

PRINCE PHILIP VISITS CANADIANS

OTTAWA.—Prince Philip is seen here being greeted by Air-Vice Marshal H. B. Godwin as he alights from his aircraft during a recent visit to the RCAF's No 4 fighter wing base at Baden-Soellingen, Germany. The Prince stayed in the Baden Soellingen area for a week visiting Air Force personnel. (CP Wirephoto National Defence)

AMONG THE FARMERS

Federation of Agriculture Newsletter

THE MONTH OF MARCH

March is a period of very particular interest to farm people, it brings the end of winter and the beginning of springs, evenings that are long enough to do many of the chores by daylight, the return of some of the early birds, the provision of fire wood, fence stakes, etc., for the summer and appraisal of feed supplies to determine whether they will carry the livestock to the grass.

Farmers' meetings, Fat Stock Shows, St. Patrick's Day, opening of the Provincial Legislature and this year an election campaign all contribute to heighten man's interest.

This year the market prices for many farm products moved up quite rapidly during the month, potatoes, turnips, eggs, beef all improved and contribute to improving both the farmer's financial position and his state of mind. All in all March has been so far an exciting month.

THE ELECTION

Agricultural matters have been

introduced into the current election campaign in a variety of forms but in no more striking manner than was the case in Fredericton, New Brunswick, where a little pig appeared on the platform with the leader of a national political party. Certainly pigs are pigs but whether they are competent to discuss farm policy with respect to the hog industry may be questioned.

In Grandview, Manitoba, where a Federal Cabinet Minister was speaking, one representative of a farm organization who entered a debate with more enthusiasm than judgement had poultry matters brought to his attention with an egg on the side of the head.

In the election campaign the farmer has, of course, a dual interest that of being first of all a Canadian citizen and next as a farmer. In the latter capacity he will, of course, attempt to judge the merits or otherwise of the Stabilization Bill and the value of price supports and deficiency payments as a means of

improving his situation. The farmer may take some comfort out of the fact that all political parties are recognizing the difficulties that exist in agriculture and have committed themselves to doing something about them.

FARMERS' WEEK

This year's "Farmers' Week" meetings are now history and event with indifferent travelling the attendance was satisfactory and interest high. The dairy industry, as usual, was well represented at its annual meeting and turned out in force for the banquet and program in the evening. The most recent effort was the third in this series and was the largest in point of attendance. The dairymen are fortunate in being able to maintain an organization which functions effectively and is able to provide the sort of program which had such good attendance last week. Next year will be the 60th annual meeting of the Dairy-men's Association an anniversary which may possibly call for something special in the way of a program.

FARM FORUM

Last Monday the discussion among the Farm Forums was on the topic "Canada's Role in World Affairs" one which can

not be very well described as agricultural in nature or holding keen interest for the average person. However, the Canadian farmers does have an important interest in world affairs, a nation which derives almost one-third of its income from exports has much at stake in international matters.

While the field of diplomacy may be a very complicated one yet world politics are certainly influenced by the opinion of the citizen on whose support governments must rely for backing in foreign policies initiated. Canada is a country with regional economies the Western has a very important stake in Great Britain and Western Europe as a market for grain, Central Canada is more interested in disposing of mineral and forest products to the United States.

What happens in both areas is, of course, important nationally. Canada has a good reputation among the nations of the world and has made a notable contribution in the development of the commonwealth, in N. A. T. O., in the Colombo Plan and generally in smoothing out the road to peace.

FARM FORUM

The 19th season of Farm Forum will draw to a close next Monday and finds the program being carefully studied for ways and means of bringing about changes that will keep it in harmony with present day conditions.

The national sponsors and the national board will meet in Toronto on April 10 and 11 to plan changes in administration, program and personnel. This meeting will take the place of the usual June conference which if held this year will likely take place in the fall. Farm Forum has made over the years a notable contribution in a great many different ways but probably the most worthwhile has been the training of rural people in the principle and practices of leadership.

While at one time many more forums operated in Canada than is the case today, nevertheless the program continues to justify itself as the outstanding national study group program either in agriculture or out of it. Thoughtful rural people who continue to recognize the importance of adult education will also recognize the value of Farm Forum as a practical approach.

THE FARM — HOW LARGE?

Big farm or small, family farm or company farm, these are questions which are bound to come up for discussion at any time agriculturally minded people meet. Everyone believes in families, everyone believes in

Edgar McInnis Says Asia Won't Go Communist

HALIFAX — (CP) — Edgar McInnis, president of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs who recently returned from India, said today Asia "won't go Communist."

The Charlottetown native who has twice won the governor-general's award for his writings, said "Asia is not attracted to communism as a way of life." India and Pakistan are, however, interested in how "Russia has lifted herself from the bootstraps to become a great industrial power."

farms but the combination has been running into increasing difficulties and there are many ways people who believe that the unit must justify its existence on an economic basis if it is to merit continuation.

Large farms are not always more profitable than small ones and there may even be less efficient use of labour on farms employing a number of men, on the other hand the one man farm places the operator in something less than a desirable manner of life. The statement made at the meeting of the Central Farmers Institute that the ideal mixed farm appeared to be one of from 200 to 300 acres with two men on it, preferably the owner and his son seems to be very close to the mark.

The larger farm is in a better position to stand the high cost of mechanization and certainly two or three men working together at jobs with less effort than one man. Income from the farm is derived from labour and investment of capital. If the amount of invested capital is small that portion of the income will be inferior and will also effect the labour income as well.

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Trend To Secrecy Annoys More And More Americans

By BEM PRICE

WASHINGTON (AP) — The red ink pad and the rubber stamp marked "secret" appear to have become a permanent part of government in the United States. Is anybody getting exercised about the trend?

Some people are, pointing out that:

1. Democracy's basic doctrine that the people need facts to make intelligent decisions is being stamped silly.

2. There is evidence that governmental preoccupation with secrecy has damaged U.S. defenses, military and scientific.

3. There is testimony that most of the so-called secrets are secrets only from the American public.

Some examples: An important report on the state of U.S. defenses has been suppressed by the White House. NOT TOLD

Americans never have been told the whole story of their missile program, and how it stacks up against what is known of Russia's.

Books and records of nearly every governmental department are closed to public inspection. There are 2,000 active agencies, bureaus and departments in the federal government, plus some 5,000 advisory bureaus. Nearly all meet behind closed doors.

Almost \$70,000,000,000 has been spent on foreign aid since the war — but the government never has given the public a detailed accounting of where the money has gone or how effectively it has served.

The cutback in funds for missile work was concealed until after reporters began digging into the program in the wake of Russia's Sputnik I.

HIDE INFORMATION Secrecy mania has reached the point where scientists in one

branch of the armed forces don't know—and can't find out—what their colleagues in other services are doing.

Agents of the government accounting office, supposedly the watchdogs against graft and waste, cannot inspect all the records of the defence department on the ground that some projects are secret. The department spends two-thirds of every tax dollar.

The roots of the problem go back to General George Washington's administration, when the executive department was made custodian of records. This is the so-called Housekeeping Act.

As custodian, the executive department has refused to turn over records to Congress on the grounds of the constitutional separation of powers between the legislative, judicial, and executive branches.

The justice department has held that the president is sole judge of what is secret in the public interest.

HISTORIC LAKE

Megantic Lake in Frontenac County, Quebec, was crossed by missionary fathers in 1640.

Little Girls Cause Mystery

HAMILTON (CP)—Three little girls who wanted to bake a cake have been unmasked as the culprits in a baffling series of break-ins at Mountain View School near here. Constable Jack Wiebe, of the Saltfleet Township Police, said for several weekends the school had been entered but nothing stolen.

The girls, ranging in age from 9 to 11, told police they were playing on the school grounds one day when they found a window on the ground floor had been left unfastened.

They climbed through a d

locked the window behind them, carefully replacing the padding plants on the window sill so their entry would not be noticed. They then headed for the household science room to bake a cake. All went well until the cake was ready for the oven, when the girls found that the oven wasn't not warm up. The electricity had been disconnected. They spent the rest of the afternoon romping through the empty classrooms, upsetting things generally but "doing no actual damage. The whole thing proved such fun that the girls repeated the performance whenever they could find a window unfastened on a weekend.

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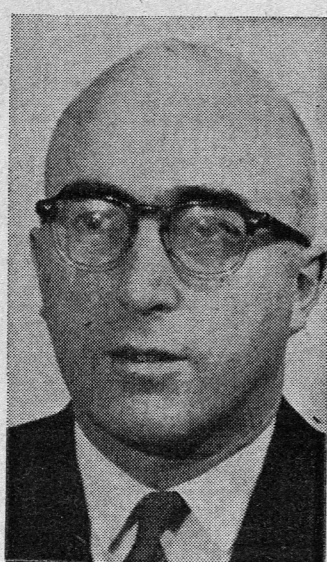


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