

may collectively avert it. We have to learn to think in a new way. The most pressing question facing all of us is: What steps can be taken to prevent a military contest of which the issue must be disastrous to all sides?"

Elementary, isn't it? But Mr. Thant referred heavily to U.N. documents to remind his audience of the frightful spending armament entailed in the "cold war" which is the "almost total devastation of the earth" and the effects of radiation upon "every atomic child."

He asked that we learn from the first two world wars that war solves none of the world's problems. "That the problems which they leave in their wake are usually worse than those which they were intended to solve." He urged that what is most needed in these tense times is the will to compromise. This applied to the negotiations on disarmament in general and the number of international inspections—that "game of arithmetic"—in particular.

U Thant's speech showed how much the United Nations is today involved in the have-not parts of the world—the Congo, the Middle East, Southeast Asia—in their problems of economic development. He spoke for mankind because as an Asian he is emotionally identified with those-thirds of humanity in Asia, Africa, and Latin America who feel that their future hangs in the balance of the contest between the two superpowers.

This majority of mankind is also represented by a majority of countries in the U.N. A large number of them are unaligned in the cold war, and nonalignment is a political perspective that U Thant, the Burman, has embraced completely. It permeates his whole approach to world issues, and is summed up in his statement: "There is no peace in the world today because there is no peace in the minds of men."

Trailing His Coat?

Before the bustup in Conservative cabinet ranks over the nuclear weapons issue, it is no secret that there was feuding going on between Defense Minister Harkness and External Affairs Minister Green, whose views on this matter were irreconcilable. Are comments made right now in suggesting that in the Liberal ranks, and in a quite different issue, there is a backdoor speculation of a feud with one of his saddle mates?

Speculation of this kind has been prompted by recent criticisms of Mr. Mitchell Sharp, a former deputy minister of finance who is regarded as probably the most practical mind on finance in the Liberal party. "We Liberals look good only by contrast," he told a leadership conference of Young Liberals in Toronto. The party's machinery for discussion and formulation of policy was "as outdated as the horse and buggy" and could not cope with the complex problems of a modern society. He was particularly critical of the party's backward attitude toward finance.

Mr. Sharp's criticisms have reportedly angered many of his party colleagues, including Mr. Walter Gordon, who is now official financial critic for the Liberals. While Mr. Gordon has not made any comment on Mr. Sharp's detraction of his party's machinery for formulation and discussion of policy, the Gordon report on the future of Canada is regarded as one of the handbooks of Liberal politicians. This report purports to be an exhaustive study into the future of Canada, based largely on financial policies.

Mr. Sharp maintains that there is "urgent need for channels of communication" which let party leaders and the Liberals in the constituency organizations "be thinking," which sounds pretty much like a challenge, if not a reproof, to Mr. Gordon in his capacity of official dispenser of communiques on Liberal financial policy.

Some commentators hold that this free expression of opinion is reassuring. There is likely to be not a little weariness, they say, with parties who present themselves as perfectly wise, without fault or failing. And they suggest that Mr. Sharp has done his party no harm by admitting that it is human. Not a line that Mr. Gordon is going to accept with any enthusiasm; but with the dire example of Conservative feuding in mind, he's not likely to be too hasty in reaching for his gun and having it out in the old Western tradition.

U Thant's Warning

There is need in this troubled world for the spirit of tolerance. And it was for this spirit—"still lacking in regard to political or ideological issues"—that United Nations Secretary-General U Thant pleaded last week in a major address at the Economic Club in New York. He could have used the steering board of the United Nations for his message, but he chose to speak, not in his official capacity but "as a human being, a member of that species, the homo sapiens, whose continued existence is in the balance."

"The plain fact," said the speaker, "is that all of us—Americans, Russians, Burmas—are in peril, and if the character of this peril is understood, there is hope that we

Adopting Fluoridation

It is interesting to note that ten Latin-American countries will soon be making use of fluoridation of community water supplies as an aid to the prevention of tooth decay. Paced by Chile and Brazil, 59 municipalities in nine countries of South and Central America already have this system in operation. It will shortly be introduced in the tenth country, Argentina, where fluoridation is planned for three cities including the great metropolis of Buenos Aires.

This city of four-and-a-half million people is the largest in the southern hemisphere and will then be the largest fluoridated city in the world, replacing Chicago in this respect.

In the Caribbean, fluoridation is in effect on two islands of the Netherlands Antilles—Curacao and Aruba. In British Guiana, it has not been considered necessary to add fluoride where the water from artesian wells already contains the element in protective quantities.

Slowly but surely, this health measure is making progress throughout the world. In the United States, as at Dec. 31, 1962, preliminary figures showed 2,314 communities using fluoridated water supplies, serving a population of 48,800,000—a net gain in 1962 alone of 124 communities and of 6,688,000 people. In addition, there are over 1,000 U.S. communities with seven million people using water supplies having fluoride naturally in protective quantities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Robert Louis Stevenson isn't read so widely now as he used to be. But the Financial Post has been browsing through his works and has come up with this timely quotation: "Politics is perhaps the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary."

Those politicians who are promising to end unemployment in Canada are surely serving their country at a sacrifice. If they really have the key to this problem, they could make better pay than they'll ever make at Ottawa by moving to the United States. The unemployment rate there rose in February to 6.1 per cent of the work force—the highest point in 14 months. This notwithstanding the fact that the February employment figures were the highest in history.



THE IDES OF MARCH

Ottawa Report by Patrick Nicholson

The Soft Approach in Political Propaganda

"How to sell political propaganda is apparently trying." That is the problem which is teasing the Ottawa "backroom generals" of the parties in this election campaign.

They want variety from the turgid and undramatic harangue, delivered by a single politician, no matter how high who bores his audience while fixing his stare just above the TV camera, where the teleprompter offers him someone else's words to read.

The "Leader" chatting "informally" with local candidates has been tried. These stilted and cold. The Liberals are the most adventurous explorers into this new field. In the last election, E. F. Evans was shown discussing Liberalism with a well-known actor, Mavor Moore. Last week several more on-the-street were interviewed on the Mike Pearson Hour—and they were not surprisingly all for Pearson.

JUDICIAL GOVERNOR

When does fiction take over from fact? When is broadness rigidity? This problem in honesty has been emergency faced by the ever-watery Broad of Broad cast. Governors which, among many things, is to umpire over electronic election battles.

Thus the question is asked:

COLLEGE GRANTS

Shirley W. Grant, of the Charlottetown Star, St. Dunstan's asked the Provincial Government for a grant of \$8000 per year, which they seemed to think was very moderate. We think that the provincial government would be topped by a similar or larger grant to the institutions of the Protestant population of the Island. We also must remember that our government has a debt of about \$35,000,000, so I think we all should be very careful what demands we make upon them.

It is some official in a position to know please inform us through the press, just what assistance a pilot or has been paid out to our Roman Catholic and Protestant institutions at the present time.

I believe that it is very important that business of this nature should be discussed and arranged in a way satisfactory to all.

I am, Sir, etc.

GEORGE P. DUNSFORD
Hampden P.E.I.

THE LIQUOR SITUATION

Since the recent issue of the situation in P.E.I. has been brought to our attention through the media of our island newspapers, the subject matter was headlined "Crisis in Liquor." Mooted by liquor. The public might like to know.

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From Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
March 12, 1937

Ottawa, March 9—Léon-C. Ernest J. White of Bathurst, N.B. was elected president of the Canadian Postmasters' Association at the annual meeting here today.

Hollywood, Calif. March 10—Laine Rainer and Spencer Tracy were given the Academy award for the best motion picture performance during 1937. The award was for their part in "Captains Courageous."

TEN YEARS AGO

March 12, 1933
Legislation extending the present boundaries of the City of Charlottetown to include the whole of the incorporated village of Paradise, together with a portion of the Spring Park area is recommended in the report given yesterday by Judge C. St. Clair Turner.

Wide expansion in public health activities during the past year is shown in details in the report of the Health Branch, Department of Health and Welfare, which was tabled in the Legislature yesterday, by the Minister, Hon. A. W. Matheson.

Leprosy Bacillus Can Be Brown Outside Body

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
IT IS possible for the human leprosy bacillus outside the body to grow in a brown color. These micro-organisms prefer the rear foot pads, which is logical since they grow best in a cool environment. This may explain why the disease involves the fingers, nose and lips, and the nerves outside the brain and spinal cord, rather than the deeper tissues of the rest of the body. It is chosen because they are larger and provide more space to cultivate and reproduce.

The discovery opens up two important avenues for those specializing in the ancient disease. Mice can be given drugs to determine their effect on leprosy bacilli in the foot pads. This offers an excellent and rapid screening technique for trying a large number of antiseptic chemicals and antibiotics. Different anti-leprosy vaccines are being tested against the organisms cultivated in the mouse foot pads.

Most of the present vaccines are based on the tubercle bacilli because the bacteria that cause leprosy and tuberculosis belong to the same family. The disease is contagious but prolonged contact usually is needed to bring about the infection. Fewer than five per cent of those living in the same households as an infected person develop the disease.

The analysis starts as a small round slightly elevated spot, lighter in color than the surrounding skin. The infection grows larger and never blenishes appear. The causative germ lives in the cells of the infarct areas and spread slowly along the nerves to the spinal cord.

It may also spread to the hands, feet, and other extremities stems from nerve damage because of the infection. The nerves are affected, the skin becomes numb, and the patient's changes in skin sensitivity are early manifestations.

Leprosy is a worldwide problem but 80 per cent of the cases are said to exist in Africa and Asia. It is particularly common in the United States but leprosy could become a more serious problem in the future. Increasing contacts with tropical nations. For this reason we need better anti-leprosy drugs and vaccines.

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