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Recognition And Approval

When Prime Minister Harold Macmillan was in Washington a few weeks ago he told a meeting of the National Press Club that "any disarmament agreement, such as to suspend nuclear tests, must include Communist China if it is to be effective".

Commenting on this, the Ottawa Journal suggests that what Mr. Macmillan had in mind was "that if inclusion of Communist China is necessary to an effective disarmament agreement, then an obvious 'first' towards that end must be the recognition of Communist China".

"Mr. Macmillan must be asking himself", continues the Journal, "how we can get an agreement with Communist China about disarmament or about anything else if we persist in saying that politically and legally Communist China does not exist".

It is a strange situation, certainly; and the question as to whether Canada should follow Britain's example and recognize the Peiping regime as the de facto Government of China or adhere to the American policy of non-recognition is not one to be decided lightly. It seems obvious, however, that if Canada is going to build up any worthwhile volume of trade with China—a country with a population of 600 millions—the Canadian Government will, first of all, have to admit, however reluctantly, that there is such a Government as that which holds sway in Peiping. And that is all that "recognition", as practised by the British, means.

U.S. Secretary of State Dulles has said that if the United States were to grant de facto recognition to Communist China, other states in Asia which are not under the control of the Communists might regard it as tacit approval. That has been suggested in Ottawa, too. Frankly, we can't see that it has much merit. There's a great difference between "recognition" and "approval". Every country in the world "recognizes" Soviet Russia; but only a few "approve" its political system. Perhaps it would be better if the democracies—all of them—were to withdraw diplomatic recognition of all countries under Communist control. There might be a case for such action. But just why we should recognize all Communist Governments but one is hard to understand.

Mr. Bates' Disclosure

There has been a great deal of press comment upon the evidence given to the Senate Committee on Finance recently by Stewart Bates, president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Mr. Bates disclosed that he had cut the staff of his Crown corporation from 2,350 three years ago to 1,889 at the present time, and in the same period had taken on a bigger volume of work. He went on to say that his administrative streamlining would not have been possible if the corporation had been under the Civil Service Commission.

Here, comments the Globe and Mail, is the hub of the whole thing as far as the Dominion Government is concerned. If the Civil Service Acties the Government's hands, preventing reorganizations and staff changes in the interests of the taxpayers, then plainly the Act should be changed. The figures speak for themselves in this respect. In March, 1945, just as the war was ending, there were 115,908 Government workers; in September, 1957, the last month for which figures are available, the number had grown to 178,434. Has Ottawa enlarged the range of its activities since the war sufficient to warrant this increase?

No one is suggesting mass firings from the Civil Service at Ottawa or elsewhere in the Federal system. Just as many branches are over-stuffed, there are no doubt others that are understaffed. Any administrative streamlining would involve transfers for cases such as this. What Mr. Bates' evidence suggests is that the Civil Service Act, and the administration thereof, should be given the flexibility to put the various Government departments on the same basis, from the standpoint of

staffing, as the Crown corporations. But, before making this or any other change, the Government should turn the whole matter over to the Parliamentary committee on estimates. This committee was given the task, by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, of rooting out "expenditures that are unnecessary or wasteful". The Civil Service would seem to be promising ground for any committee with an assignment such as this.

Unfortunately, there are signs pointing in the other direction. Last week it was intimated from Ottawa that the Civil Service Association of Canada and the Civil Service Federation are considering a joint request to the Government to place the Crown corporations—with about 130,000 employees—under the Civil Service Act. If this were done, the very flexibility that made possible the streamlining of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation would be lost to the other Crown corporations. We trust this move will be resisted. One of the undertakings of the Conservative Party when it was campaigning for office was that it would make a conscientious effort to purge the Federal Administration of waste and extravagance. The problem is not a new one, by any means; but it is to this Government that the people of Canada look for reform.

Transportation

In commenting on the heavy Dominion Day traffic on the Wood Islands-Caribou run, officials of Northumberland Ferries were able to say that "no one was left behind". This was a pleasant change from previous years and, of course, the result of the Lord Selkirk's arrival on the scene. It is fortunate that agitation for a new and larger ferry on this service was started before talk of a causeway across the straits became the vogue, thus forestalling the official plea to be patient on the ground that within another ten years or so ferries might not be needed at all.

The Wood Islands-Caribou service is now fairly satisfactory. If all goes well, the boats now in operation ought to be capable of looking after transportation needs in that end of the Province for some years to come.

It now remains for improved service to be made effective at Borden at the earliest possible date. It is too late for any improvement to be made this year; but every effort should be made to have another ferry of the carrying capacity of the "Abegweit" ready for next year's tourist season. Before this summer is out—if the tourist traffic is not far below that of other years—long lines of cars and tourists angered by long hours of waiting will provide further evidence of the need. Frustrations and delays are not going to be made less irksome by the prospect of a causeway by the year 1970.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Why do the news agencies bother to report that a motion of non-confidence in the Government was "defeated"? Does anyone seriously believe that any other outcome was possible?

The Icelanders have decided to go ahead with plans to extend their territorial limits to 12 miles from 3, despite the opposition of the bigger powers. Good luck to them. The experts spent three months in Geneva trying to come to an agreement on an "international law of the sea" and ended up by agreeing to disagree. It was about time that somebody made them sit up and take notice.

Recently, the Washington (Episcopal) Cathedral dedicated stained glass windows honouring a number of distinguished humanitarians, including Father Damien, famous R.C. worker among lepers; General Booth, founder of the Salvation Army; Dr. Albert Schweitzer, medical missionary in Africa; Dr. George Washington Carver, noted Negro scientist, and Miss Elizabeth Fry, Quaker philanthropist and prison reformer.

It is encouraging to note that the contract for the new runway at the Charlottetown Airport has been awarded to an Island firm and that work will get underway immediately. The project calls for an expenditure of nearly a million dollars and, in addition, there is a considerable amount of other work at the airport to be done. The project means a great deal, not only to Charlottetown, but Queen's County generally; in addition to its obvious advantages from the transportation standpoint it will provide employment during the summer and fall months. The Diefenbaker Government is to be warmly commended on implementing its pledges to our citizens in this respect.



HORSE SENSE

OTTAWA REPORT

Our Commemorative Stamps

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent For The Guardian. OTTAWA—A special Philatelic Branch handles all enquiries and orders relating to Canadian postage stamps, addressed to the Post Office Department here. Thanks to the many commemorative stamps being issued this year, which are fine enough to stimulate world wide collectors' interest, that Philatelic Branch may be heading towards a record sales total. This sales office, with a staff of 15 people, is proportionately the most profitable operation of our Post Office. Last year it sold some five million tiny pieces of colour-printed paper for a staggering total of \$350,000 to collectors who will stick them in albums.

Today a special five-cent stamp has been put on sale to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the founding of Quebec City by Samuel de Champlain. Twenty million copies of this stamp have been printed. Nine-tenths of this supply, offered for sale through post offices across Canada, will be disposed of within six months. The remaining two million copies will be handled through the Philatelic Branch and will probably be exhausted within two years, if previous experience of similar commemorative issues is a reliable guide. On 30th July the controversial National Health stamp will be put on sale. This stamp bears the likeness of Ottawa civil servant Florence Sullivan posed as a nurse—for which she received a modelling fee of \$5. This choice caused some nursing circles to protest to the Postmaster General that he should have chosen a real nurse as model. But one nurse remarked knowingly that pretty Florence is "too fresh looking" to be a real nurse. "They couldn't have photographed one of us," said this nurse, "because nine out of ten of us are haggard-looking." Pity the poor Postmaster. The Hon. Bill Hamilton, who incidentally would have to look far to excel Mrs. Hamilton as an attractive model, protested that his Department merely commissioned the artist, Ottawa's Gerald Trotter, to design the stamp. It was his responsibility to select a suitable girl to typify "National Health."

THE ACADIANS OF P.E.I.

Beset By Misfortunes

By J. Henri Blanchard, LL. D. (Continued from Yesterday)

During the winter of 1755-1756 there was great suffering among all the newcomers. From Louisbourg very little help was received; they too, lacked supplies. Their means of transportation were also very limited. In the spring of 1756 two vessels with provisions arrived, as did another from Quebec, but that was far too little for feeding over 1400 destitute people. In November 1756, de Villejoie reported to Louisbourg that he had only two months' supplies on hand. Villejoie reported also that everybody was on rations of only 20 pounds of flour, 10 pounds of vegetables, 12 pounds of beef, 1 pound of butter, and 1 pot of molasses per family per month. At the same time, the old inhabitants were also in a bad way due to a poor harvest. In many cases they had to kill their cattle to avert starvation. This would be a great pity said Villejoie, as there was plenty fodder for the 7,000 cattle they now possessed. He further states that he had gathered some 400 of these cattle at Tatamagouche, and that he had sent 24 young men to Acadia to winter there, so that they might save themselves from starvation. PROVISIONS SENT. It happened that about this time the authorities at Louisbourg were able to buy from a French corsair the cargo of an English ship which they had captured off the coast of Cape Breton. The provisions were sent to port Lajoie for distribution among the starving refugees. This consisted of 1179 quintals of flour, 258 quintals of salt beef, 3942 pots of molasses, 100 hogsheds of salt, 516 eils (an ell about one yard) of rugget, 82 eils of coarse blue cloth, 176 wraps of various kinds, 100 hats, and 2,000 eils of a blue striped stuff for shirts. One of the boats carrying these supplies was caught in the ice off port Lajoie, but the cargo was salvaged by some Indians. FURTHER PRIVATION. Still more distressing was the year 1757. Seed grain was brought from France, but once again crops were a failure. To add to all these misfortunes, rumors that the English were soon to attack Louisbourg so discouraged some of the people that they neglected to till their land, as they expected an attack at any moment. To provide against this contingency, the inhabitants along the

coast were armed as well as possible. The women and children were sent up the East river, and the inhabitants there were instructed to send their families and cattle into the woods on the approach of the enemy. On April 18, 1757, Vaudreuil, governor of Quebec, wrote to the Minister in Paris as follows: "Commandant Villejoie at port Lajoie has only six weeks' supply of provisions for the Acadian refugees. The women and children there dare not show themselves being unable to hide their nakedness. It is also the same with a number of the men, Isle Saint-Jean deserves attention, it would be a great pity to lose it; there are now 6,000 horned cattle there. The King should send frigates to the Island and they should remain there, otherwise the English could easily pillage and burn the scattered settlements." TO AVERT FAMINE. On December 10, 1757, Prevost, Commandant at Louisbourg, writing to the Minister of Marine at Paris, says: "Seed wheat and immediate assistance must be sent to Isle Saint-Jean to avert famine, as the last two crops have been total failures." He had succeeded in obtaining some wheat and rye from ships taken as prizes by the frigates, "otherwise, the people would have starved to death. The prospect for the winter of 1758 was pitiable, and many would suffer extreme want until the next crop which could not be sown unless seed came from France. (Canadian Archives, C 11, IV, Vol. 37, page 189). Such, therefore, was the condition of the population of Isle Saint-Jean on the eve of greater calamity. Only one good crop had been harvested in the last five years, and that was a limited one for lack of seed. During these years even the old inhabitants could barely provide for themselves. And it must be remembered that some 2,000 refugees from Acadia were absolutely dependent on the King's rations which were extremely scanty. All these people were living in continual fear of want and fear of attacks by the English. But the records show that they, in general, maintained a brave front. The authorities at port Lajoie insisted that the people should live on their scanty supplies of bread and vegetables, and not kill their cattle. As it turned out, it would have

In Case Of Sudden Crisis

Be prepared when illness strikes your home. In previous columns, I've advised you how to prepare yourself and your youngsters for a possible hospital stay, what first-aid equipment and medicines you should have on hand in your home, and how to take care of a member of your family who becomes ill. SUDDEN CRISIS. Now let's consider a few general preparations which will help you take the proper care of your entire family when one member is suddenly stricken. For one thing, it's a good idea to keep food on hand to tide you over in case you can't get out to the store. You should have enough canned goods, soups, dried foods, frozen foods, fruits, and juices to last at least a week. This will enable you to provide the family with quick, simple, yet healthful meals. Remember, too, that a one-dish casserole meal is good, occasionally, and will save you a lot of work. HANDY TO HAVE. While I don't want you to clutter up your kitchen, you might want to keep a number of paper bags on hand to use as waste containers for the sick room. Every home should have a tray or wheeled table for use in serving meals during an illness. In addition to food, you'll have to think about clothing and linens, too. Extra sheets will be needed and the patient will require several pairs of pajamas. Towels, wash cloths and blankets will be in frequent use, so have plenty on hand. EMERGENCY PLAYTHINGS. If the patient is a youngster, I suggest you have a couple of toys or coloring books hidden away for just such emergency use. Now, one more bit of advice: Jot down a list of phone numbers of the grocery store, the drug store, the laundry and any other sources of supplies that you may have to call upon during a siege of illness. Your foresight in making these simple arrangements will save you a lot of time, work and worry should a member of your household become bedridden. QUESTION AND ANSWER. Q.: Would it be possible for me to have a sandpaper operation to remove blotches and small holes left by a skin disease which has been cured? A.: This depends upon the type of skin disease. Certain cases of acne scars have been benefited by the sandpaper treatment.

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TWO UNHAPPY CASES

There have been two notable exceptions to this high quality of design since the war. Both unfortunately relate to the Queen. One was a single commemorative five-cent issue bearing a profile of Queen Elizabeth; the other was a series of five stamps carrying a photograph of the Queen. Both likenesses seemed to be so unlike Her Majesty and were so unattractive that the stamps precipitated widespread complaint. They have now been replaced by stamps showing a widely accepted picture of the Queen. Canada's most famous stamp continues to be the 50-cent blue pictorial, depicting the famous Nova Scotian schooner "Blue-nose." First issued in 1928, and withdrawn and replaced in 1930, an unused specimen of this stamp is today valued at over \$5 by collectors.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Living costs are at an all-time high, and if, as the old slogan says, one gets what one pays for, this must be a wonderful life we're living.—Calgary Herald. A survey shows the average citizen visits his doctor 48 times a year. The 8, we suppose, is for the day he got tired of waiting and went home.—Winnipeg Tribune. The couple next door got into such an argument over whether they should decorate their home for modern living or gracious living that it nearly ruined their togetherness.—Hamilton Spectator. When three student essays criticizing the atom bombing of Hiroshima appeared in a school publication in Hanover, N.J., demanded that the English teacher be fired. But the school board ruled that teacher has a duty to present all the facets of a problem, and the students have a right to what they like. It was a small incident, but principles of vital importance to educators were at stake.—Ottawa Citizen.

The Chemnitz area school board in East Germany has decreed that no high school pupil may graduate until he has passed a tractor-driving test.—Neus Deutschland, East Berlin.

The four-billion candle-power being used to illuminate Niagara Falls at night is not a waste of power. It increases the attractiveness of the falls for the tourist trade as well as those residing on both sides of the border. The new spotlights not only illuminate the falls, both the Horseshoe and the American, they also bring into prominence Goat Island and the American side and the rapids above the Horseshoe. They are a feature of first magnitude, giving a panoramic view of the falls at night never seen in the past.—St. Catherine's Standard.

ance of the \$60,000 granted by the Foundation for this year's library demonstration work in P.E.I.

TEN YEARS AGO

(July 4, 1948) Assurance that construction work on the Summerside Airport, including rehabilitation of the buildings and the erection of new living quarters, will be proceeded with as expeditiously as possible, has been received by the Summerside Board of Trade from Ottawa. Rumor was to the effect that all the proposed work at the Airport had been cancelled but the above assurance indicates the work will be completed. Miss Rae Chittick, Assistant Professor of Education, University of Alberta, is in Charlottetown the guest of the Department of Education. While in Charlottetown Miss Chittick will conduct a series of classes for teachers and nurses on health.

They have shown a desire to build up trade relations with Canada and with other Western democracies and there is at the moment a likelihood that trade will be enlarged, including trade with Canada. MUST MISLEAD PEOPLE. But the perpetuation of the Soviet dictatorship depends upon its leaders convincing the masses that they are heading for a Communist paradise threatened only by a warlike and cruel Western democracy. Soviet leaders are not likely to do anything at the summit or at any level to bring about a situation that would reveal the Westerners to its people as decent, law-abiding folks anxious to be friendly and hospitable. But as always, and Canada goes along with it, the attitude of the Western powers is to stand ready to explore any opening the Communists may give for getting close together on mutual problems. The Russians know this and so they can play it any way they like no matter how monotonous the tune. They know the West will always listen. And the propaganda will circle the world.

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SOPHIA SINGING

Sophia stands before me A dainty childish thing In smock as smooth and feathery As warbler's yellow wing. Her voice—the overtones we hear When chimes throw out their ring. And Peace comes close beside me To hear Sophia sing.

Her eyes are as forget-me-nots Born near the running brook. They match the sky-soft wonder In dreamy far-off look. Or they are morning glories That around their ladders cling— And open wide the shyest eyes To hear Sophia sing.

A song about a nightingale In valley far and deep. Whose thrilling cry will haunt the dale While all good mortals sleep. Whose love song in the dark, Has power to sadden spring— The bird who stays his sylvan note To hear Sophia sing. —Plowden Kerman in New York Times

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