

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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cally between moist, warm air from the Gulf of Mexico and cold air that has crossed the Rockies, from the West, and been drained of moisture. In such an encounter the cold air, like a wedge, moves under the warm air, which rises. The warm air then cools and squeezes out its moisture in heavy rain.

Dr. Edwin Kessler, head of the Weather Bureau's storm laboratory at Norman, Oklahoma, has measured a two-inch downpour of this kind. In a region of 10 square miles, he found that it released energy equivalent to 350 atomic bombs of the Hiroshima variety. Only about one per cent of this goes into air motion, but that is still very great.

There are, of course, devices for monitoring these awesome manifestations of nature, but a radar operator can only rarely identify a tornado from the pattern on his scope. Too often it is indistinguishable from a heavy thunderstorm. At the Oklahoma laboratory efforts are being made to improve the technique, but there is much yet to be done. What is needed is an automatic system that will spot the incipient tornadoes, several at a time, and warn each community in their probable paths. That, at least, would save lives if not property.

Completion of such a project, surely, is of more importance than orbiting the earth or sending astronauts to the moon. Perhaps, when the current crisis subsides, measures of this kind will get the priority they should have on the nation's research program.

Beethoven Avaunt!

Communist China has begun an offensive against all "Western bourgeois music" and the phrase, apparently, is applied to everything from Beethoven to the Beatles. Peking's leading publications are behind the drive to convince older devotees of classical compositions to abandon them and switch to more "revolutionary" home-grown works.

Among the well-known music lovers called upon to recant has been Ma Yeh-sheng, of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, who has done so in a long article in a Peking newspaper in which he subjects himself to humble self-criticism.

Mr. Ma describes how under malign influence he had been overcome by a desire to take singing lessons. He bought a great number of foreign songbooks and eventually could recite some operatic arias with ease. This was the beginning of his downfall, he writes, since they were "filled with bourgeois sentiments." Gradually his class viewpoint became "blurred."

"After enjoying Beethoven's Ninth Symphony many times, I began to have strange illusions about the idea of 'universal love' which was praised in the choral section of the symphony," he says. He even began to think of a world "filled with friendly love" and permanently rid of war.

Poor Mr. Ma not only admitted to these "strange illusions" but also confessed to a liking for "love songs."

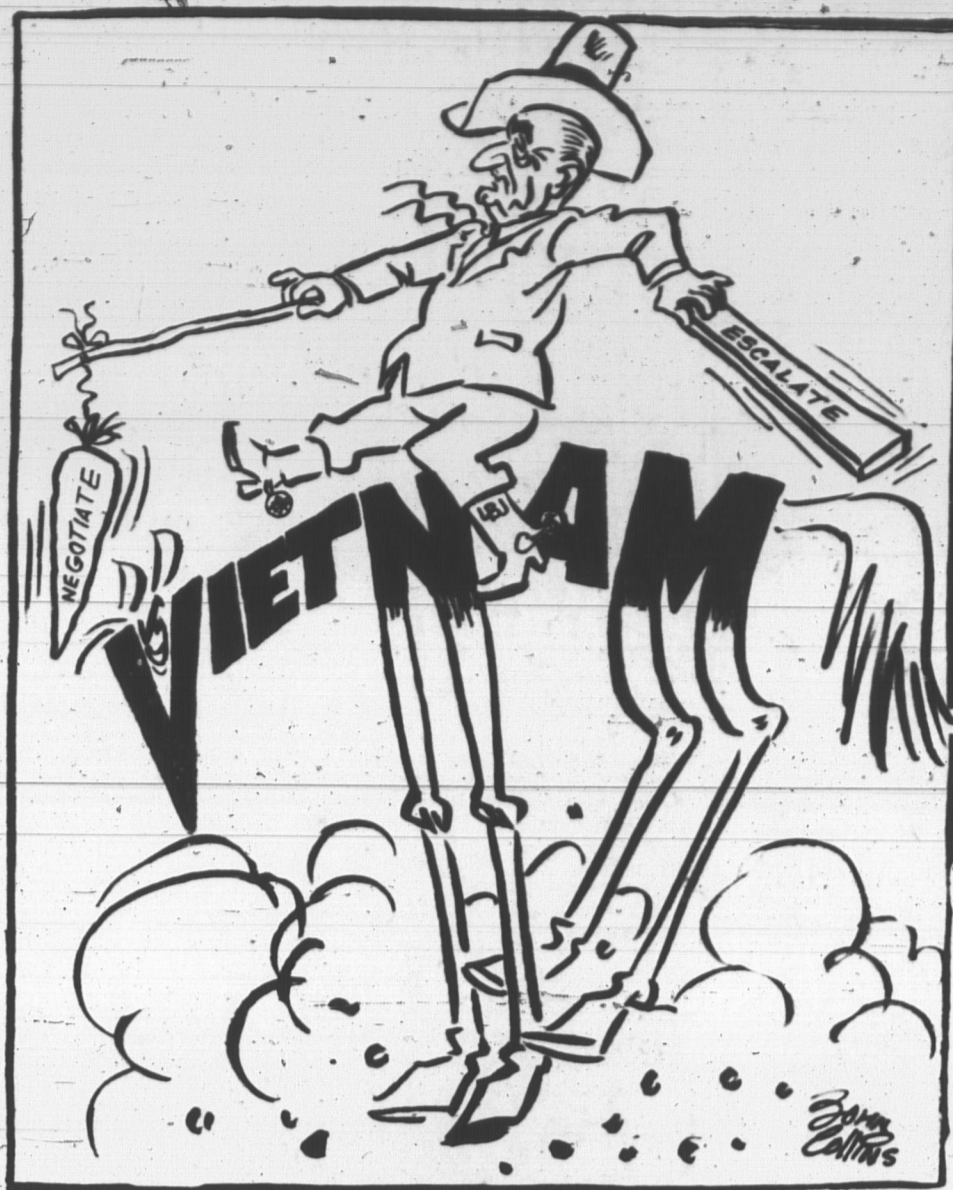
Now he finds that they "tend to corrupt and poison the minds of their listeners" and "can only paralyze one's revolutionary fighting will." "From now on," he promises, "I will certainly love ardently the revolutionary songs that inspire one and fill one with courage and abandon Western bourgeois music that leads one astray. I will strive to remould my thoughts and contribute my share toward the socialist cause."

Beethoven, who was something of a revolutionary himself in his day, would have enjoyed writing a scherzo on this hilarious theme.

EDITORIAL NOTES

College professors with doctoral degrees are becoming scarce in the United States. In 1953, 40 per cent of all college teachers held Ph.D.s, but it is predicted by 1970 the country will be 90,000 short of having even 30 per cent of its college faculty in this classification. The University of Illinois alone states that in the next four years they must "employ one-fourth of all the new Ph.D.s. produced in the nation."

The largest building in the world, reports the New York Times, is the newly-built \$104,500,000 Vehicle Assembly Building at Merritt Island, Florida. It has 129,000,000 cubic feet, compared with 96,000,000 for the Great Pyramids at Cheops and 77,000,000 for the Pentagon. It is 525 feet high and has four giant bays with doors 456 feet high. What great humanitarian purpose will this serve? To enable removal of the giant missiles which will be assembled there. The air-conditioning system could cool 3,000 average-sized homes.



BOTH THE CARROT AND THE STICK

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Authority Slipping From Parliament's Hands

It is time to tear down the outmoded veil of anonymity and to raise the anachronistic bulwark of "non-responsibility" behind which the administrators of Canada — the civil servants — have overlong been sheltering. And I shall quote no less an authority than Prime Minister Pearson himself as asserting that, as government now operates, the major power can often be wielded not by elected ministers but by these appointed servants of the taxpayers.

By long and honored tradition, Cabinet Ministers have assumed full public responsibility for the practices as well as the policies of their departments. Their civil servants have remained anonymous, their very names unknown to the governed, their beliefs undebated and their private lives unreported — all in marked contrast to their political masters. But top civil servants are usurping or accepting what used to be exclusively ministerial prerogatives. Yet it is still always the Ministers who must publicly accept responsibility for all actions, defending and explaining them before an often critical House of Commons.

WHO GOVERNS CANADA?

The tradition that civil servants may shelter behind their ministers therefore in many cases no longer has validity. The press, in my belief, should relate, explain and comment upon the top appointments, bureaucrats and their actions, exactly as it comments upon elected politicians. Canada's civil service fosters the assertion that it is second to none in the world; if this is the case, it has nothing to fear from publicity but praise. Mike Pearson, himself a career civil servant until he switched to politics in 1948, implied that even his authority is on occasions second to that of certain of our faceless grey eminences. Referring to his days as a civil servant, he said recently: "I used to be secretary of many government committees, and sometimes I had more authority than as secretary than I now have as chairman."

PUBLIC FORUM

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PLAGUE OF ABSENTEEISM

Sir,—I find in reading today's, April 19th issue of The Guardian, in your editorial "It Should Go Through," that Prime Minister Pearson has agreed to consider adopting as a government measure a private bill introduced by the veteran of the NDP, Stanley Knowles. That bill should be acted upon, and passed without delay as soon as Parliament gets underway again. The quorum should be no less than 40 to insure the proper carrying on of the nation's business.

As a voter, I am amazed at the baleful indifference many of our parliamentarians manifest toward their duties as representatives of the people of Canada. What in thunder do they think they are elected for? Is it to neglect their duties by absenting themselves when they feel like it? That is not what they are being paid for out of the public treasury.

Of course we would make every allowance in the case of serious illness or death in the family. I am very happy to note that our Prince Edward Island MPs are worthy examples of devoted service, and we are proud of them in that respect. I am, Sir, etc. W.D. JOHNSTON, Montague, P.E.I.

THE UNKNOWN MANDARIN

Who is this Tom Kent? If secretary Kent is to serve as generalissimo in the war on poverty, the people of Canada are entitled to know as much about him and his thoughts and actions as they know about chairman Pearson, who is there by vote of the people, yet who admits he will be expected in power by the appointed Kent.

The proposals for this war on poverty disclose this as being the most far-reaching programme of government interference in the private life of you and me which Canada has ever known. It will take us far from the Canadian tradition of sturdy pioneering and rugged individualism. It will bring us nearer than any other western nation to the regime described by the father of communism, Karl Marx, "from each according to his abilities, to each according to his needs." Anyone — be he MP or civil servant, who is to have authority in planning this entirely different Canada, should not be hidden behind civil service anonymity in the outworn tradition. I believe this is an excellent example of the point I make.

There is a confusing mixture of politicians and civil servants at the top of the Liberal Party. In addition to Mike Pearson, ten other cabinet ministers have been deputy ministers or in other senior positions on the public payroll. As MPs they can now be questioned daily in Parliament, and sanctioned periodically at elections. But as authority slips or is grabbed from the hands of Parliament, we should scrutinize more closely the non-parliamentarians assuming that power.

Life's Pleasant In Swat

In the peaceful, prosperous land of Swat the big problems are firewood, jaywalking, and a stocking trout streams. Swat's surplus of emeralds is no problem at all. The little Himalayan state in West Pakistan is ruled by the hereditary Wali of Swat, Pakistan, however, handles its foreign affairs, defense, and communications. Major General Miangul Abdul Haq Jahan Zeb, the present Wali of Swat, is a progressive ruler. He conducts much official business over the telephone, calling village chiefs every morning. Nearly every village has electricity. The Wali has built free schools, a college, half a dozen hospitals, and a modern road network. The Wali is proud of his highways and frowns on jaywalkers. Offenders are forced to run along the road at top speed until they drop from exhaustion.

CLIMATE IS MILD

Swat encompasses 1,800 square miles of hills, mountains, and fertile valleys. Most of Swat's 600,000 people are farmers who raise rice, wheat, corn, fruit, watermelons, and vegetables on irrigated and terraced land. The mild lowland climate permits two crops a year. The precious land has been cultivated so long and so lovingly that weeds have largely been eliminated from fields. Grazing cattle and goats keep meadows closely cropped. Buildings are kept in good repair; trash does not accumulate in farmyards or roadsides. The result is a tidy, parklike landscape. Every fallen leaf and twig is picked up — not for the sake of neatness but for use as firewood.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 22, 1940) A north east snowstorm, at times reaching the proportions of a blizzard whipped across the Province and laid down a barrage of snow to the depth of 10 inches.

A proposal that the United States construct an "impregnable" naval base in the Philippines and agree with the Allies and the Netherlands to maintain the present status in the Pacific was made to Congress today by Rear Admiral Joseph K. Tausig.

TEN YEARS AGO

(April 22, 1955) At a large and well attended meeting of the Nav Officers' Association at the Waldorf Astor Hotel, HMCS Queen Charlotte, Lieut. W. Norman Black was elected president for the coming year. At Niagara Falls, a \$350,000 fire destroyed both the Maid of the Mist sightseeing cruise ships as workmen prepared them for the 1955 honeymoon and tourist season. A spark from a welder's torch was blamed.

Avoidable Emphysemia

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen There has been an alarming increase in emphysema in the United States in the past 10 years. It is estimated there are more than a million victims, and one authority predicts 60,000 deaths in 1965. The disease accounts for more social security disability payments to workers aged 50 to 64 than any other condition except heart trouble. Emphysema and bronchitis go together like ham and eggs. Both are caused by chronic irritation, repeated infections, and continuous injury from coughing. The air sacs dilate and the walls lose their elasticity. Air enters the enlarged sacs, and stagnates when it cannot escape. Shortness of breath, fatigue, and cough ensue. Every time the victim catches cold, the cough is accentuated and the bronchitis lingers for weeks or months.

A well-established emphysema is difficult to treat because damage is irreversible. There is a 50 to 60 per cent loss of lung function. Some relief is obtained when the individual learns how to breathe in order to eliminate stagnant air from the lungs. Antibiotics lessen the infection and bronchodilators such as Mucomyx, Isuprel, and Vaponefrin open up the bronchi. These products are inhaled and may be combined with an enzyme to break up thickened secretions. The lungs must be exercised and many use portable oxygen tanks while walking or working. Some are helped by procedures in which the lungs are washed out to remove thick, tenacious sputum and mucal plugs. An operation is available in which a permanent opening is made just below the collar line into the windpipe. Suction catheters are inserted to keep the passageway clear.

This is an ironical situation because emphysema is an avoidable tragedy. The present increase is thought to be caused by the large group of 65-year-old Americans who have smoked for 40 years. This concept is logical because the condition is rare in nonsmokers.

INDEFINITE DISTURBANCE

M. T. writes What are the symptoms of nervous exhaustion? REPLY: Jitteriness, inability to concentrate, irritability, insomnia, fatigue, headache, and palpitation of the heart. These symptoms are not specific, however, for this condition, because nervous exhaustion is a rather indefinite disturbance. In fact, it is so vague a term that many physicians never write it without quotation marks.

LENGTH OF LIFE

M. E. D. writes Is longevity inherited? REPLY: Yes, plus a little bit of luck.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT: Cocktails are sky high in calories. Pakistan, another member

NOTES BY THE WAY

The amount of sleep required by the average person is about ten minutes more. — Calgary Herald.

Gushing lady in great forest: "Oh, wondrous oak, what wouldst thou say if thou couldst speak?" Guide: "If it could speak, it would tellst thou that it's a maple." Toronto Star.

"My daughter is having her voice cultivated." "Is it improving?" "It's growing stronger." She used to be heard only two apartments away. Now we get complaints from away off in the next building." — Vancouver Provincial.

"We spent our vacation driving around the entire country." "Touring, eh? You must have passed through some beautiful country." "Oh, we must have! After all, we averaged over 500 miles a day." — Toronto Star.

A friend of ours says she just loves to knit because she gives her something to think about when she's talking. — Dousman Index.

Jones: "Why do you keep that ugly parrot?" Smith: "Because I like to hear it talk." — It is the only creature gifted with the power of speech that is content to repeat just what it hears without embroidering it into a fancy story." — Financial Post.

The dance was strictly for old-timers and Tom aged 82 was fairly going to town in an old-fashioned waltz with Liza, aged 76. Round and round they went until Liza said, "Tom, you had better reverse or something." "What's the matter?" asked Tom. "Getting dizzy already?" "Oh, no," replied his partner, but you're unscrambling my wooden leg." — Montreal Star.

Boring From Within

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

More than a decade ago eight countries banded into what appeared to be a solid alliance to prevent Communism from running riot in the Pacific. But time and change in political turned the treaty of defence into a document of demoralizing despair.

Even from the outset there didn't seem much hope the Southeast Treaty Organization, which includes the United States, Britain and France — would ever work. Basically it was designed to block aggression against the signatories, to prevent another Korea. But it failed to provide unity of defence against the new Communist method of attack — the slow struggle of guerrilla warfare in disease-infested jungles at the periphery of the alliance in Southeast Asia.

Neither Laos nor South Viet Nam was a signatory to the Manila treaty signed in 1954. But they were specifically mentioned in terms of SEATO responsibility. The SEATO countries could respond if those at the periphery of the Alliance called for help.

NO UNANIMITY But the SEATO countries could not agree whether Laos needed help — or what kind of help was required. They could not agree on the future of South Viet Nam or whether the turmoil there was stirred by civil war or outside attack. Stealth had replaced open affront; the SEATO alliance was a Maginot Line with its flanks exposed.

Now France has decided it won't send its foreign minister to the SEATO ministerial meeting in London May 3. Its delegation will be downgraded to observer status and Paris reports suggest this will be the first step toward complete French withdrawal from the Alliance.

Amid this deepening political cleavage, Thailand, a SEATO signatory, quivers. It had hoped the alliance would keep the Communists at bay. But over the years its faith in SEATO has been shaken. Bold declarations and big guns appear unwieldy weapons to prevent the slow, silent boring from within.

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BRITAIN'S BATTLE OF THE SEXES

The role of women in modern society has been the subject of a great debate raging on a British T.V. series produced by Elizabeth Cowley, formerly of Ottawa. A Weekend Magazine feature by Robert Musel highlights some of the provocative opinions emerging from the discussions — of interest to both sexes.

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