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Crazy Questions

If Jim Hagerty, President Eisenhower's press secretary, doesn't suffer any ill effects from the ordeal he went through last Tuesday, the day the President suffered a slight stomach upset, he must possess a well balanced temperament, indeed, as well as a good, healthy constitution.

"Did the President get up and then go back to bed? How many times was he up during the night? Did he have butterflies in his stomach? What did he eat to upset him? Was it blueberry pie? Had he been stealing from the pantry unbeknownst to Mrs. Eisenhower? Was it blueberry pie? (This question was repeated so often that finally the secretary gave in and said 'yes, it must have been blueberry pie.')

"Was Dr. Paul Dudley White, the famed heart specialist, called in for consultation? If not, why not? Was the first nausea severe or only mild? How many times did he 'throwup'? Has he had any sleep since the upset occurred? Is he taking pills? If so, what kind? What about milk of magnesia and castor oil? How is Mrs. Eisenhower's stomach? Is she, too, in the habit of eating vile blueberry pie? And what about Secretary of State Dulles? Is his stomach in good shape? What will the Premier of Japan think when he comes to visit the President next week? (The inference here, presumably, was that the President's temporary indisposition might change the course of American-Japanese relations.)

This sort of thing went on for an hour or more in the morning and was repeated in the afternoon. At least, it took from the front pages all discussion of radioactive fallout and other dangers less to be feared than blueberry pie. Incidentally, there won't be any market for blueberries in the United States this summer. What loyal American would eat them after they had laid the President low?

Replying To Nikita

Nikita Khrushchev's boast that within another generation or two Americans will be living under some form of communism does not appear to be getting the sort of reaction from President Eisenhower that might have been expected from the acknowledged leader of the free world community. First, he declined in advance any invitation that might be forthcoming from the Moscow Radio, on the ground that to accept it would be beneath the Presidential dignity. Then, he unwittingly gave Soviet propaganda a boost by saying that, while he did not "think" that Khrushchev's prediction would come true, if it did he was sure that history would record that he himself had baffled strongly against the threatened advance.

The words were hardly out of his mouth before Moscow Radio was saying in effect: "See, what did we tell you? Even the President of the United States is not sure that his country will never become a Communist state." Mr. Eisenhower, of course, did not mean it that way. But that, we may be sure, was the way it sounded to millions of uncommitted persons in Asia and Africa, for whose benefit the boast was made. Nor will the story lose anything in the telling. On the contrary, by the time it is discussed in the grassroots of Egypt, Taiwan and Siam it will probably quote Mr. Eisenhower as admitting that Communism was the coming creed for the United States and other points West.

The only adequate reply we have seen so far came from Mr. George Meany, the head of A.F.L.-C.I.O. In a speech entitled "Labour replies", Mr. Meany did not stand on diplomatic ceremony but went straight to the point at issue and made the Khrushchevian boast look as ridiculous as any foolish assertion could be. This is the sort of thing that a

free world must use in its struggle against Soviet intrigue. Hemming and hawking and hedging of government officials won't do.

Water Safety Week

Next week is National Water Safety Week, a period planned by the Canadian Red Cross Society to bring to our attention the value of swimming and other summer sports, and also the dangers that lurk in, near or on the water. The record of drownings during the summer months is always a sorrowful one. In many cases they are not mere accidents, but the result of venturesome escapades coupled with an ignorance of water safety. Safety rules are easily learned and easily followed. A knowledge of them and an understanding of their application will mean a happier and healthier summer for all concerned.

In this Province, on or about July 2, approximately 5,500 children will begin attending swimming instruction classes under the direction of the Red Cross. About fifty young men and women, accomplished swimmers and thoroughly trained in life saving technique, will hold classes during the summer months in all sections of the Province. This is a splendid movement, deserving of every encouragement. When we consider that thirteen lives were lost in Prince Edward Island last year by drowning, we can better realize how important it is to all our citizens.

Oil Through Israel

It is reported that the French Government have agreed to lend the Israeli Government a substantial sum of money, said to be in the neighborhood of £5 millions, for the construction of an oil pipe-line. This would be sufficiently large to be able, not only to supply Israel's own needs, but to take oil directly from Elath to Haifa, whence it would be shipped to Europe. The Israeli Government hope to find the other half of the cost of the pipe-line from Jewish overseas investors. If the construction of the pipe is started within a few weeks, it might even be possible for it to be completed before the end of the year.

It is, notes The Commonwealth magazine, difficult to estimate what the cost of transporting by this method would be. There would necessarily have to be "transshipment" from the tanker to the pipe-line at Elath, and back again to a ship at Haifa, but this should not involve the difficulty presented by the transshipment of dry goods. In fixing a price the Israeli Government would no doubt have regard to the interest payable on the loan for the pipe-line and would, of course, have to charge enough to ensure that the line was kept in a good state of repair, but as against this there would be a much shorter journey by sea and no Suez Canal dues. It will be interesting to see how, in fact, the price will compare with the present price of transporting oil through the Suez Canal.

The laying of this line makes it more important than ever that the rights of British ships to go to and from Elath should be exercised, and that the first British ship should go to Elath as soon as possible, following the example of the American ship which has already been there.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Diefenbaker needed his sturdy constitution to come through the election campaign unexhausted. In the course of it he travelled 20,845 miles and made 103 speeches.

A British biochemist has come forward with the suggestion that the influenza epidemic now rampant in Southeast Asia might be a consequence of nuclear radiation fallout.

When the first Mayflower arrived off Plymouth, Mass., it was met by a group of Indian hunters and fishermen. The second Mayflower was greeted by a group of Indians from the Mid-West who own oil wells. The centuries have brought many changes, to be sure.

The Pennsylvania State Superior Court has ruled that sleeping at the wheel is reckless driving. "It is impossible," says the decision, "to conceive how anyone operating a motor vehicle on a public highway while asleep and thus incapacitated to drive could be anything less than a menace to other users of the highway and guilty of reckless driving."



RECOGNITION

PUBLIC FORUM

MARITIME PROSPECTS IN UPPER CANADIAN MARKETS

Sir, Having been a resident in Ontario and having worked throughout that province and Quebec since I was transferred from the Maritime Provinces 35 years ago, I have been watching with interest the interest from the four Maritime Provinces are presenting in your struggle to share in the rich markets of Upper Canada and which was promised you at Confederation.

To us in the merchandizing field there are three essentials in the marketing of goods successfully: 1. Quality; 2. Ability to land merchandise in the desired market as competitive prices.

With more than 1,000 miles between Moncton and Toronto, a high barrier is immediately encountered unless the goods can be shipped in carload lots which on some articles is \$1.48 per 100 pounds cheaper than the high "less-than-carload" rate of \$2.96 per 100 pounds. The latter is the general shipping procedure (due to curtailed demand) and this handicap of nearly \$30 a ton is a grievous bar to the free flow of Maritime goods to Central Canada.

The pooling could be arranged in either of two ways: A. By loading the pool cars at certain central points to which the individual shipper could ship or truck, and B. The instituting by the rail ways of special tariffs whereby a freight car could be stopped off at several points along the line until the minimum weight is made up.

The latter is nothing new in the building up of the economy of an underdeveloped part of the country. This policy has had a beneficial effect in building up that part of Ontario north of North Bay (a provincial project to open up the far North) has had a tariff for years whereby a carload from the West until the North Country got on its feet.

The third prerequisite for successful marketing is an adequate system of distribution and selling.

I am glad to see that the four Atlantic Provinces are at length working together closely and are opening offices in England and the United States. Good! But why not open offices in the rich markets closer at hand and in which there is no exchange problem — for our goods?

Why not open offices in Montreal and Toronto as centres of Maritime propaganda in which you could have a warehouse stocked with Maritime products and from which could radiate a small but well-trained staff of Maritime salesmen extolling the quality of their Atlantic products under the super-imposed, provincial-guaranteed all-embracing brand "Evangeline" or "Maritime Maid."

The Central Canadian people would then come to recognize that that name is synonymous with "quality". This would require supervision of quality by provincial government inspectors.

The Provinces should also work as a team, sharing the expense, in order to bring their products to the attention of the masses of the upper provinces by taking display space (still working together) at such well-attended fairs as the Toronto Exhibition and Royal Winter Fair, Ottawa and London exhibitions and the Quebec fairs.

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Stir Over Rent Act

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England Bureau

With the Labor Opposition benches in the House of Lords empty as a mark of silent protest, one of the most controversial acts of Parliament since the war received its Royal Assent here. On to the statute book goes the Rent Act. Already, it has helped to lose votes for Mr. Macmillan's Conservative government. It is due to lose many more.

The Rent Act allows private landlords of some 6,000,000 houses in Britain to put up rent — for many of them, the first time since 1939. It means — at least hopes the Government — that landlords will be getting something like an economic return for their "investments". For millions, an increase in rent is inevitable.

There are hundreds of thousands of houses in this country which cost their tenants under three dollars a week. They are not mansions — most of them are in the industrial districts, or in remote areas. Most of them are old. Most of them are shabby, most of them neglected because, although rents have been kept the same since 1939, repair costs have gone up three and a half times.

Now, hopes the Government, and in particular chummy-faced Mr. Henry Brooke, who became Housing Minister this first ministerial post; late in his political career and was immediately saddled with the unpopular Rent Act to steer through Parliament, more private landlords will be encouraged to relet their houses and apartments unfurnished when the existing tenants move out. Up to now, the practice has been to get rid of rented property once tenants move away and it can be put on the market with the added "Vacant Possession" tag.

ONLY STIR The passing of the Rent Act has been the only political stir worth mentioning here. And anyhow, when Britain is faced with a Test match, Britain's cricket equivalent of the World Series) and the famous Derby horse race in one day, it is difficult to get her interested in anything else.

I've still got to get hit by the fascination the English have when it comes to twenty-two men plus a couple of umpires that always remind me, with their white coats and hats, of impish clerks in a drug store, who sell shirts and flannel trousers in a small hard ball. Radios are taken to work, commentaries listened to throughout the day. The boss does not seem a mind — the boss is usually more cricket-crazy than his employees.

This year, though, I am resolved to make an effort to see one of the five cricket Test matches they are holding in England. Visiting opposition this year is the West Indies team.

Since their last visit, Britain has been receiving a lot of West Indians as immigrants. They now per Canadian markets for lost natural New England ones.

This is not a pipe dream. I know whereof I speak. And if offices and distribution centres are established in the upper provinces, when the Seaway is completed, instead of being detrimental, it should work to the advantage of the lower provinces, enabling cargo to be picked up along the coast and taking it up "All water" at a very cheap rate to be distributed through such important Lake and River ports as Quebec City, Three Rivers, Montreal, Cornwall, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton, Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie and the Lakehead ports.

I am completely disinterested from a point of view of personal gain. I still have a warm spot for the folks of the Maritimes and I do sincerely believe that a Seaway made by work. There is real hope now that the four premiers are seeing eye-to-eye, and I shall be prepared to help all I can to bring it to fruition.

I am, Sir, etc. T. G. CRAWFORD Toronto, Ont.

Program For Expectant Pops

By Herman N. Bundeas, M.D.

Most everyone makes a big fuss about an expectant mother. There is plenty of advice available on what she should do, what she should eat—even what she should wear.

But the poor expectant father goes wandering about in a daze, completely unaware that he has important duties, too. Let me try to remedy this situation right now, the day before we pay tribute to Pop.

ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITY The father as well as the mother should be prepared for the additional responsibilities a baby will bring.

Many hospitals today have programs insisting the father-to-be on how to bathe the baby and help in his care. If such instruction is available to you, I advise that you take advantage of it.

Yet, the father has another important role to play as he and his wife get ready to welcome the baby. I think it would be extremely helpful if he fully understood just what changes are taking place in the mother's body.

SHOULD HELP HIS WIFE A husband can aid during her pregnancy.

For one thing, you fathers-to-be should accompany your wife when she goes to see her obstetrician or physician. This will help you to understand the emotional changes she may undergo and the need for adjusting to them.

You have got to learn to adjust to her change in disposition and to rather abrupt reversal of her attitude toward domestic habits and situations. These are apt to occur fairly often.

FOLLOW DOCTOR'S ORDERS If your wife is reticent about visiting the doctor and carrying out his directions concerning diets, activities, exercises and medications, you can encourage her to follow his orders.

You can also help quiet any fears which might develop. And you can keep her happy during this period. Show more than normal interest in her and bring her small gifts every once in a while. This will help her a great deal, believe me.

QUESTION AND ANSWER S. E.: I had a coronary heart attack about six months ago. Are there any known cures for this disease?

Answer: You should have adequate rest and eliminate possible contributing factors such as overweight, high blood pressure or stress which might have led to your having an attack.

The Age Old Story

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.



TO FATHER Within my heart there is a little room. Where every thought of you is welcome guest. Forget-me-nots of incense fill the air. And golden dreams of you come home to rest.

For there is all the loveliness of spring. The blossoming flower and the budding tree. And all the sweetness of the days of old. When you shared every grief and joy with me.

And so today beside your pictured face. I've placed a bowl of pansies gold and blue. To let you know, that deep within my heart Will live forever, these tender thoughts of you. —Constance I. Heckbert

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 15, 1922)

In a fire which at one time threatened to destroy the entire village, a building owned by John McAtee, and occupied as a residence and store by Mr. A. Murphy, was completely destroyed at Emerald yesterday. The residence of John Croken and three barns were also destroyed and the B.I.S. hall was partly burned.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 15, 1917)

Work on the railway wharf on the Charlottetown waterfront is expected to be completed by late summer or early fall. It was learned yesterday. At the present time between 25 and 30 men are engaged in re-inforcing the west wall and the wharf face proper. The approximate estimated cost of the work when completed will be \$400,000.

His Honour Lieutenant Governor Dalton has received word that the French sloop Ville d'Ys will arrive in Charlottetown on June 28th and will remain until July 2nd. Notification has also been received of the arrival here on September 23rd of H.M.S. Heliotrope which will remain until Sept. 28.

Her reports hardly come under the heading of news to Canadians. She tells again the known truths, but at least she has added more food for thought to thousands of would-be emigrants.

JUVENILES RESPONSIBLE

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (CP)—The president of the Canadian Fire Marshal's association said Thursday there has been an "alarming" increase in arson cases attributable to juveniles. Basil Nixon, also British Columbia fire marshal, told the association's annual meeting "more than 40 per cent of incendiary fires noted in 1956 were attributed to juveniles."

DEEPEST MINE

World's deepest operating gold mine, the Robinson Deep in the South African Rand, soon is to be 9,500 feet.

MAXIMS

The nearest way to glory is to strive to be what you wish to be thought to be.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The small businessman in Canada who has been turned down by his bank this year must postpone expansion and retrench. That is one reason behind the slowdown of the annual spring upswing in Canadian business this year, and it is clearly reflected in the construction business, where the difficulties of small contractors (Some large ones, too) are legion. It applies to the length and breadth of small business throughout Canada. —Toronto Telegram

A weed called yellow rocket was a newcomer to this area only a few seasons ago. At first it was a curiosity; now it threatens to become worse even than the long established mustard that pollutes a number of Eastern Ontario grainfields. The rocket (such a sprightly sort of name for an evil weed) has certain peculiarities. It is an early plant. By the first of June it is already in bloom and on the way to going to seed, thereby to propagate itself for the next year. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder

A past president of the American Medical Association, speaking at a medical conference in Chicago, said that a life-span of 100 to 150 years for most people is in sight, as the result of medical progress. No doubt this is welcome news, but in one respect it opens up an anxious prospect. It may mean that people will be living on pensions or other fixed incomes for half or three quarters of a century. And if the buying power of fixed income continues to shrink, as it has been shrinking, the position of these long-lived people will be quite desperate. —Montreal Gazette

Visitors to Detroit or Buffalo may hope to see a good stage play in a theatre, are surprised to find that these big cities—Detroit nearly 2,000,000, Buffalo about 600,000—have no theatres in regular operation. Presumably radio and television have killed the theatre, which is a great pity. —St. Thomas Times Journal

An adoring grandmother willingly consented to baby sit for her small grandson and tucked him cozily into bed. "Now there," she said. "Let's have a bedtime story, shall we?" Fuzzy Wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy Wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy Wuzzy wasn't fuzzy, was he? There was no answer as the small boy looked at her steadily. "Well, darling, was Fuzzy Wuzzy fuzzy or wasn't he?" she said. "Grandma," the boy said, "You are drunk." —Ottawa Journal

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