

United Fund Appeal

The official opening day of this year's Prince Edward Island United Fund campaign is Tuesday, Oct. 1, but activities are already under way in the advance gifts and payroll divisions, and in the Charlottetown and Summerside canvasses.

United appeals have not eliminated all other fund drives. They don't aim to. But they are seeking and finding growing acceptance among voluntary agencies and the public alike, as a more sensible economic way to provide needed money for the operation of worthwhile health, welfare and recreational services.

Twenty-seven campaigns in one (including eleven tag-day appeals) are what the United Fund means in Prince Edward Island this year, and the objective is \$233,031. Donations are exempt from income tax and a donor, if he so wishes, may designate any particular member organization as the recipient of his contribution.

The participating societies and service organizations have pared their budgets to the necessities and those budgets have been carefully audited. Knowing this, it is hoped that the public will respond generously in making the appeal even more successful than was the initial united fund campaign last year.

When Parliament Meets

Prime Minister Pearson is scheduled to make a national television address on the eve of the resumption of the Parliamentary session on Monday, in which he will review the government's accomplishments and the indication of what is planned for the future.

Without attempting to anticipate this report, which will be awarded with much interest, it can be assumed that Mr. Pearson will not forget to mention Canada's latest wheat sale to Russia, the biggest deal of its kind ever put through by any country. He will be expected, also, to discuss the proposed Government trusteeship over the Great Lakes maritime unions, and the Canada Pension Plan about which so much has been heard in recent weeks.

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at midsummer after voting its members an \$8,000 increase in parliamentary pay. It will contain four parties opposed to the Government, in place of the three that existed in July. The new one is Le Ralliement Des Creditistes, which, led by fiery Real Caouette, splintered away from the Social Credit Party.

But Mr. Pearson will have only fifteen minutes to speak over the national network on Sunday night, and he'll probably have more pressing matters to talk about than Mr. Caouette's caperings.

Power Cable Inquiry

Of the first three specific studies approved and formally announced by the Atlantic Development Board, one is of particular concern to this Province. It calls for an investigation of the engineering feasibility of a submarine cable for transmission of electric energy to Prince Edward Island, linking up with the New Brunswick-Nova Scotia power grid. This is a matter of considerable importance to our future industrially.

When the Maritime power grid was established it was expected that eventually we would share in its advantages. Indeed, one of the selling points for our Northumberland Strait causeway project was that it would be able to carry power lines from the mainland without the need of laying a submarine cable. How much value was attached to this argument at Ottawa we do not know; but we recall discussing the matter with the former federal deputy works minister, Major-General H. A. Young, and he seemed to consider it of some importance.

The causeway project, of course, has still a long way to go before being realized. If we can get a submarine power connection with the mainland in the meantime, well and good. But we don't want it at the expense of the causeway, by any means, or as a move that could provide an excuse for delaying the causeway construction.

This being understood, we welcome the Atlantic Development Board's activities in the matter and look forward with interest to the preliminary report on its study which is expected before the first of the year.

Super-Racketeers

A U.S. Senate probe into the dark workings of a national crime syndicate has opened with the hearing of a star witness whose unprepossessing features adorned the front page of yesterday's Guardian and of most morning newspapers across the North American continent. Actually, the first witness before this Senate committee was Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, who set the stage for the inquiry by emphasizing the significance of mobster Joseph Valachi's evidence.

"For the first time," he said, "an insider—a knowledgeable member of the racketeering hierarchy—has broken the underworld's code of silence."

Because of information from Valachi and other sources, the government has learned that Cosa Nostra—also known as the Mafia and the Black Hand—is run by a commission of 9 to 12 active members, that it has an annual income of billions and rests on a base of human suffering and moral corruption on a colossal scale.

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DAYS OF THE OXCART

Along The Old Santa Fe Trail

National Geographic Society Bulletin

Traveling by oxcart over 753 miles of dusty plain, quicksand creeks, and scorching desert once was prescribed for invalids. The rugged treatment often worked in 1831. Josiah Gregg began a Santa Fe journey sitting in a cart. At the end of a week he was astride a pony. By the time he reached the buffalo range he was, he wrote, as eager for the chase as the sturdiest of my companions.

Though a wagon wheels stopped rolling on the Santa Fe Trail around 1880, its legends and landmarks survive. Seven Trail sites in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, and New Mexico were declared historic landmarks for the status of Registered National Historic Landmarks. The first of the wagon trains was Santa Fe, founded in 1609 by the Spanish as capital of New Mexico. It was an American merchant to enter the colony, but the prospect of selling furs, beaver, and a yard and tobacco for \$4 a pound lured many to Santa Fe.

"Something there is," said the late Robert Frost, might have said, that loves a tunnel better than a wall. Diggings between Berlin and West Berlin underscore and maybe even understate the point. But the feelings that emerge, in some cases before thought, in some cases new report on linking the two cities by a tunnel channel bridge or tunnel makes headlines—these are bubbly with optimism.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of current events of public interest. The Guardian does not assume responsibility for the opinions expressed. All letters submitted are subject to editing and publication in accordance with the editorial policy of the paper. No correspondence received after 10:00 a.m. on the day of publication.

THE-FRENCH GOVERNMENT has just announced that President de Gaulle is to visit the British Isles even if he is not in favour of Britain's tunnelling into the Channel. The tunnel is to be open only to one-way traffic.

The British are as welcome in France as the tunnel is to bloom in the summer. If Britain doesn't feel the same way about a French tunnel investment, it can always resort to the British culinary deterrent.

Interested Mother from Prince George, B.C. ROADSIDE LITTER Sir.—At a recent meeting of our Half-Century Club, one subject that came up for discussion was the litter so carelessly scattered along our roadways and highways. I am, Sir, interested in your article on this subject. I am, Sir, interested in your article on this subject.

WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY suggest that people carry their litter boxes or bags in their cars to take care of such things as candy wrappers, soft drink bottles, cigarette boxes, etc., etc. We would also ask our school children to carry their candy and gum wrappers home to dispose of them instead of throwing them along our roadways, thus helping a lot to keep our streets tidy.

Our Province is considered one of the beauty spots of the Maritime so why should any one wish to mar its beauty by dumping trash along our roadways. We are, Sir, etc. Members of Half-Century Club Bedouin, P.E.I.

Kissing Leads To The Altar

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Mrs. M.B. writes: I read somewhere that kissing among school and college students is spreading virally to people who are allergic to such kisses. My daughter, a high school senior, cannot be transmitted that way unless a person has a cold. Will you or please advise me on this matter? Do there is too much kissing going on these days among school and college children and even older folks.

This is a large order. Various micro-organisms pass from one person to another via kissing. But the chances of developing sore throat and other respiratory infections are just as good when sitting in a classroom or bus, providing someone is contaminated with the air by sneezing or coughing.

Infectious mononucleosis was blamed for kissing once but the idea never received scientific backing. Kissing among college students is all prohibiting by leads more couples to the altar than to the student health department.

The "one-a-day" controversy continues. A retired army colonel wrote us that a daily apple acted as a laxative, made people so healthy it "kept the doctor away."

A 65-year-old woman disagrees—and with reason. She writes: "For 25 years I have eaten 10 apples a day. It is keeping them for the family one a month or so I take a chance and eat them with my husband. I develop violent stomach and chest pains. It takes something like an emergency medicine to bring me back. I can eat cooked apples and have met several people with the same trouble as mine."

This woman is extremely sensitive to apples and should not eat them raw. For her, we might say, "An apple a day brings a big doctor to the door."

HIGH HEMOGLOBIN A.D.C. writes: My hemoglobin is 18. Does this mean polycythemia? No—it is well normal limit. Modern physicians measure hemoglobin (iron content) in grams per 100 cc. of blood. In polycythemia, the hemoglobin is 18 to 24 grams per 100 cc. of blood. In normal, it is 11-12 to 16 per cent and the red cells run up to 7 to 11 million per cubic centimeter.

W.R. writes: Is there any connection between arthritis of the spine and sciatica? It has been estimated that 90 per cent of all cases of sciatica are caused by a slipped disc in the lower back. The remainder have a variety of causes, including arthritis, osteoarthritis, and hernia.

HERNIA REPAIR Mrs. H. writes: A few years ago I had a hernia repaired. Now I have two hernias. I'm 63 years old. Would you advise me to have them repaired? Yes, depending upon the size and location of the hernia, you should have them repaired with your state of health. Some people have issues that are as difficult to repair as a hernia. This makes hernia repair a problem.

AND INFECTIONS R.L. writes: Can a swollen gland in the neck come from a sinus infection, postnasal drip of sinuses? Yes, because the sinuses or toxins from the upper respiratory organs drain into the gland of the neck.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Night lights in the bedroom, bathroom, and area will help oldsters get about.

Our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO September 28, 1938

REAR BRUSHING RECTOR of Crapaud and Springfield, who has been given four dollars for his services, has a good story to tell. He has a good story to tell. He has a good story to tell.

TEN YEARS AGO September 28, 1953 Flying Officer Edna Poirier of St. Nicholas, P.E.I., recently arrived in Hawaii to work in close co-operation with the 165th Medical Squadron, Hawaii. She is the only woman in the Pacific Division, Military Air Transport Service (MATS).

CLAIMS FALSA DATA CINCINNATI (AP)—A U.S. Senate subcommittee report has charged that the U.S. Marshall Commission failed to disclose the effects of MER-29, an anti-schistosome drug, to the Cincinnati Enquirer reporter Wednesday from Washington. The Commission's report stated it had cooperated fully with investigators after the drug was shown to have expected harmful side-effects of the drug.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"The couple next door are so devoted," said wifey. "He kisses me when I want him, and he doesn't do that?" "Well, he doesn't," she explained, "and the man look better to me." "Wife's story."

"I'm worried—'s it raining and my wife is downtown." "Oh, she'll probably step inside some store." "That's just it!"—Galt Reporter.

"Many people are as dumb as they are foolish," says Galt. They haven't sense enough to prepare for rainy days.—Sarnia Observer.

Seventeen of the nation's 26 football deaths last year were due to head and neck injuries and at least some of them could have been prevented if long a clock boys had been discouraged from playing. Dr. Jerry Patterson, team physician on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, recommended that boys' football be discontinued. "It should be discouraged, if not discontinued, from contact sports," says Patterson. A Sports Injury Conference held in San Rafael near San Francisco.—Medical Tribune.

Bosch's Overthrow

By Gnanan Gunning Canadian Press Staff Writer

The fall of the Bosch government in the Dominican Republic shatters high hopes that democracy could be established quickly in the shambles left by the Trujillo dictatorship.

The 65-year-old major in hopes of building a democratic showcase that would contrast with the dictatorship of Batista, with the overthrow of dictator Rafael Trujillo, assassinated in 1961.

He had campaigned among a people that had not freely elected a president in 38 years, said won their support by promising to break up the big estates of the Trujillo era.

His Dominican revolutionary party won 62,000 of the 1,000,000 votes cast—twice as many as its nearest rival. But in the year he was a prisoner in his own palace, overthrown by his military advisers, he had a break in relations with his country towards communism and economic collapse.

His detractors said his downfall are numerous: He was charged with letting Communism and pro-Castro elements get out of control; with fomenting war against neighboring Haiti; with the loss of the economic and social reforms.

His supporters called for a new intellectual leadership, uncut by reactionary business and military interests.

His detractors said he was stubborn, dogmatic, egotistical, and a dreamer. On one occasion before his election he was called a Marxist—by a Jesuit priest. Both met that charge head-on, challenging the priest to a television debate and persuading him to withdraw his attack. SLAKED BY WASHINGTON Despite his clear leftist views, Bosch was once called a Communist. American officials

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