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Sure It's A Raw Deal

Perhaps we can't do much about it just now, but we should be at least able to agree with Mr. Heath Macquarrie, MP for Queens, in his contention that we have much to lose and little to gain by the encouragement Ottawa has given the bigger provinces in "opting out" of present and future shared-cost programs.

But as Mr. Macquarrie has emphasized, this is actually of more concern to us in Prince Edward Island than to any other province, east or west. He proved this from the results accruing during the last twelve months. Out of \$187,000,000 new revenue made available to the provinces, the Island is to receive less than \$800,000, and there is no assurance that in further transference of this kind we shall fare any better proportionately.

It is true that most of the fields in which shared-cost programs operate were originally assigned by the BNA Act to the provinces. But the programs were introduced because of a realization that the act no longer allowed the smaller provinces to be the sources of revenue they needed to meet their constitutional obligations.

By jettisoning them now—by surrendering revenue and initiative to the provinces to go their own way and let the devil take the hindmost—Ottawa has put a block back, not ahead, at Prime Minister Pearson's bland claims to have done so.

We are on the receiving end of the shabbier deal we ever got from Ottawa since the tax-sharing agreements were introduced, and that's the proof of the pudding so far as we are concerned. We've been put behind the eight-ball, and no mistake. Given the raspberry, as they say, instead of the cream. Fobbed off with a beggarly morsel and told we should be thankful. Hit below the belt, and by nice fellows like Mr. Gordon and Mr. Pickersly, too!

Maybe we've got our metaphors mixed. But there is no reason why any of us should get our thinking mixed on a vital subject of this kind, whether from motives of partisan loyalty or whatnot. This is going to be the big issue down here in the next federal election, whenever it comes, if it isn't straightened out in the meantime.

They'd better pass that along the grapevine to Mr. MacNaught, who can relay it to his colleagues in the Pearson Cabinet.

November Deadline

The United States continues to insist on maintaining its economic boycott of Cuba, and is increasing its pressure on other Western powers, to do the same. But it must realize that its embargo policy is on the point of collapse.

of the isolate-Castro policy and ready to jump in and trade with him—and any other Communist country—as soon as the policy is finally discarded.

But this, observers predict, will not be until after the November presidential election. No softening toward Castro can be permitted before then. After that, it is hoped there will be a reassessment of American policy with regard both to Cuba and Communist China.

But before this deadline is reached another disturbing possibility is looming in the Cuban situation. At Miami, Florida, Cuban exiles believe the zero hour is beginning for a long, deadly campaign of landings in Cuba by anti-Communist action groups seeking Castro's overthrow. The U.S. government is not openly associated with these activities, but it appears to have done nothing to discourage them, either.

The Miami area, with more than 100,000 Cuban exiles, is said to be buzzing with excitement over this invasion plan, which could turn out to be another Bay of Pigs fiasco. The Cuban independence anniversary date of May 20 has been fixed for launching it. If that deadline is to be met, time is running short.

Disturbing Trend

In a recent speech in Timmins, Ont., Hon. Rene Levesque, the Quebec minister of resources, told an audience that he did not want the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada. But it won't be the end of the world if it does come.

Premier Lesage is credited with having stated, some time ago, that separation was not the answer to Quebec's problems—that indeed it would be suicidal to the province's interests. Most Canadians will be in full accord with this statement. But there appears to be a difference of opinion on the subject in the Quebec Legislature, and even among Mr. Lesage's own cabinet colleagues.

The committee of inquiry is to have the study made by "experts," who are expected to be named within a few days. It is a disturbing decision, whichever way one looks at it. For whatever the results of the inquiry, it cannot fail to serve the purpose of keeping a bitterly controversial issue alive; of giving a sounding board, under official sanction, to those who extremists who are already, goodness knows, audible enough, even at this distance.

Timely Warning

Once again, the Department of National Health is warning that "holidays spent on the farm are usually happy and healthy but accidents that happen there are not so happy." A visiting child will enjoy the equipment and the animals, but if he is a city youngster he should not have his freedom. He should not be allowed to get involved with the cattle or horses—the "gentle king" are not all angelic in temper and the horses may not be used to children.

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EDITORIAL NOTE

Program note for the 55th annual meeting of the Canada Public Health Association to be held at Moncton, N.B., in June, as quoted in the Financial Post: "On Tuesday evening all registrants are invited to be guests of the Province of Prince Edward Island at a shore dinner at which hostesses will be the guests of honor."



100 NOISY IN BOTH CASES

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Of Practical Value To Medical Researchers

Doctors and veterans alike have expressed their delight and support after reading this column's recent comment: "The Coming Crisis in Medicine; Canada's shortage of doctors." In this piece, I discussed the criticisms levelled by Dr. P.B. Ryan, M.P., against the government proposal to turn Veterans Hospitals over to provincial and municipal authorities.

At a time when our own output of trained doctors is falling behind both qualitatively and quantitatively, the significance of the chain of Veterans Hospitals is growing. Our General Hospital, Dr. Ryan, are largely "active treatment hospitals," filled with emergency cases requiring short-term medical services.

Useful Tool For Millions

National Geographic Society

Some linguists would welcome a new name for Pidgin English to give this highly useful language an air of respectability. Some have proposed to call it "Bijelilla" as a second language, but this is not numerically with such formal language as Javanese, Korean, Polish and Hawaiian.

PUBLIC FORUM

A WONDERFUL FEELING Sir.—Two years ago, at the age of seven, I received my first medical attention. It was kind of hard to believe, I had reached that age and yet I was handled like a child. I had been for that many years, I had reasonably good health and my farm which I had grown up on, was still mine to walk around upon, even though I was made over to my mother's death. Tom, I had a room in the house on the farm, where I first saw the light of day, but I wasn't really there.

So I sat down and wrote a dozen or so letters to those who were dear to me. We all had one pair of pigs spare, Mac, and no more will be said about it ever again. I'm going into that ton of hay, consider it paid. Bring the wife over some evening for a game of cards, and so on and so on. Some were surprised, could they really pay, but I accepted no offers.

Dilated Branches

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Bronchitis is a chronic lung disease associated with cough and the excretion of large amounts of sputum. The disorder usually develops after a prolonged chest infection such as influenza or pneumonia. Most patients have an associated sinus infection.

The bronchial walls and adjacent lung tissue become weakened in bronchitis. They balloon out to form reservoirs in which the mucus usually located in the lower part of the lung. This is where the secretions gather and congregate during the day when the individual is upright.

The quietest is not influenced by gravity at night but the situation changes on arising from bed. Shifting of the mucus stimulates the cough reflex. If the mucus is not coughed up and expelled after several minutes, trying to clear the lungs. A cough or sneeze may be expected before coughing stops.

It may be the only relief of the day. But bouts of coughing are more frequent in those cases where the mucus is not expelled after several minutes, trying to clear the lungs. A cough or sneeze may be expected before coughing stops.

LOW RACKACHE

W. B. writes: "When I would pain at the base of the spine indicate?"

Arthritis or strain of the lower part of the spine or sacroiliac joints. Pain in the lower back (coccydynia) usually follows injury. Now and then backache in this area may be due to an infected cyst or a rectal disorder.

GAMMA GLOBULIN J. R. writes: "I am severely allergic to bacteria a blood report indicates gamma globulin deficiency. What is the value of this substance in producing immunity?"

It may be a natural antibodies against bacteria.

KIDNEY STONES Mrs. B. writes: "What can a person do to pass a kidney stone other than surgery?"

Nothing, except to pray the stone will pass. If it fails to do so, consent to an operation because the stone's damage the kidney.

STEAM BATHS A. R. writes: "What are the benefits of steam baths?"

They open the pores, cleanse the skin, and promote sweating. These baths have the disadvantage of increasing the pulse rate and work best on the heart.

LIVER AND WEARINESS J. M. writes: "Does liver trouble cause excessive tiredness?"

Fatigue is one symptom. (Note: All correspondence to "Dr. Van Dellen" should be addressed to Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, in care of Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

By Sam C. Aumors.

"The Cradle of Confederation" by Lorne C. Callbeck

Another of Pidgin is the only common language for people living in the 2,000 miles of Africa's western coast. Peace Corps volunteers going to the region are taught to speak it.

"The Cradle of Confederation" by Lorne C. Callbeck

"The Age Old Story" No secret can save two masters. Like 1818.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An Illinois psychologist tells us — he went and told everybody — that newspaper editors and publicists are more concerned about people in the country. They are "somewhat" (that's all right) more concerned about people more anxious than student flyers and underwriter demolition experts. His analysis is associated with a low standard of living. We know the latter but we never former. Baltimore Sun.

Concerned About Goldwater

By Barrie Martland Canadian Press Staff Writer

Moderate Republicans are becoming increasingly concerned that Senator Barry Goldwater, despite his arch-conservative politics, will be the Republican party's candidate for the U.S. presidency.

The handsome senator from Arizona seems to have, like young Lochinvar, ridden in from the west and got away with the goods.

The goods in this case being more real and potential votes from delegates to the national convention in San Francisco next July than in the field.

The latest Associated Press survey shows that of 70 delegates now chosen 266 will vote for Goldwater in the first ballot.

Other surveys more than double the AP figures but include probable votes. To win he must stand in the wings and lodge in the California primary and a Goldwater win against Rockefeller, who, it could induce the hold-outs in other states to capitulate and flock to the Goldwater camp.

Sphairistike Tennis

Ninety years ago a British cavalry officer obtained a patent for a game which he called "Sphairistike or Lawn Tennis." Whether or not Major Walter Clopton Wingfield "invented" the pastime is a moot point and relatively unimportant.

What matters is that through the years the game known as tennis has served not merely as a spectator sport but as a healthy recreation for the young, the less young, and even the elderly.

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