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Dr. Shaw's Retirement

Dr. L.W. Shaw, veteran Deputy Minister and Director of Education for the Province, will carry with him the best wishes of all our people on his retirement from his responsible duties.

Associated for more than forty years with the teaching profession, Dr. Shaw has led a dedicated life and has contributed in great measure to our educational and cultural development.

Dr. Shaw's pleasing personality, combined with his long experience and ability, have been invaluable assets to the department which he has served so conscientiously.

A trade expert from Czechoslovakia who is now in Halifax, "investigating things", is quoted as saying that he sees no reason why his country should not become a "big market" for fish from the Atlantic Provinces.

Here is an opportunity which should be, and no doubt will be, examined carefully by all concerned—Provincial Governments, APEC and the fish industry.

These days, of course, it is easy to ship fresh frozen fish to almost any part of the world. But Central Europeans, in general, favor the salt, dried product.

Still another point will have to be considered—and it is an important one. Neither Czechoslovakia nor any other European country is going to take large quantities of fish from the Maritimes, unless there is an effort here to increase imports from that country.

Economic Offensive

A report from Washington states that Government officials are worried and even alarmed about "the emerging economic offensive of the Soviet bloc countries".

To put it very simply, the Soviet Union and China are out to grab everything they can of trade in the

underdeveloped and neutralist countries, especially in Asia. But that, surely, isn't anything to warrant worry and alarm in the United States.

Even now, we are told that the standard of living in Russia is far below that of the West. Yet, Soviet economic penetration of Asia and of other underdeveloped areas is so intense that Secretary Dulles referred to it a few days ago as "our greatest danger".

It's a strange state of affairs, indeed, when the United States, with its great technological knowledge and industrial strength finds itself in the position of having virtually to beg the countries of Asia not to do business with the Soviet Union.

According to the Hon. Mr. Keough, Newfoundland's Minister of Mines and Resources, his Province still hopes that a "free port" will be established at Mortier Bay on the Southeast corner of the Island.

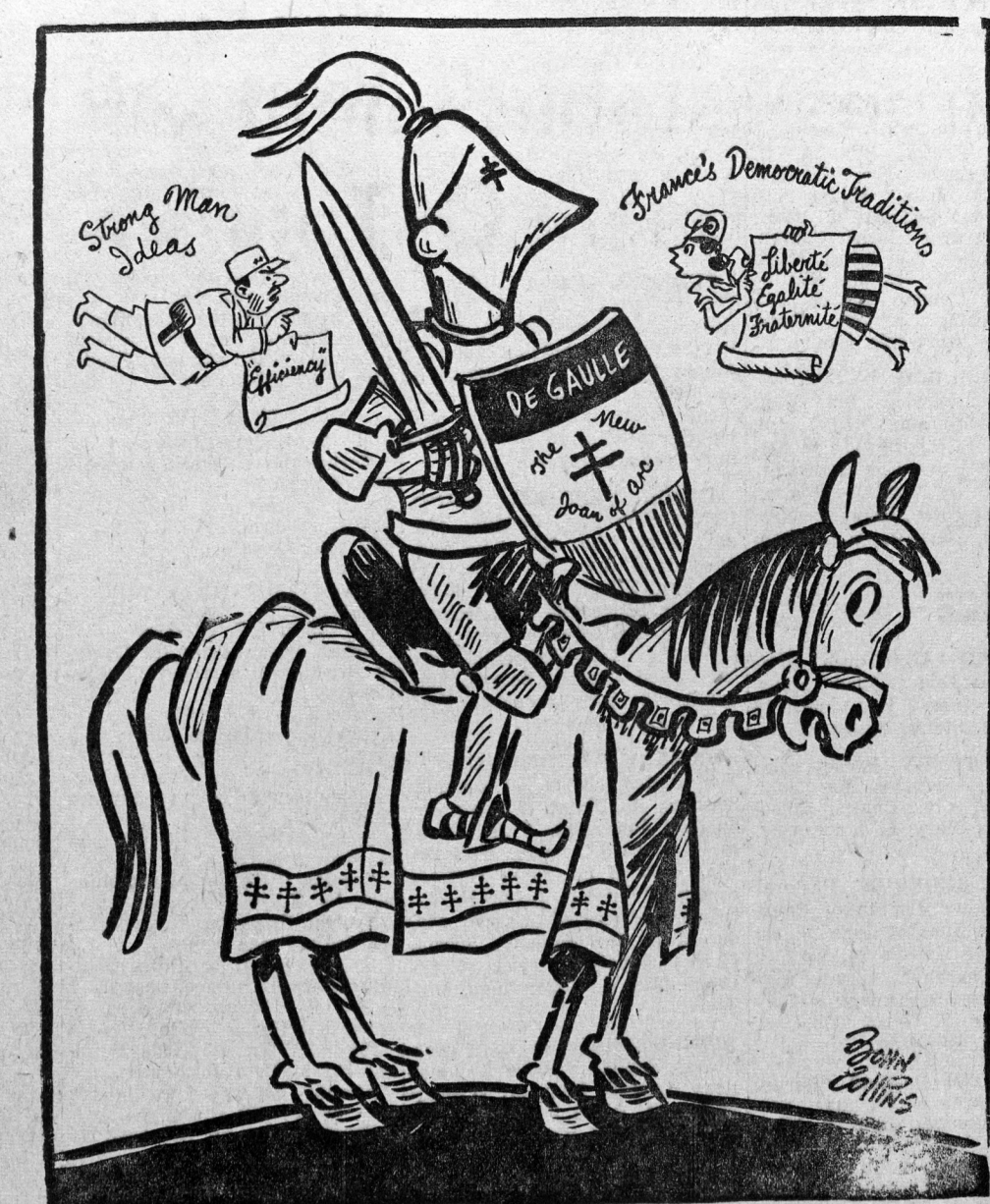
Dr. Robert Clark, of the University of British Columbia, is expected to return from Washington this month with findings based on a special study of the United States Social Security system.

Trade Minister Churchill told the Commons that he hopes to "negotiate a relaxation of U.S. laws prohibiting sales to Communist China by Canadian subsidiaries of U.S. firms".

Ontario hog producers will be required to vote on whether they wish their compulsory hog marketing scheme to continue.

It is reported that General de Gaulle is having some difference with the professional politicians. This was to be expected, but, at least, he has the satisfaction of knowing that they can't put him out of office, since there is no Parliament to vote censure, and there won't be as long as he cares to stay as head of the Government.

George Burt, a labour leader, who headed a delegation of unemployed in an interview with Federal Cabinet ministers, suggested an "imaginative trade" policy for moving wheat that would include long term credits to enable such areas as India, Asia and Africa to buy Canadian grain.



THE RIVAL VOICES

OTTAWA REPORT

Aiding Small Businesses

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent For The Guardian

OTTAWA — Assistance for small businesses was one of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker's election promises.

"Across this nation, as in every nation, small businesses constitute a major degree of the backbone of small communities, and even of larger communities," declared the Prime Minister, speaking to an election meeting at Brantford, Ontario, last February.

And he went on to promise the creation of a "Small Business Section," within the administrative machinery of the Government, which would receive representations from any small businessman, and proffer advice if sought, and supervise economic assistance to small businesses through a special loan fund.

Two thoughts lay behind this bold new policy. The first was that the independent grocer on the city street corner site, and the general store in the village, are essential to our way of life; in Mr. Diefenbaker's own words, they are a major part of the backbone of every community.

There may or may not be social or economic merit in the cracker-barrel parliament gathered around the pot-bellied stove in every old-time village; there may be little of gracious living about a pot-bellied stove in these days of progress.

The second relates to the special loan fund, and obviously stems from criticism voiced so often by the Conservatives when they were in opposition to a Liberal Government; that the Liberal policy of "tight money" was starving the small business of credit needed for expansion, and thus left opportunity wide open and competition-free to chain stores and U.S. branch businesses and the like, whose supply of money was not squeezed, coming from corporate or parent sources.

Already the Government is showing close interest in practices which may be damaging to small businesses. Such are loss-leader selling, and price preferences offered by wholesalers.

Justice Minister Davie Fulton, who as a lawyer in Kemloops, B.C. is a sort of small business man himself, outlined the government's attitude in a speech to the Retail Merchants Association at their recent convention in Vancouver.

On an esoteric problem facing the government, he told me later, is how to define a "small business."

Health Quiz And Answers

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
QUIZ shows seem to be extremely popular these days. So let's try a little health quiz.

SMALLPOX VACCINATION
1. A person who has had a successful vaccination against smallpox is immune.

OPEN FOOD CANS
3. After a can of food has been opened, the contents (a) Should be removed immediately.

LOSING WEIGHT
5. Probably the best way to lose weight is to (a) Skip one or two meals a day.

VITAMINS DECREASED
4. (c) Of course cooking of leafy vegetables decreases their vitamin content somewhat.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
T. D.: Is there such a thing as a false pregnancy?

HE MUST APOLOGIZE
LONDON (Reuters) — An Oxford student who sneaked into an United States atom-bomber base in Britain has been expelled from the university officers' training corps, it was announced Thursday.

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED
NEW YORK (AP) — A fairly strong earthquake occurring 6,200 miles from here in an undetermined direction was recorded Thursday by the Fordham University seismograph.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

It is about time the offensive word 'egghead' was dropped from use. It is a term of contempt, invented by the pinheads to stigmatize their betters.

The principal of a Madrid (Spain) high school, taking steps against student tardiness, ordered that the school doors be locked five minutes after classes were scheduled to begin.

How many birds do you expect to see this Summer? We are astonished to learn that there are more than 300 varieties to be found in this part of Canada, and we presume that there are expert birdwatchers who have seen most of them.

How easily a natural resource may be wiped out through lack of conservation measures can be seen by the fate of the passenger pigeon.

OUR YESTERDAYS
(TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
June 27, 1933)
The annual meeting of the Silver Fox Exhibitors Association was held in the Board of Trade rooms, Charlottetown, yesterday evening.

THE ACADIANS OF P.E.I.
De La Roque At Malpec
By J. Henri Blanchard, LL. D.
(De La Roque's census of Isle St. Jean, 1752, continued from yesterday).

From Etang des Berges, de la Roque went to Malpec. He gives a very complete description of the Bay and the islands within it.

From Malpec, de la Roque crossed over to Bedee Bay. CENSUS OF BEDEE.

Nine families resided here. These families had arrived from Acadia within the past two years. They had little live stock, and the largest amount of grain sown by any of the settlers was 16 bushels.

From La Traverse, de la Roque proceeded to Riviere des Blonds (Tryon River). He gives the following description of the place: "Riviere des Blonds runs 4 leagues into the land to the north. Families are situated on both sides of the river, and at a league from its entrance. The lands that have been cleared promise well, and the rest are covered with all descriptions of wood fit for construction purposes.

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The Poets Corner

HAWK-WRITING.

Three hawks on wing with earthward searching eyes descend, then soar with undulating grace above the barren ground, a sallow place of clods. We watch their morning exercise.

Weightless they hang suspended in the skies to break the drab monotony, then lace their shadows on drear acres; inter-space the bitter wind with penetrating cries.

Across the desolate contour here revealed in moidling weeds and sodden husks long shed, a landscape spent from an abundant yield, devoid of vital green and gold and red, their ech the blue above the wintry field, their wings' prophetic scripture clearly spread.

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A wise man turns chance into good fortune.

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