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dize American interests in the Arab world; but to leave it without adequate defenses could pose a still more serious problem.

For a time the United States followed a policy of not selling weapons to Israel while discreetly encouraging other Western nations, such as France, to supply Israelis with the planes and tanks they needed to maintain arms parity with the Arab states.

Washington no doubt has in mind the recent visit of Soviet Premier Kosygin to Cairo on his first major trip outside the Communist bloc, carrying comradely goodwill and advice for his Egyptian hosts—perhaps some hints to Mr. Nasser that it was time to close with the other "revolutionary" Arab governments against "reactionary" pro-Western regimes.

On The Right Road

"The Atlantic provinces are attacking today's problems in an energetic and aggressive way. Just as they gathered themselves together to repel invaders, so today they are making a united effort to cope with changed market and living conditions. Their economies have gained momentum in the past ten years. There is a growing social vitality. They are not waiting for a new generation and the operation of blind materialistic forces or the slow influence of politics to bring a better turn to the wheel of fortune."

The above reassuring statement embraces all four Atlantic provinces, our own included, of course; and it comes—not from a partisan source but from the current Monthly Letter of the Royal Bank of Canada. Any similarity, therefore, between the views expressed and Conservative claims that we are indeed marching forward in this province and not going to the bow-wows as their opponents maintain, is purely coincidental. But the long arm of coincidence can be very helpful as a guideline, at times!

Still Virgin Land

We had thought that homesteading was a relic of the past in this country, but we were wrong. It is still flourishing in the remote areas of north-western Alberta, where the settlement of virgin lands is being speeded by the opening of the Great Slave Lake Railway, the first rail transportation north of Peace River. The Alberta government has made 60,000 to 90,000 acres a year available to settlers and there are about 1,000 homestead sales a year. About 7,000,000 acres between the Rocky Mountains to the west and the Canadian Shield to the east are considered suitable for mixed farming.

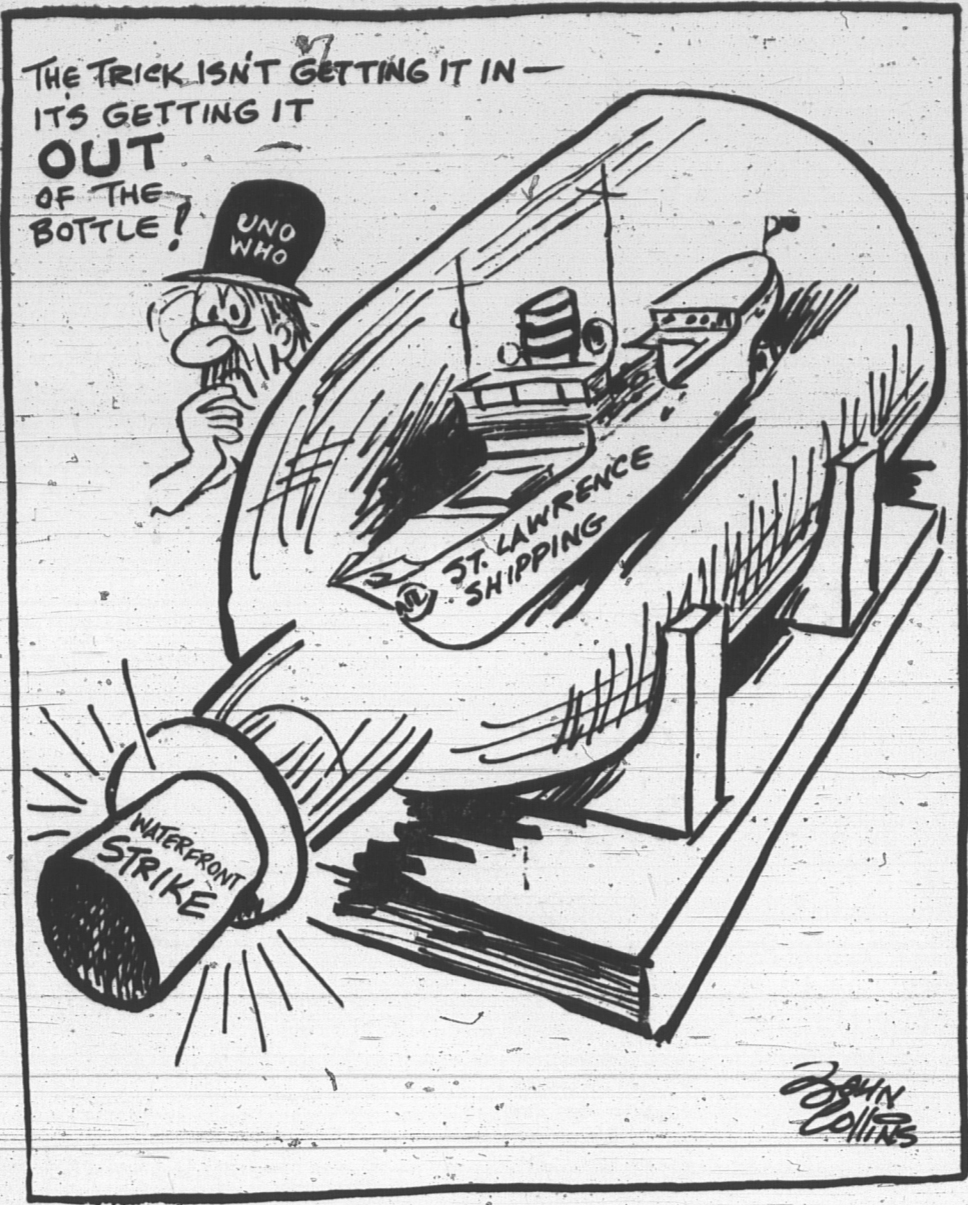
Alberta's director of lands, V.A. Woods, recalls that when the new north-south railroad reached High Level, 187 miles north of Peace River, there were two applicants for each land parcel offered in the new area. Lots had to be drawn. Grain elevators now dot the new rail line, and farmers no longer have to truck their grain over gravel roads to the east-west rail line at Peace River. The new railroad, built by the CNR, extends 377 miles north from a nearby junction to the Great Slave Lake in the Northwest Territories.

Years ago, any man could claim a quarter section of land (160 acres) anywhere, cultivate it, live on it and take title. Homesteading is now restricted to designated areas and to Canadian citizens or British subjects who have lived a year in Alberta. The government makes available only land suitable for cultivation and land served by established communities and farm roads. Clearing and breaking costs the settler \$30 an acre. Improved land around Peace River is \$50 to \$60 an acre.

Bombers For Israel

A reminder that there may be further trouble brewing in the Middle East is afforded by the announcement that the United States has agreed to sell tactical military aircraft to Israel. The agreement was reported to have been reached in mid-February but kept secret at State Department insistence to avoid difficulties with the Arab nations. Washington finally agreed to a disclosure, it was said, because the Israeli government was under political pressure at home—and because the Johnson administration too had reasons for making known in an election year that it was helping Israel.

Behind the move, of course, is the recurrent problem posed by Soviet penetration of the area, accompanied by large-scale arms to Egypt, Syria, Iraq and the Yemen. To become Israel's open military ally might jeopardize American interests in the Arab world; but to leave it without adequate defenses could pose a still more serious problem.



SHIP IN A BOTTLE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Threat Seen To Supreme Court Prestige

"Angry scenes in Commons over inquiry - Uproar follows charges by J. G. Diefenbaker - Supreme Court judge criticized for making 'six major mistakes' - Charges that Justice Minister 'prostituted' RCMP." Those headlines might well have been read in our newspapers within the past few weeks. In fact, they date back to July 1942. That was when the House of Commons was debating a motion of censure upon the Liberal government of Mackenzie King. The motion was proposed by Howard Green and seconded by John Diefenbaker. It criticized the conduct of a Commission of Inquiry set up to examine the Hong Kong disaster, in which 1,985 Canadian soldiers - ill-equipped, under-trained and surprised - were captured by the Japanese.

Criticizing the inquiry, Mr. Diefenbaker stressed the need for such a commission to preserve the rights of democracy in its hearings, and the right of Parliament to be given the complete evidence - not just an expurgated edition. (In the Munsinger inquiry, a similar expurgated edition was dubbed 'the sanitized version' by its critics.) Mr. Diefenbaker also emphasized that obviously the time had come when Supreme Court judges should not be put in control of such commissions of inquiry.

FINE CHIEF JUSTICE The commissioner appointed to conduct the Hong Kong inquiry was Sir Lyman Duff, a former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada. His wisdom in the law was evidenced by his then 36 years experience on that court; his dedication had been recognized by the award of a knighthood. He was reluctant to accept that commission in the twilight of his great career, and he did so only on the urging of the prime minister. After the inquiry, the 77-year-old Chief Justice was severely criticized in Parliament; one year later, Conservative and CCF MPs voted against his reappointment for a further term as Chief Justice.

As a result of that political clobbering of a Supreme Court judge for his handling of an inquiry with very political overtones, the judges of the Supreme Court came to a tacit agreement that never again should any of them accept any similar politically-oriented commission.

In fact one can count on the fingers of one hand such examples in the past half-century. Judge Duff himself handled the shell inquiry in 1917; in 1931 he handled the railroad inquiry. In 1946 Judges Taschereau and Kellock presided over the Gouzenko spy commission during which they made clear their unhappiness at the suspects being kept incommunicado under arrest on political instructions. In 1948 Judge Rand handled the labour inquiry which resulted in the Rand formula. Recently Judge Hall presided over the Health Commission, but he was appointed to that prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court.

PRESTIGE DAMAGED Thus the determination of Supreme Court judges that they would hold themselves aloof from political affairs was implemented until last month when Judge Spence, the junior Puisne judge, accepted the Munsinger commission. It is a reasonable assumption that his brother judges were unhappy at his acceptance; their unhappiness has been amply justified by the ensuing damage to the prestige of the Supreme Court.

If the inquiry was to be set up at all, perhaps a preferable formula would have been to appoint three, rather than one, judges to preside over it; and these might well have been the Chief Justices of provinces, say Ontario's Judge Gale, Saskatchewan's Judge Culliton and Quebec's Judge Tremblay - the involvement of Pierre Seguin called for a French-speaking judge.

If Judge Spence's report criticizes any person that person has the right to make further representations before him prior to the publication of his report. Even those who have withdrawn from the hearing still have the right. If the report is critical of any former Conservative minister, the one thing we can be sure of is that when it reaches the floor of the House of Commons, it will get rough treatment. It is indeed a pity that the Supreme Court is thus involved.

Western Liberals Alarmed Winnipeg Free Press If Mr. Gordon's economic policies had been in force, it is probable that Alberta's oil industry would be much smaller than it is today; Saskatchewan would have no potash industry; Manitoba would have no Nelson River development.

The implementation of Mr. Gordon's ideas now would certainly mean a slow-down in Western development, for the very good reason that if the West were to depend on Eastern capital to finance its natural resources it would wait a long, long time before these resources were developed. The concentration of power within the Liberal party lies in central Canada—in Ontario and Quebec. As a result, party policy has been directed largely towards holding and consolidating these provinces. The West has been badly neglected.

Adolescent Conformity

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Most of us associate adolescence with nonconformity, but in reality it is the age of strict conformity. These teenagers want to do what others of their age do even though it represents a fad, and is silly in the eyes of more mature persons. The phase has been described as the herd instinct because the insecure find safety in numbers. Adolescents do not want to be different; they want to be the same.

Conformance creates a hardship when the teenager has unattractive teeth, outstanding ears, a misshapen nose, unsightly skin blemishes, faulty posture, and bone deformities. Ugly and prominent scars on the face, shoulders, chest, abdomen, and extremities are bothersome. Obvious abnormalities create many psychological barriers especially when aided and abetted by the cruel and thoughtless taunts of schoolmates. The defects become a source of shame leading to lack of self-confidence and psychic trauma. Now when the individual makes a mountain out of a molehill by overemphasizing the importance of the deformity, some develop imaginary qualms about unnoticeable differences.

Real disfigurements of the nose, ears, chin, teeth, and bony defects can be corrected by plastic surgery. Ugly scars can be removed and birthmarks disguised. This should be done before the youngster develops a deep-seated emotional problem. It is surprising how often corrective surgery leads to a marked change in the attitude of the individual. The problem is to convince the parents who take the adult viewpoint of "so what." An unsightly rash usually resolves itself when the youngster is convinced that the skin must be treated with care and not abuse.

VASCULAR INSUFFICIENCY A. C. writes: I have had cerebral vascular insufficiency for nine months. How long do you think it will last? I am a poor prognosticator, especially by my opinion based on a letter. Tests should be done to visualize the arteries in the neck and make other tests on the circulation to the brain. If a small segment of the artery is blocked by a clot, surgery will rectify the condition in a short time.

WINE AND ARTHRITIS J. B. writes: Will excessive wine drinking make rheumatoid arthritis worse? REPLY If the joints are anything like the head, wine will make them feel better in the evening but worse in the morning. The arthritis fares better when he exercises moderation in everything, and in this respect overindulgence in alcoholic beverages is not condoned.

Sharp Test For Johnson

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP) - President Johnson's proven political agility may face its sharpest test from growing domestic apprehension about the Vietnamese war. Some observers feel that by his angry denunciation of critics last week in Chicago and recommitment to current policy in Viet Nam, Johnson has painted himself into a corner. The public opinion polls, which the president normally can quote, indicates more than 70 per cent of the American public favors pulling out of Viet Nam if the South Vietnamese stop fighting or engage in any prolonged hostilities among themselves.

Johnson's personal popularity, as measured by the polls, has dwindled to an all-time low although still higher than President John Kennedy enjoyed at some points. Premier Ky's military showdown with the Buddhists in Da Nang seems to have calmed the situation somewhat and the battered little country of 15,000,000 has shown an astonishing capacity to hang together despite internal feuds.

But South Viet Nam's capacity to continue to hold up its end of the fight against the Viet Cong and the North seems a fragile base for Johnson's unequivocal recommitment. Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations said last week at Atlantic City: "Twenty years of outside intervention and the presence of foreign armies have so profoundly affected Vietnamese political life that it seems illusory to represent it as a mere contest between Communists and liberal democracy." "Indeed, recent events have shown that the passion for national identity, perhaps one should say national survival, is the only ideology that may be left to a growing number of Vietnamese."

Johnson also invited criticism by lashing out at "some nervous Nellies and some who will become frustrated and bothered and break ranks under the strain and some who will turn on their leaders and on their own country and on our own fighting men." FEEL CHANGE POSSIBLE Some observers remain confident of Johnson's ability to switch courses when the need arises or when he so desires. They point to some of the things he said in the 1964 presidential campaign. In a Sept. 25, 1964, speech, he said: "There are those who say I ought to go North and drop bombs, to try to wipe out the supply lines. But we don't want to get involved in a nation with 700,000,000 people and get tied down in a land war with Asia."

A little later in the same speech: "We are not going to send American boys 10,000 miles away from home to do what Asian boys ought to be doing for themselves." President Johnson not only has sent more than 250,000 American boys to Viet Nam at last count but more Americans than South Vietnamese are being killed in combat with the Communist enemy.

Teenagers And Money


Ottawa Journal

A news story says 24,000,000 American teenagers have \$15,000,000 a year to spend or \$625 apiece. What a wave of hard-earned money around it tends to get distributed. One need not be an optimist to feel that today's teenagers are, comparatively speaking, as sensible about money as yesterday's, and a capable of understanding that if times were hard again, money would be scarce again.

Just the same, cranky old adults will be forgiven a wry smile at one 16-year-old's view on money. Said she: "Teenagers are not as impressed with money as adults are. We just want enough to spend."

Ah well, she'll learn soon enough that the luxury of such disdain for money is not cheaply provided to one's progeny.

Mickey Rooney's life has been happy and it has been sad. But it has seldom been dull. The little man with the big talent has been up and he has been down—but he has never been out. In the first of three excerpts from his book, "My Autobiography", Mickey talks frankly about his early career, his first wife Ava Gardner and his appearances on the Jack Paar Show. This week, in Weekend Magazine.



**MECKEY ROONEY**  
My Autobiography

We Learned to Live with War  
What is it like to live with death and danger? A young Canadian housewife from Brockville tells her dramatic story in Weekend Magazine this week. Married to a correspondent stationed in Saigon, Ruth Lor Malloy adjusted to bombs, raids and tropical heat and says, "I'm glad we spent the first nine months of our marriage in Saigon."

Noon Parties for June Brides  
Planning a party for a bride-to-be? Or perhaps you have some other special occasion in mind. For entertainment that will have a little extra, how about a luncheon? Your guests will rave over Margo Oliver's recipe for Watercress Soup... and who could resist her Creamed Sweetbreads and Chicken? A Good Food entertainment plus this week.

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Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files)

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The 35,000-ton German battleship Bismarck, one of the most powerful in the world, was smashed and sunk by British warships and aerial bombers on the fifth morning of a coldly implacable chase as sea warfare had ever known.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 27, 1956)  
The Spallman Trophy awarded to the outstanding play in the P.E.I. Drama Festival was won by the Borden Youth Club for their presentation "You Can't Beat the Irish", directed by Rev. Preston Hamill.

MANY HAPPY MEMORIES  
Sir—Prior to leaving Charlottetown on my retirement to pension effective May 26 I wish to thank you, your staff, and all the public for the splendid co-operation and assistance I have received over the past 6 1/2 years. All this assistance and constructive criticism helped make my job, along with that of my men, a relatively happy one. I hope for the same loyal help for my successor Supt. P.R. Harrison.

Public Forum  
This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

Avonlea MacCauley and of New Glasgow, P.E.I., and John Hancock of Summerside, were the winners of the Provincial slogan contest, sponsored by the P.E.I. Innkeepers Association. Their cheques of \$50 were presented to them by Senator Elsie Inman, Summerside.