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Wheat Instead Of Dollars

Liberal leader Pearson does not think much of Prime Minister Diefenbaker's suggestion that "Asian Commonwealth countries should be willing to take wheat instead of dollars as part of a planned boost in Canada's Colombo Plan contributions."

But how in the name of reason can Asiatic countries "develop their own production" if it is true, as we are constantly being told, that in many large areas two-thirds of the population are in a perpetual state of hunger?

The industrial part of the Colombo Plan is sound; and there is some evidence that in course of time it will produce satisfactory results. But it is a long-term project. Meanwhile, Asiatics need food as much as or more than they need industrial equipment for the development of their own resources.

There is something else to be considered, too. While it is probably safe to say that no Canadian begrudges the extra \$15 million a year that Canada has promised Asian Commonwealth countries under the Colombo Plan, there is obviously a limit to what this country can do, in face of billion dollar annual deficits. On the other hand, there are hundreds of millions of bushels of wheat lying idle. It surely is not unreasonable to use some of it for the relief of hunger in Asia, even if part of the cost must be placed against the \$15 million.

Thought Worth Pondering

A Russian scientist, who has been touring the United States and Canada and inspecting polio vaccine production facilities in the two countries, said in an interview in Washington that his country is producing a vaccine that provides better protection than the Salk preparation. However, because Soviet facilities are inadequate to meet requirements, some vaccine is being bought from American and Canadian producers.

Whether or not the Russian claim can be substantiated, it is a fact that Soviet medical science is of a very high standard. It is useless to speculate on what might have been if East and West had not considered it necessary to concentrate so much of their scientific skill and economic resources on the development of hydrogen bombs, missiles and other engines of destruction; for, of course, we have to face the world as it is, not as we would like it to be. The thought is worth pondering, just the same. What a vast amount of good to the health of mankind their joint efforts would be able to bring about, at the price of only a small fraction of what is being spent on the consequences of division and lack of goodwill!

Trouble In Hong Kong

At the time of the Quemoy crisis it was widely believed that Britain supported the United States' position, or at any rate did not oppose it openly, for the reason that the time might come when the British would need American support in resisting a Chinese campaign for annexation of Hong Kong.

No one seems to know why such a campaign was not started long before this. Certainly, without American help—and perhaps with it—it would be difficult for the

British to withstand Chinese pressure on the colony.

A late report from Hong Kong suggests that trouble over China's claim to the colony may not be much longer delayed. Communist newspapers both on the mainland and in Hong Kong are charging "American imperialists" with turning the colony into a centre of "espionage, intrigue and conspiracy," with British approval. They are also complaining that the British authorities are allowing the United States to establish a base for agents to subvert all of Southeast Asia. This is a familiar pattern of Communist behaviour before bringing political pressure to bear on an intended victim.

Whether the United States would in fact go to Britain's aid in the event of a Chinese attack on Hong Kong would depend on whether the security of the colony is considered necessary to American interests in the Pacific. But we do not recall any official statement to that effect.

A Big Ship

The largest tanker ever built, the "Universe Apollo," has been launched in Japan. The 104,500 dead-weight-ton (cargo capacity) vessel is the first of a new class of five to be built in Kure by National Bulk Carriers, Inc., an American firm which operates the former Japanese naval yard under lease.

D. J. Ludwig, the head of the firm, pioneered in super-tankers. In 1936 he surprised the shipping world by building three tankers of 19,000 tons each, then the largest afloat. From there he proceeded to 30,000 tons, 36,000 tons and, finally, before his last venture, 85,000 tons. Since he began operations in Japan in 1951 the yard has turned out more than 1,500,000 dead-weight tons of tankers, ore carriers and cargo ships.

The keel of the Apollo was laid on June 30 last. She was thus put into service in a matter of seven months. It is believed that no other shipyard has matched that speed performance in peace time. The ship is 950 feet long and has a beam of 135 feet and a depth of 67½ feet. A single screw, powered by turbines developing 27,500 h.p., will drive the vessel at about 16 knots. Japanese steel was used throughout. All in all, a big and powerful ship.

EDITORIAL NOTES

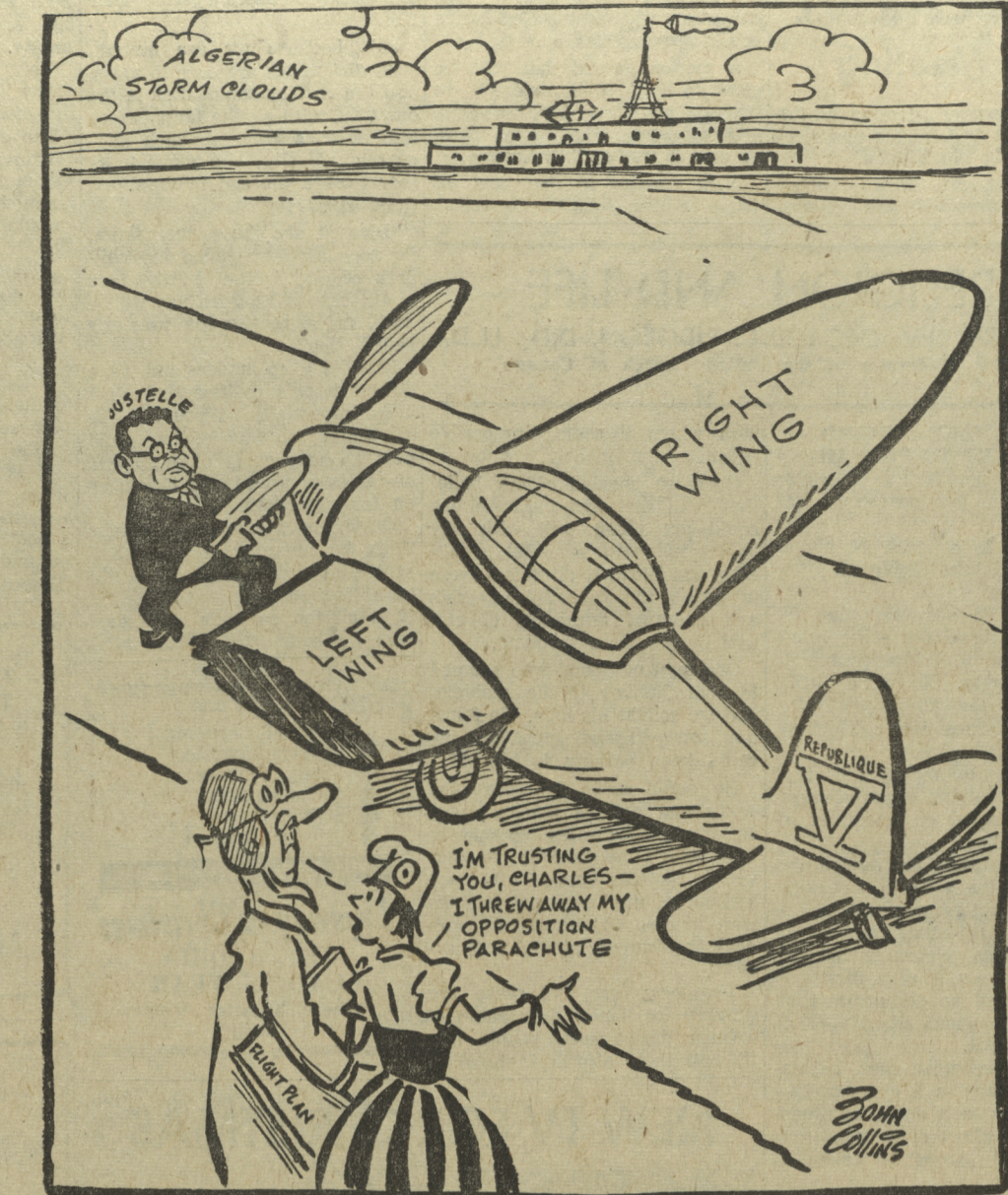
There's enough energy in the oceans to last mankind for another 20 billion years, according to a British Columbia University professor. Assuming, of course, that in the meantime, man does not blow his world to bits, oceans and all.

Between the fifth and twelfth centuries the people of the Western world seldom bathed, owing to the belief that it was injurious to health, reports a "factograph". What a golden age that must have been for the average ten-year old!

The last of the old British Columbia "sternwheelers", wood-burning steamboats, is being slated for a new career, according to a report from Vancouver. The 161-foot S.S. Moyie, launched 60 years ago, has been set aside as a museum of pioneer days in the Kootenay district.

The Canadian Manufacturing Association wants the Federal Government to set up an institution to finance long-term credit for exports. Under the proposal, Government funds and private capital would be used. The plan would be similar to the Export-Import Bank in the United States.

A number of speakers at the National Conference on Human Rights advocated the formation of a new political party dedicated to "social and political reform". The CCF and the CLC have already announced their intention of forming a party to take in organized labour, farmers and "independents". Well, it's a free country and there is nothing to stop any group from forming a political party, if it feels like it. However, it would be no service to democracy and no incentive to stable Government to have so many parties that none could ever be sure of a working majority in Parliament. The situation in France over the past several years is a good illustration of what we mean.



OFF INTO THE WILD BLUE YONDER

OTTAWA REPORT

Boss Of The Civil Service

By Patrick Nicholson

Each morning in clement weather a tall, fashionably dressed man in his late fifties can be seen setting out on the two-mile walk towards his mid-town government office, from his bungalow home on Ottawa's exclusive Buena Vista Road.

His address could not have been better selected, for he indeed has enjoyed a "good prospect" on his road through life. From the top of his bare wavy-haired head to the point of his maculate suede shoes, he radiates self-assurance, and even self-satisfaction. And well he might, for he has attained the eminence of being the Czar of our civil service, and through salary boosts in each of the past three years, he has achieved the largest increase in pay of any servant of the taxpayers in that time.

Arnold Danford Patrick Heeneey was born fifty-six years ago in Montreal, the son of a Canon of the Anglican Church. The first half of his biblical span of life was consumed in his education, in educating others as he worked as a school-teacher, and then in working as a lawyer in Montreal. GREY EMINENCE? Then in 1938 he was appointed to be principal secretary to Prime Minister Mackenzie King. Later he was appointed Clerk to the Privy Council and Secretary to the Cabinet, where he learned the confidential deliberations of the Liberal Cabinet and served as close adviser to two Liberal prime ministers.

His nearest friend was a senior civil servant who occupied a nearby office, located like his own in that manspiring of government, the East Block on Ottawa's Parliament Hill. This friend was the Under Secretary of State for External Affairs, Lester Bowles Pearson.

PUBLIC FORUM

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ATLANTIC RIGHTS

Sir,—At the time of Confederation the Maritime Provinces were recognized as the commercial center of Canada. To accomplish this Confederation, Canada needed the support of the Maritimes and we were promised a fair share in the development of our Dominion.

Since Confederation the Maritimes have been exploited by Quebec and Ontario industries. We have been used as an economic dumping ground for the rest of Canada, and have not been allowed to have a fair share of participation in the growing economy of the country.

At the Model Parliament held recently at Acadia University, these facts were the basis of an "Atlantic Provinces Industrial Privileges Bill" put forth by the Atlantic Rights Party. This was the only Bill passed in the Parliament without dissent. The Bill emphasized the fact that the Atlantic area needed anti-dumping and tariff protection laws in order to protect their interests and foster their development.

Although the aims and enthusiasm of the Atlantic Rights Party have not developed beyond the media campus, it is hoped that the people of the Atlantic Provinces will be made aware of our economic situation. As Atlantic citizens we must realize our position and then try to do something about it. The apathetic attitude of the Atlantic people is evident in their apparent lack of concern for their economic plight and the reasons for this situation.

We believe, Sir, that the above is worthy of publication and should be brought to the attention of the people in the Atlantic Provinces.

I am, Sir, etc., GEORGE MacLEAN, Leader, Atlantic Rights Party Acadia University

Progress May Be Undetected

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. YOU DON'T hear much about cancer of the breast among men. And while this is true because it is a comparatively rare disease, especially when compared with the incidence of female breast cancer, it does occur.

Moreover, it generally progresses undetected for a much longer period—an average of about two and one-third years—than a similar cancer in a woman.

Generally, cancer of the breast strikes men between the ages of 52 and 61, although there is at least one case on record in which a 12-year-old boy was a victim. But this is an exception to the rule.

DELAY COMMON You would think that any tumor at this site would be noticed quickly, since there is virtually no fatty tissue to hide it. Unfortunately a delay of four or more years before such tumors are reported is not uncommon. And there is a record of one man who had a tumor for 44 years before it was found.

There are two main reasons for this. For one thing, breast tumors in men grow at a comparatively slower rate than do similar tumors in women. For another, men wait considerably longer to report symptoms to doctors.

Generally, a mass swelling is the earliest recognizable symptom of breast cancer. Although ulceration of the nipple and retraction of the overlying skin and the nipple are also characteristic symptoms of cancer, they occur less frequently.

Dimpling when coupled with skin changes is also a common symptom. Either a serious or bloody discharge from the nipple is an early symptom in about 75 per cent of the cases and often is the first symptom.

Pain or more probably a sensation of discomfort, often occurs. As I always like to point out, these symptoms do not necessarily mean cancer. But they do mean a doctor should be consulted quickly.

In most cases of male breast cancer, surgery is indicated. QUESTION AND ANSWER F.S.: What causes a swollen gland under the chin to recur from time to time, and what is the best treatment for this condition?

Answer: A swollen gland under the chin may result from an infection in the area of the lower teeth, gums and floor of the mouth. Sometimes a small cyst in this area is mistaken for a gland. Don't neglect this condition. See your doctor.

The Poet's Corner

BLANKET Stars are sliding down the night wind, Sliding down the ropes of night wind, They crowd at the beach-house door, Tumble their light about like children.

The Age Old Story

If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. not devote the time and patience to making it and too many others have lost the art.

It is often said that the production of good shore fish went down when women left the serfdom of the flakes. But sixty years ago Adolph Neilson said that the women did not make good fish. He wanted to see men employed to cure fish on shore while others were engaged solely in production, and how that could be done efficiently was illustrated before the war at the Crosbie plant at Harbour Grace.

The prime factor in this situation is, of course, price. If there is to be a distribution of labor and a fair reward, the price must take care of it. And if the necessary return cannot be obtained in the face of subsidized competition, the only way in which the most ancient Newfoundland skills can be retained is to provide a federal subsidy in the form of a premium for good fish.

ORGANIZATION ESSENTIAL However, organization is also essential. The trap voyage produces usually only small fish. Longliners must be operated on the offshore banks to procure the large fish which some markets need. And curing must be done at central stations under rigid supervision.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Responsibility on the road not daring separates the men from the boys.—High River, Alta., Times. Nothing keeps a married man young like a mistress and a big salary.—Brandon Star.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 15, 1933) A large number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Morrison, Summerside, tendered them a real old-fashioned house warming last evening and royally welcomed them as permanent citizens of Summerside.

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 15, 1948) There are plenty of refrigerator cars in the province at the present time to take care of all immediate potato shipments, Mr. W.E. Robinson, general manager Atlantic Region, said last night. His statement was amplified by local railway officials who said there were about 350 reefers in the province with no orders in at the present time for a further supply.

Mr. Allan Matthews of O'Leary teler at the branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, left on Wednesday for Truro, N.S. where he has been transferred. Mr. Matthews will be succeeded by Mr. Robert MacDonald of North Sydney, N.S. who has already arrived to begin his duties.

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