

A growing divergence of views between him and President Truman's administration led to his dismissal as commander of U.N. defending forces in Korea; but he received a tumultuous welcome on his return home and continued to hold the esteem and admiration of his countrymen. It is noteworthy that Mr. Truman was one of the first to pay tribute to General MacArthur following the announcement of his death in Washington, as one who gave of himself with exceptional strength and valor who will be remembered "as one of the great military men of our time."

This is the consensus of opinion everywhere. But perhaps the most touching tributes that have been received are those which have come from Japan, where a whole nation is mourning the passing of its wartime conqueror. General MacArthur headed the Allied delegation which signed the Japanese surrender aboard the battleship "Missouri" on Sept. 2, 1945; and thereafter, for more than five years, he supervised the reconstruction and demilitarization of the country. This was a wonderful achievement in itself, of which military history affords few parallels.

World Health Day

This day has been set for recalling the activities of the World Health Organization, known as WHO, an agency of the United Nations, which operates a network of information on disease centres and supplies member countries with protective facts, so that health conditions at every port at which planes or passengers touch is known.

The importance of these efforts is underlined by the fact that today in weeks—away from lands where there are all the diseases we have fought and conquered by our own high health and high hygiene standards. Smallpox, yellow fever, typhus, plague are all endemic or in raging epidemics in some countries that once were storybook-distant from Canada until the advent of fast flight.

WHO does more than act as a detective agency in spotting disease carriers at all ports of entry. Its vast ramifications include fighting those diseases on their own grounds. Malaria, for instance, is being fought through intensive campaigns against mosquitoes. Horrifying diseases with strange names, that kill or maim or cripple the people, are battled by the WHO doctors and scientists—diseases that could, under certain conditions, find their way to Canada unless they are wiped out on their home ground.

This year, World Health Day is concentrating on a menace with which we are more familiar—tuberculosis, one Canada's greatest killer, and still a foe to be treated with unflinching vigilance.

"The Real Solution"

Advocates of a year-round calendar for Canadian universities have found another champion in the person of William Thomson, director of Canada's National Employment Service.

Speaking in Winnipeg last week, Mr. Thomson pointed out that the problem of finding summer employment for university students is becoming more difficult each year. This, he said, is occasioned by the fact that university enrolment is steadily on the increase and that summer jobs looked for by students are usually in the semi-skilled or unskilled categories, where there is already a surplus of applicants.

The answer, he suggested, may lie partly in tax-free loans to university students; but the real solution would be for the universities to operate on a year-round basis (in his words, to carry on an 11-month semester). "The universities won't like this," he added, "but they could cut the four-year course to three years"—to the advantage of the students and the economy as a whole.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Financial Post, Toronto, devotes a friendly editorial to our Confederation anniversary activities in Prince Edward Island this year, adding the hope that "when 1967 rolls around, the rest of the country will match its enthusiasm for remembering Canadian history and Canadian heroes."



MAN OVERBOARD

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Corny Fracas On Parliament Hill

As a sequel to my account of what your \$180,000 a year MPs did in Parliament on Good Friday, today I will show you, mainly in their own words, what they did on Easter Monday.

After two hours of normal trivia, a unusually bitter snarl of unseasonable enforcements was touched off by Mr. Dieffenbacher (inappropriately during a debate on agriculture).

"The only reason we were brought back here is that the Government, and particularly the Minister of Justice (Mr. Favreau) found themselves in an impossible position. The Minister of Justice made that we sit on Good Friday," said Mr. Dieffenbacher. "I am sure that the whole thing, entirely so there would be no misunderstanding, I am sure that Mr. Dieffenbacher, if he continued, denying his own argument by disclosing, "where there is a charge that Mr. Favreau, Mr. Speaker, in order to avoid having to sit on Good Friday, I suggest that the House give unanimous consent to adjourning until Monday, March 30, at 10 o'clock (A.T. Tor's M.P.): 'Refused.'"

His irrelevance as to agriculture provoked frequent interjections. One interrupter, Arnold Peters of Kirkland Lake, he termed "unctious." Another, Frank Howard of Skeena, BC, he said was a self-styled

Syphilis Creates Medical Paradox By Dr. Theodore R. Vandell... Syphilis created a paradox for the medical profession. We have excellent methods of detecting the condition, but the number of new cases continues to mount. The statistics in public health departments cannot be considered accurate because up to 90 per cent of these infections are not reported.

The family physician protects the patient. This is understandable because the signs of guilt, sex, and fear involved in acquiring the disease. The chief health departments cannot be considered accurate because up to 90 per cent of these infections are not reported.

The antibiotics such as penicillin, erythromycin, and tetracycline have proved effective in early syphilis. The 19-year experience of Dr. F. J. G. Jefferson of England is not worthy. He never has known a patient who has not responded to 2.4 million units of penicillin when given over an eight-day period.

Prior to the discovery that penicillin cured syphilis, the victim was treated at weekly intervals for three to five years. Relapses were rare during that time, but they were because the prolonged treatment with the arsenicals and bismuth prevented the manifestation of reinfection. This does not happen following the eight-day course of the cabinet type of penicillin, more and more individuals are having "relapses" actually, recurrences.

SLIDING HERNIA Mrs. L. W. writes: What is the cause for a sliding oesophagus?

REPLY Eat small meals, low in fat, for the type of hernia (diaphragmatic). Avoid food that is too hot or too cold. Avoid food that is too hard to chew. Avoid food that is too greasy. Avoid food that is too spicy.

It remained for R. N. Thompson, leader of the Social Credit Party, in a statement made way to urge MPs to refrain from "making public spectacles of themselves and of the House, and to thank Mr. Knowles for doing a service to the House by making certain matters clear."

All this corny fracas was irrelevant to the subject under debate. Your \$180,000 a year MPs had been asked to examine the estimates of the Department of Agriculture—a point neatly highlighted by the witty Colin Cameron of Nanaimo, who asked "whether corn has anything to do with agriculture?"

PUBLIC FORUM

SOURIS EAST MIRACLE

Sir—Did you ever hear (tell of a miracle? No doubt you have! But rare indeed are you who have seen a miracle unfold before your eyes. You will notice that I used the term rare which describes to a T the situation which I plan to splash before your eyes in this column. First, came the forecast snow which blocked roads all over P.E.I.—bringing all traffic to a standstill even close to the fine days. Please note line there were more fine days than stormy days this winter. "On those special days (rare line days), snowfalls—of large, medium, small, dispersed, broken, down, stuck, and out of (but) were sprawling over the highways. Sorry, I should say highway because there appeared to be only one main highway leading east from Souris.

At this point I should explain myself a bit more fully and say that of Souris there is one man in question who has given me a lead from this highway, and believe it or not there are homes on such public roads which are inhabited by human beings, that's not so strange, eh? Let us hit the road, namely the highway that leads from the corner to MacKinnon's point for example. This road was never opened properly (and it never properly) all winter long up to April 2, 1964. Was this just an accident? No, it was not. It was a miracle. It was a miracle that did such a move spark off a real honest to goodness miracle? Maybe this great road opening effort signified the coming of spring; sorry boys, but the calendar said the first day of spring was last month, but better late than never, eh?

Granted the people who opened the highway were not good, and we give them due credit. But when it comes to the road in question we give one ounce of credit because this road was nothing but a beaten down road—abandoned all winter and on several occasions contemplated digging a tunnel.

Once in a blue moon yellow bird, and then we were told that it would stagger down with its wings high in the air. "athletes" not true, said Mr. Howard. CORRECTIONS Stanley Knowles, the Winnipegger who is House Leader for the NDP, charged that Mr. D. "indulged in a display this afternoon that I cannot let pass without putting the record straight, if anyone reads carefully what was said, it will be very clear that Mr. Favreau, far from trying to force this House to sit on Good Friday, was doing his best to help the House avoid sitting on Good Friday. As one who is in a position to know what went on, I refuse to let Mr. Favreau be blamed falsely as he was this afternoon by Mr. Dieffenbacher. Mr. D. twisting the words of Mr. Favreau: "I heard him say 'I am sure that the whole thing, entirely so there would be no misunderstanding, I am sure that Mr. Dieffenbacher, if he continued, denying his own argument by disclosing, "where there is a charge that Mr. Favreau, Mr. Speaker, in order to avoid having to sit on Good Friday, I suggest that the House give unanimous consent to adjourning until Monday, March 30, at 10 o'clock (A.T. Tor's M.P.): 'Refused.'"

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 7, 1939) Supplementing the list of awards of special scholarships, Fellowship and studentships recently published by the National Research Council announces the names of the bursary recipients. R. C. Riley of Summerside, Dalhousie University physical chemistry student.

The Evening Auxiliary of Trinity United Church held its 17th Easter meeting at the home of Mrs. George Meekle, with the president, Mrs. M. G. Wotton in the chair. The Easter program was in charge of Mrs. Fred Wotton.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 7, 1954) The regular meeting of the Acadian Entomological Society will open a two-day session of discussions at Birch Court with Mr. F. M. Howard, speaking on "Canada and the Investment Dealer," was guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of St. Paul's Men's Association held in the parish hall.

CLEAR CONTROL POINTS (BELLIN AP) Two U.S. Army convoys of military vehicles, arrived in West Berlin from West Germany Monday in a regular monthly meeting. The convoys cleared without hitch the Soviet control points on the regular monthly meeting. The convoys that pass through Communist territory, the U.S. Army reported.

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As if a world breathlessly watched the ideological struggle between Moscow and Peking, replete with awesome, pharisaic "expansionism and national egoism," "proletarian internationalism," and the more familiar "Larsen-Leninism." It may seem the average Western observer (or bourgeois capitalist) who looks at the world only two kinds of communism. This is not so. There are three and Canada is the most international might be called non-change horses—in the middle of the stream—and the indications are that it will outlive the other two. Canadians will not be something akin to affection, that Mr. Tim Buck and Mr. Leslie Norrie have been arrested, their posts at the head of the Communist Party of Canada, after 40 years in the field. Now 41 is a long time in the history of communism. It is a period littered with such names as Lenin, Stalin, Trotsky, Mao, and the rest of the Communist world. And all the while communism in Canada, by staying this way and that at the right time, has achieved a kind of permanence which must make it the envy of the rest of the Communist world. Communism is not the permanent, immutable ideology it was thought to be, but a measure of stability can be achieved by accurate assessment of those brands which are "in" and those which are "out." Mr. Buck and Mr. Norrie have been in the cleared, forms by their own. "We will never bury you." It could happen in one a decadent democratic state.

Syria's Oldest Roads

National Geographic Society establishments such as petroleum refineries, sugar mills, and food processing plants. Erroule to Aleppo, the highway crosses extensive agricultural flatlands which produce one-third of Syria's cotton, wheat, and barley, and nearly all of those which are "out." This road was the "bread basket" of the Roman Empire. The road crosses the serpentine Roman Empire at Hamath, a picturesque town situated in a lush river valley below the wind-swept plains. Great water wheels, built by the Romans, continue to supply water for the town and nearby orchards. The 100-foot, high, moss-covered walls of the Roman city, built by the Romans, are still visible. The main road ends at Aleppo, Syria's largest city. Camel caravans still trail into the important trading center with pistachio nuts from Turkey, rugs from Persia, camel hides from the north, and coffee from Mecca. Licorice grows wild along the Aleppo roadsides. The dried roots of the perennial plant are processed into extracts for the black candy sticks and for industrial uses. The Aleppo—Raqqah road, though shorter and less important than the Damascus road, nevertheless transports staple food crops, grains, and cotton from the agricultural regions of eastern Syria to Aleppo. At the end of the harvest season, 3,000 trucks and cars roll across the road daily.

WORLD HEALTH DAY APRIL 7th

Each year on April 7th, the World Health Organization focuses attention on some great health problem. This year the slogan is: "NO TRUCE FOR TUBERCULOSIS."

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