

A Serious Decision

Apparently, the United States' plan to establish missile bases in European countries is not proceeding satisfactorily. At the NATO Council meeting most of the Governments agreed "in principle" to the suggestion. Since then, however, they have taken a second look at it and what they have seen is not exactly reassuring.

The fact is that the European nations are halting between two opinions. Naturally, they want the NATO alliance to be effective, which means that it must be well supplied with modern weapons.

It is, indeed, a serious decision for any country to have to make. And, of course, it is not made any less serious by the threatenings which are coming daily out of Moscow.

Strange Assumptions

Commenting on a broadcast by Hon. Mr. Pearson in which he reviewed his no-confidence motion in Parliament last week, Judith Robinson in the Toronto Telegram scores the Liberal leader's arguments for their astounding departure from Liberal principles.

This motion assumes that government as well as Parliament "ceases to function" and remains in a coma for two months from the time an election is called and that, for that reason, elections are undesirable and dangerous things to have in time of economic uncertainty.

Another assumption is more startling. It implies that votes and resolutions passed at a political party's national convention are sufficient substitutes for electoral approval and entitle a party leader thus briefed and supported to invite an elected government to abdicate in his and his party's favor without the tedious formality of a ballot.

"If Lester B. Pearson believes the first," says the Toronto writer, "he should not be in politics in a parliamentary democracy. The second was a thesis widely accepted—and where not accepted enforced in Germany and Italy before 1945. In that part of the world where you-know-what party is supreme it is political orthodoxy. But it comes oddly from the lips of the chosen leader of Canadian Liberalism."

Learning About Canada

It is common knowledge that the information about Canada held by the average adult American is woefully meagre, especially as regards the country's political structure. (Millions of Americans actually believe that Canadians have to pay tribute to the British Government.)

be a part of the school curriculum. Most of the study is in the 5th and 6th grades of elementary schools. In junior high schools it is the required study in geography, and in senior high schools it is included in courses on world history and world geography.

In 1953 and 1954, the report states, Canadian Consulates received nearly 14,000 requests for instructional material about this country. California sent in the most requests—2,416; but several sent in more than 1000.

"The space given to Canada in American schools is slowly but steadily increasing", the committee reported. "The quality of these text books becomes increasingly important when we realize that at least 23 States determine the text or list of texts that may be used in the elementary schools and only a slightly smaller number determine the text or list of texts for the high schools."

EDITORIAL NOTES

There will be a "Canada House" on New York's Fifth Avenue after all. And this will happen because the Diefenbaker government which only a few weeks ago washed its hands of the project has changed its mind.

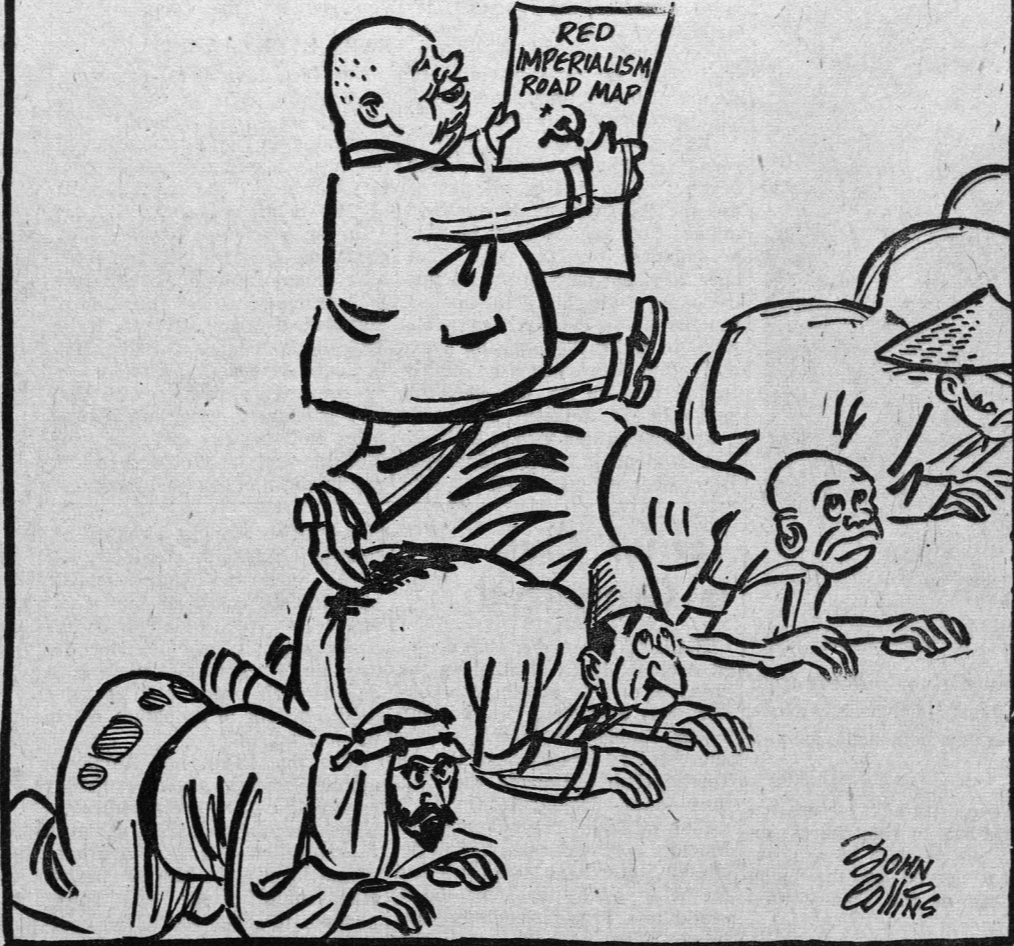
For the second time, Ottawa's City Council has approved fluoridation of the city's water supply. The issue is now before the Ontario government, which is being asked for enabling legislation that would permit the city to proceed.

The scientists—relatively few—who understand what the Einstein Theory of Relativity is all about are suggesting that space travellers will live longer than people who stay home. "That means", writes Dr. Robert K. Plumb in the New York Times, "that a 20-year old man who leaves his twin brother at home while he travels at the speed of light to the star Sirius for example, will find his brother 38 years old when he returns; the traveller himself will have aged only a few years."

Impatient anglers in these parts with a little time on their hands might consider taking a trip to Newfoundland where the trout-fishing season is in full swing. Normally, this time of the year fishing is done through the ice of the lakes and ponds; but this year everything is open and fishermen are journeying by car and train to their favourite streams. That, at any rate, is the report from St. John's. Incidentally, despite the fact that the season opens in early January and lasts till late fall, officials say that no apparent damage is done to the trout supply.

There's a certain cab driver in Washington, D.C. who has the makings of a fine diplomat. One evening last week a man got into his cab and began to talk about the state of the nation. The driver, so the story goes, made out that things couldn't be worse. Everything was going to the dogs and would never be any better until the "Eisenhower gang" was driven out of Washington. "And", he added as a parting shot, "I don't care if you are a Republican".

"WE ARE PREPARED TO HELP YOU AS A BROTHER HELPS BROTHER"—SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE AT THE AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLES' CONFERENCE



STEP - B ROTHERS

The Right Hand Man

Arthur Blakely in The Montreal Gazette

The Honorable Lester Bowles Pearson has now been installed, formally, as Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition. He had become National Leader of the Liberal Party, of course, before the National Liberal Convention of 1958 closed its doors.

But Parliament has its own requirements. And Mr. Pearson did not become Leader of the Opposition until a caucus of the Liberal Parliamentary group had duly ratified the convention's decision. This fills, of course, the vacuum created by the retirement of the Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent.

Stone Age New Guinea

National Geographic Society

New Guinea is one of the last strongholds of the Stone Age. With its wild jungles, rugged mountains, and malarial swamps, it is a land that seems hostile to man. Yet two nations, the Netherlands and Australia, hold firmly to their respective western and eastern halves of the island.

"Plunge Into Free Trade"

Ottawa Journal

We are told that the Liberal Party's national convention took "a fateful plunge into free trade." How fateful a plunge? Says the resolution: "A Liberal government would give immediate, sympathetic and detailed consideration to the British proposal for the gradual establishment of a free trade area between the United Kingdom and Canada and would take into account... the importance of maintaining existing industries and living standards in Canada."

Death Rate Still Too High

This is pneumonia and influenza weather. There are three times as many deaths from these two diseases during January and February than during a summer month like August. Unfortunately, many persons these days mistakenly believe that we don't have to worry about the flu or pneumonia anymore.

This just isn't true. The pneumonia-influenza team is the sixth leading cause of death in America. It killed about 45,000 persons last year. That's more than the total number of persons killed in motor vehicle accidents.

NON-WHITES SUSCEPTIBLE In influenza and pneumonia deaths also are twice as high among non-whites as among whites. Traditionally, mortality rates are high among persons engaged in specific occupations such as mining and welding, since these jobs are often fatiguing and require exposure to bad weather and abrupt changes in temperature.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT men are more likely to die from these two diseases than women. In the age bracket of 45-64, twice as many men as women die of the flu or pneumonia.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The man at the next desk says those three-stage rockets have nothing on his jalopy. On the way home from work the other day it shed, in the following order, the back bumper, a rear fender and its exhaust pipe.—Sudbury Star

Among Nature's mysteries is the way she arranges it so that the fellow who doesn't know how to drive in ice and snow is always the first in line of one hundred stalled cars.—Hamilton Spectator

Two excellent additions have been made this year by the Quebec Government to the province's driving permit regulations. All motorists over the age of 70 must take the same tests that new drivers must pass; and motorists who have been involved in accidents where persons have been injured must also take the tests.—Montreal Gazette

It is well known that safety techniques are an integral part of any rocket launching program. The amateur rocket enthusiasts would well to emulate the professional in this regard and also to their teachers' warnings. Substances that combine with such violence to fuel their rockets can also maim and kill.—Regina Leader Post

The death of a Vancouver boy who was overcome by the fumes of nitrobenzene, which he had intended to use as rocket fuel, again draws attention to the warning issued recently by the Defense Research Board on do-it-yourself rocketry. The DRB noted that rocket fuels, concocted in basement can cause explosions or fires, and cautioned against their unsupervised use. To the danger of fire is now added the hazard of lethal fumes.—Ottawa Citizen

To The Electors Of Ward Three:

As your Councillor during the past two years I have endeavored at all times to serve the folks in Ward 3, and the citizens generally, to the best of my ability.

With the experience so gained, I propose to nominate again for Ward 3 in the hope that I may be permitted to assist further in implementing the things necessary for sound civic administration.

I respectfully ask for your kind support.

FRANK G. O'NEILL

SPRING PARK

A Special Meeting will be held in the hall on Monday night, Jan. 27th at 7:30 p.m. All residents are requested to attend, as important business regarding hall and club will be discussed.

Signed,

Gordon Rodd

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS for more than one hundred years, the Young Men's Christian Association of Charlottetown has exerted a powerful and continuous influence for good citizenship and high ideals among the young men and women of our City, and

WHEREAS, the Y.M.C.A. of Charlottetown through its varied youth program, consistently demonstrated the best in the Canadian way of life, and

WHEREAS, in addition to rendering distinguished service to youth, the Y.M.C.A. has been a strong force in implementing the spirit of true brotherhood, tolerance and understanding throughout this community, and

WHEREAS, the Y.M.C.A. of Charlottetown has proven itself to be worthy of the continued interest, recognition and generous support of our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Lt. Col. J. David Stewart, D.S.O., E.D., Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, do hereby proclaim the week of January 27th to February 1st as Y.M.C.A. WEEK in testimony to the value of this splendid youth-serving organization, and I urge all citizens to join with us in paying honour and respect to the Young Men's Christian Association.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Jan. 27, 1933)

The importance of individual initiative and independence in overcoming depression and in developing and maintaining prosperity was stressed by Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Agriculture, in an address before the

What's The Progress In Birth Control?

Today one billion people live in countries that actively promote "family planning"—as a means of reducing poverty and starvation.

In February Reader's Digest Dr. Abraham Stone, authority in the field, tells what progress has been made towards the "ideal" contraceptive. (One country alone is spending \$2,000,000 a year to control its zooming population.) Get your February Reader's Digest today: 33 articles of lasting interest, condensed to save your time.

per cent, of the general tariff. "That the Liberal party hereby pledges itself to implement by legislation the provisions of this resolution when returned to power."

ALL THE WAY

"We have gone in for free trade with the world," quipped Mr. Sam Jacobs — "free trade with the world and 30 per cent better for Britain."

How did the Liberals keep their word to "implement by legislation these pledges?"

The answer is in an amendment which Mr. Crear's Progressive party moved to the first budget after they took office. This: "That the Liberal party having been returned to power, the budget proposals of the Finance Minister now brought down, based as they are mainly on the principle of protection in respect to the tariff, are wholly inadequate to implement such pledges by legislation."

Mr. Mackenzie King's only answer was that 1919 tariff pledge was not a pledge at all, but only a "chart", and Mr. Fielding's gay cynicism that a platform was "only something to get in on."

MAXIMS

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

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