

areas on a pin-pointed basis. Its impact and the criteria on which it is based are necessarily nation-wide. Concern must be had, however, for what is going on in particular sections and regions.

Mr. Rasminsky took as an example the Atlantic region. In the fourth quarter of 1965, when the national unemployment rate was down to 3 1/2 per cent of the labor force on a seasonally adjusted basis, unemployment in this region was still running at about 6 per cent. There is no question that a greater margin of slack exists in this part of the country than in most other regions. Moreover, while the region has recently experienced a very good rate of growth, marked disparities remain in terms of per capita income and per capita investment between the region and the rest of the country.

An example of selective measures of restraint was provided recently when the federal government took steps to postpone or slow down the pace of certain of its construction expenditures in those parts of the country where the pressure on the construction industry was severe, while maintaining them in other areas. On a more positive side, this approach also means increasing efforts to make fuller use of the slack which still persists in certain regions such as the Atlantic provinces.

It is clear, Mr. Rasminsky said, that agencies such as the Atlantic Development Board and the Area Development Agency, working in close cooperation with the provincial authorities, have an important role to play in supplementing capital financing in such areas, while federal agencies are bringing "new drive into the efforts to cope with pockets of high unemployment and rural underdevelopment."

This is well said, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Sharp's budgetary plans will take full cognizance of it.

Victorian Hangover

The Ottawa Journal makes a good point in noting that while the British general election was announced on Feb. 28 and the vote will be on March 31—one month later—the last Canadian general election dragged on for two months. Canadian political leaders, including the Prime Minister, have for years said plaintively that they wanted shorter campaigns, but they do nothing about it.

State Secretary Miss LaMarsh said recently that revisions of the Elections Act have not even been taken up by the Cabinet. Surely it is time they were. This act was drafted in days when politicians toured the back concessions in sleighs or buggies. One would think that transportation had made no progress in 80 years.

A two-month campaign is exhausting on the candidates, many of whom are whirled about the country in airplanes with half-a-dozen speaking engagements a day. They have no time to think, develop policies or polish their speeches. And their weariness is soon matched by the boredom of the voters. Business decisions which depend on Government are unduly delayed, and the whole country is put to unnecessary confusion.

The present Parliament plans to carry through redistribution this summer. It would be an opportune time for amending the Elections Act by limiting campaigns to one month as well. There shouldn't be any serious opposition to the measure; it's just been a case of putting it off for what were considered to be matters of more pressing concern. But as our Ottawa contemporary points out, and as every politician knows, the nearer we come to the next election the harder it will be to have MPs concentrate on Elections Act changes. The time to get rid of this relic of the Victorian age is before the pre-election hubbub begins.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This ad appears in the personals column of the Ottawa Citizen: "Gentleman, not in high government position, desires to meet attractive lady in 20s or 30s, provided security not involved. Box 20 Citizen." One can't be too careful these days!

In British Columbia, Premier Bennett has attempted to interfere with the mathematics of a redistribution commission and is finding it a difficult practice to stop. Mr. Bennett restored two rural seats which the commission had cut away, apparently to preserve a Social Credit stronghold. His followers in another section—in the Kootenays—are demanding that he do the same for them. As a sop to the Kootenay objectors the Premier has promised another redistribution in five years.



THE SPIRIT OF '66

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

A Key Figure in World Peace Hopes

NEW YORK: Outside the headquarters of the United Nations here, 117 national flags snapped in the breeze while the Spring sunshine brightened their rainbow hues. As I rode the express elevator to the 38th floor office of U Thant, the Secretary-General, I wondered at the material and political advances man has made since the Roman legions marched on foot on their unfulfilled dream of uniting the world under their dominion.

Serenity is the first characteristic of Mister United Nations which the casual acquaintance will find most apparent. It implies the sincerity and conviction and dedication which he brings to his delicate but important task. And it strengthens him in the acute loneliness at the top. For he must maintain himself lonely, despite the cosmopolitan crowdedness of his life.

figures, while being driven to and from his office, or when relaxing at his rented 15-room home in the Bronx, he can detach his mind for deep reflection. As one observer suggested to me, he suddenly becomes like a lotus blossom, floating tranquilly on the water yet seemingly apart from it.

REPORT HONORED

U Thant occasionally gives massive press conferences. He has never before accorded a private interview to any western journalist. I was told by our Foreign Minister, Hon. Paul Martin was obviously surprised and gratified that this privilege should be accorded to "Ottawa Report" when I made the request.

The White Ensign

To those who live with history, the glories of yesterday are the ashes of today. Inexorable change—inevitable and inescapable—dooms in time all human institutions.

Sweet O' The Year

The countryman agrees that spring is the "sweet o' the year" as Shakespeare stated in "The Winter's Tale." March is the period when one knows that winter is drawing to a close.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 21, 1941) Mobilized Serb soldiers singing songs of the First Great War paraded in the Provinces last night while Yugoslav Government heads vainly sought to solve a crisis arising from an attempt to put that Versailles Treaty built nation in the Axis fold.

THREE EXECUTED

CARACAS (AP)—Communist guerrillas in the mountains of Venezuela's Falcon state have executed three of their comrades for lack of discipline and attempts to desert. Deputy Interior Minister Luis Vera Gomez reported Friday. He said word of the executions came from a state Governor Pablo Sauer.

TEN YEARS AGO

P.E. Blanchard, Bilingual Assessor at the local Income Tax Office since May, 1948, was transferred to the office of the Taxation Division at Sherbrooke, Que.

ONE-NEXER KNOWS

Joe Louis successfully defended his world heavyweight championship for 15th time by stopping Abe Simon, of New York, in 13 rounds before an estimated crowd of 19,000 in Detroit. Louis weighed 202, Simon 254.

Intestinal Bleeding

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Elmer was a tough, Swede but he had no defense when his peptic ulcer began to bleed. I'll never forget because he collapsed on the day before Christmas. According to his wife, he suddenly became weak, nauseated, pale, and began to perspire. He vomited blood and fell to the floor.

He regained consciousness in the hospital with nurses, interns, and technicians working over him. They were taking his pulse, blood pressure, determining the extent of blood loss, and preparing him for a transfusion and possible surgery. Within three days the oozing subsided and we began to treat the ulcer.

Most people who enter the hospital hemorrhaging from the stomach and in shock usually survive. It is a trying experience, especially when the cause is not known. For many, internal bleeding is the initial symptom that something is amiss in the stomach, duodenum, esophagus, or liver. The question is what and where and this is not easily determined by looking at or feeling the bare abdomen.

Passing tarry stools or vomiting black material means that blood is mixing with the acid in the stomach. In some instances the diagnosis can be made via X-rays or viewing the inside of the stomach with a scope. A simple method is to swallow a cotton string with one end taped to the cheek. It is pulled out the next morning and the red level gives a clue whether the bleeding point is in the esophagus, stomach, or in the first part of the intestine.

Meanwhile the victim is watched carefully but the time may come when it becomes necessary to say "He is still bleeding... surgery is needed." Accurate diagnosis is now of major importance because surgeons do not like to make a blind date with a bleeding point somewhere in the stomach or intestines. When the source is found various procedures are done, depending upon the cause. In general, the reason for operating is to stop the hemorrhage and not to cure the ulcer.

CALLUS DISTRESS

A reader writes: I am 15 and have a very painful callus on the ball of my foot. At times I have to drag my foot so it won't hurt. I've tried everything. Please advise.

REPLY

The callus can be pared—or, better, build up the metatarsal arch that is causing the lesion. This is done with pads, arch supports, proper shoes, and learning how to walk properly.

BODY MOLES

N.C. writes: After a hysterectomy could monthly shots bring on body moles?

REPLY

No. Most of us harbor scores of moles but they are not related to or encouraged to grow by sex hormones. They tend to crop out at birth or months, years, or decades later.

MASSAGING A SCAR

S.W. writes: Will massaging a three-week-old scar on the forehead help it to fade?

REPLY

Massaging will make no difference because the fate of this scar is already determined by the end of three weeks.

SOFTENED BONES

I.H. writes: What is senile osteoporosis?

REPLY

Weakening of the bones in elderly persons resulting from metabolic changes. It usually is most marked in the spine and leads to backache and curvature.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Resistance to disease lessens with age. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Shouldn't Be Too Nosy

Nothing dismays Canadians as much as seeming to be taken for granted by the United States—or to be treated by Americans as if their vast land were but an attic under the rafters above the 39th parallel.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A fellow complained that he has trouble with his car—the engine won't start and the payments won't stop. —Moose Jaw Times Herald.

"The doctor said he'd have me on my feet in a fortnight." And did he? "Sure, I've had to sell my automobile." —Windsor Star.

Northern Affairs Minister Laing says TV is needed to keep government workers in the north. TV in the south is often enough to drive other persons in to the north. —Ottawa Journal.

The nurse entered the professor's room and said softly, "It's a boy, sir." The professor looked up from his desk, "Well," he said, "What does he want?" —Galt Reporter.

Sociological note: Absolute illiterates are those who cannot read or write. Functional illiterates are those who completed less than five years of schooling and can do very little reading or writing. Practical illiterates are those who watch television and have forgotten how to read and write. —Windsor Star.

In our noisy society, the only two places left where any sort of value is put on silence are the golf course and the library. —Vancouver Sun.

A metaphysician says we aren't living—we just imagine we are. If so, our imaginations are putting us to a lot of expense. —Port Arthur News Chronicle.

In today's universities, the freshmen are smarter than the seniors, since everything the seniors have learned is already outmoded. —Calgary Herald.

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences now estimates there has been some kind of life on the earth for two billion, seven hundred million years. The headlines often suggest that evolution still has a long way to go. —Edmonton Journal.

The United States has removed the ban on the sale of military equipment to India and Pakistan which had been imposed during last year's war between the two countries. It reminds us of the little boy who was in the process of making a snowball when the teacher approached. Smiling sweetly, the little boy explained: "I just make them, I don't throw them." —St. Catharines Standard.

It would be essential if de Gaulle is to achieve his reported aim of strengthening his relations with the Soviet Union while keeping his old friends off balance that he discourage the prospect of a strong alliance among the United States, Britain and West Germany.

Bringing Britain into the Common Market on conditions which might reduce her relations with the U.S. and the Commonwealth and make her a stronger ally of France would be to de Gaulle's advantage. It would appear from the current state of the British election campaign that Opposition Conservative Leader Edward Heath might be more ready to accept such terms than Prime Minister Wilson, who has built up a strong personal relationship with the U.S. and is unlikely to give these up in favor of anything de Gaulle can offer.

Nor is West German Chancellor Erhard likely to yield his position in Washington for a more enhanced position in Paris. When it comes to hard political and military bargaining, it is difficult to see how de Gaulle can hope to outbid President Johnson.

Beginning To Run

Pioneer Ontario farmers had a saying, "Frosty nights and warm sun make the maple sap run." Not exactly a brilliant or witty epigram, perhaps but true. As winter loses its grip on Quebec, the Atlantic provinces and Ontario, as the sun burns through the thinning layer of snow, the sweet stream begins to run.

This is the sure harbinger of spring and a time to celebrate. Large groups of people still gather to poach harn and eggs in boiling syrup and to spoon out syrup boiled to the consistency of melted wax, toss it on the snow and let it harden into toffee.

The great, heavy cauldrons have been replaced by the more modern sugar cabin, but the romance and Canadian flavor linger on.

It is more than a social gathering, of course. It has assumed the proportions of a modern industry, as anyone in Saskatchewan who wants to buy a gallon of syrup will know. The total value of sugar and syrup has been climbing steadily until it is now past the \$12,000,000 annual return. Practically all of the export goes to the United States, but enough is kept in Canada that flapsjacks and hotcakes can still go swimming in the native product.

We don't have these generous maple trees in Saskatchewan, but if we did we'd have to wait for a while before they sent their golden drops down into our buckets. Spring isn't the anxious to make her appearance out here as yet.

When she does start poking around in our soil, it will be time to start thinking about wheat and grains. Guess that makes us partners with some of our other provinces. We furnish the pancakes and they furnish the syrup.

Maybe there's something to keeping this confederation on its feet.

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