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Who Said Moribund?

Aren't we glad we weren't over-hasty in swallowing that concept about the railway being practically a dead duck in this part of Canada, and in planning for its "phasing out" operations here by eliminating rail facilities from our causeway-tunnel project? We have never been able to get much light on that "general preliminary meeting of the minds between the two levels of government" which reportedly took place in Transport Minister Pickersgill's office at Ottawa in June, 1964, at which time this scheme was discussed.

With a nine per cent increase in freight revenues and a rise of nearly 13 per cent in passenger revenues in 1965, the Canadian National is forecasting continued growth in the local economy in the new year. Moreover, as Mr. Grayston says, "a transportation service cannot do well if the area it serves is declining. This is why our successes during 1965 are good news for everyone in the region. They are a clear indication that the Atlantic provinces are in the middle of an economic upswing."

Canadian National economists, who keep a close finger on the economic pulse of the region to prepare for future transportation needs, have diagnosed the outlook for Atlantic Canada as promising. They point out that the region is benefiting from a total capital investment of three billion dollars in the past four years, and world markets for the region's products are expected to increase.

Noted among the many expansions of service during the year is the continuance, throughout the winter, of the bus links between Prince Edward Island and main train lines, previously a summer-only service. After a record summer ferry season between Borden and Tormentine, "the most-frequent winter service ever offered" is being provided.

When the causeway has been constructed, we may expect a tremendous increase in this traffic. We have that assurance from railway officials, who are as concerned as the rest of us in seeing that this great undertaking is brought to fulfillment. The increase in last year's rail traffic throughout the region, and the prospects for further gains next year, are but a foretaste of what is to come.

New Look For Justice

Of the numerous changes involved in Prime Minister Pearson's recent cabinet reorganization announcement, none has attracted more editorial attention than his proposed splitting up of the functions of the Department of Justice. Under the new arrangement, this department will continue to administer the federal courts, draft legislation, and conduct litigation and prosecutions for the government. But a new department, headed by the Solicitor General, will administer the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the penitentiaries and the parole board.

The announcement is seen to follow the Ontario government's decision to establish a Solicitor General's department to take over, from the provincial Attorney General, such matters as the Ontario Securities Commission, the insurance branch, loan and trust companies, and financial organizations involved in the commercial field—thus leaving the Attorney General to concentrate more on programs aimed at preventing the growth of organized crime, fraudulent bankruptcies and stock frauds. The administration of justice at both the provincial and federal

levels, it is said, has become too complex and far-reaching for one minister to handle. It is even suggested that the Pearson and Roberts administrations may have got together beforehand to discuss federal changes in this regard.

Some commentators have argued that the confusion that already exists in matters of justice and law enforcement could be aggravated further by dividing the federal jurisdiction between the two departments. This applies particularly to the decision to separate the courts on the one hand and the penitentiaries branch and parole board on the other. The Toronto Star maintains that the move will make it easier for mistakes to happen in the future. "It is probable," it says, "that the poor showing the department made in the Rivard affair contributed to the decision that a change was necessary. But here again the remedy may only aggravate the disease." And it quotes former Justice Minister Davie Fulton as saying, "It could be far more likely under the new setup that an RCMP report would never get to the Department of Justice."

The Ottawa Journal, however, takes a different view. "The RCMP Act," it says, "requires the commissioner to report directly to the Minister of Justice. This means that the minister is kept informed on the progress of investigation in important cases. When the inquiry is complete, the minister then puts on another cap-and, turning from the police to his legal advisers, has to decide whether the evidence is sufficient to warrant prosecution. Under the proposed new system, the Solicitor General will supervise the policing but advice on prosecutions will be given by the cool legal minds of the Department of Justice who will know nothing of the case until the final investigation documents come before them. This appears to be an improvement."

We shall have to wait and see. Mr. Pearson told a press conference that it would take months to work out the reorganization of government departments to match the cabinet changes he announced; which means that the subject will be a lively topic of discussion when Parliament meets next month.

Japan's Attitude

No country is in a better position than Japan to appreciate what a nuclear threat means, and it is viewing with understandable misgiving the progress which Communist China is making in its nuclear tests. An interview given recently by Premier Eisaku Sato in Tokyo to James Reston, associate editor of the New York Times, placed emphasis on this problem. Also it revealed the level-headed approach the Japanese premier takes to matters of this kind, and the reason why he is so keen on a universal treaty on nuclear arms that would prevent the proliferation of such weapons and, at the same time, provide guarantees of protection to the non-nuclear powers.

Japan and the United States face a similar dilemma in regard to relations with China, whose leaders have opposed peaceful coexistence with countries of other ideologies, Mr. Sato said. Japan "separates politics from economics in her China policy," and would not abandon Tokyo's relations with Nationalist China in any deal to bring Peking into the United Nations.

Nevertheless, the premier was hopeful that the United States would come to have friendly relations with Peking as soon as possible. Japan, he pointed out, has normalized its relations with the Republic of Korea, and it desired to do the same with Communist China. "If Communist China understood our position," he insisted, "we could coexist." All that was required was acceptance of the principle of "non-interference and respect for the principles of territorial integrity."

Does that seem a futile expectation? Premier Sato did not see it that way. He noted that a few years ago "no one would have conceived so much improvement" as now exist in relations between the United States and the Soviet Union. That, he suggested, might prove to be a precedent for an eventual rapprochement with China.

In any case, he said emphatically, he would not favor changing the anti-rearmament clause of Japan's post-war constitution, under which the country's armed forces of about 250,000 are confined to a limited defensive role. Here, it would seem—if Mr. Sato truly speaks for his people—is one nation which has thoroughly learned the lesson of World War Two.

Down on the Islands in the Sun Repairing the cabinet was some fun Our financial future is in sharp hands While Winters plans trade with foreign lands Now J. Greene is the farmer's friend And Postal problems are Côté's to mend Adding Marchand and Turner before I was done I finished my cabinet down in the Sun CABINET CALYPSO

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Still A Potent Power In Commons

The Man of the Year on Parliament Hill has without any question been John Diefenbaker. Not because he has held the top spot - in fact he did not; not because of his achievements - which have been sensational; but because he has once again proved himself to be the most effective figure on our national political scene. Whether Canadians admire John Diefenbaker or hate him, all must admit that he occupies their thoughts more than any other politician, and more than any other he influences the course of Parliament.

They Get Along Nicely

Maldivian Islanders dry fish for a living, fly kites for pleasure, and practice witchcraft for whatever ails them. The modern world has brushed only lightly against the sunny archipelago in the Indian Ocean—there are no police, no traffic, no telephones, no television. The neat, well-kept streets of the capital, Male, are paved with white sand. The ruling Sultan walks to Moslem prayers every Friday. He is preceded by soldiers armed with shotguns to shoot any offenders among the capital's noisy crowds. But the cunning birds seem to keep quiet on Fridays.

Our Yesterdays

ALL LONDON firemen aided by thousands of volunteers battled towering flames throughout London following one of the most destructive raids yet loosed by waves of German bombers in a pre-midnight raid. President Roosevelt told his country that if Great Britain was defeated the point of a sun would be shining on the United States "must be the great arsenal of democracy."

TEN YEARS AGO

Mr. Sterling MacRae, Brookfield, was elected President of the P.E.I. Junior Farmers' Federation at their annual meeting at Prince of Wales College. George C. Macdonald presided.

SEARCH DELAYS PLANE

DETROIT (AP) — Investigators, searching an American Airlines DC6 because of a telephone bomb threat Sunday night, found only a "nothing box"—an electronic gadget for bored executives that does nothing. The plane with 61 persons aboard was delayed two hours at Metropolitan Airport. The nothing box contains an array of red and white lights, a buzzer, dials and switches.

Hypertension Without Cause

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Essential hypertension is high blood pressure without evident cause. It is the most common form of the disease. Physicians believe that it contributes to, or hastens, hardening of the arteries and thereby is an important causal factor in heart attacks, strokes, and renal disease. Why do some develop essential hypertension? Age, stress, heredity are frequently blamed.

Pure Flapdoodle

The current radio sales pitch for a patent medicine says that it contains a "medically recognized; laboratory-tested ingredient." The ingredient is not named. It's wonderful the way words can be strung together to sound important without saying a thing.

Crisis In The Kitchen

No one knows a thing about French cooking can be surprised that Rene Verdon, hired as White House chef during the Kennedy regime, has quit. It was inevitable after Mrs. Mary Kaitman, late director of foods at the Driskill hotel in Austin, Tex., was named White House food co-ordinator by the Johnsons.

Those Train Whistles

Do you remember the train whistles? Remember the far-carrying, lonesome sound of the whistles in the days when steam engines came puffing and clattering into the small villages? Train whistles have sounded far across the level prairies; they have sent their messages along fertile river valleys; their lonesome, high-pitched whoo-who-who has echoed among hills and mountains.

Support For Stock Exchange

The desire of Halifax for a regional stock exchange is justified and its creation is long overdue. The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council made the proposal some years ago, but unfortunately nothing was done to implement it.

Slow Down - Radar Ahead!

How do those radar speed traps really work? Can they be fooled by slamming on the brakes?... by placing a radar detector in your car? Here are facts—and popular misconceptions—about police radar, and how it saves lives in many Canadian cities.

THANK YOU

The patients at Beach Grove and Provincial Home for the Aged, wish to extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation to all those kind people who have in so many ways contributed to make their Christmas so enjoyable. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best of health and happiness in the New Year.

How Many Viet Nams?

WASHINGTON (CP) — How many Viet Nams and Dominicans Republics can the United States handle. This is one of the questions which creates doubts here about American foreign policy—made plainer in 1965—of countering threats of Communist expansion with unilateral global police action.

In Viet Nam, the troop commitments may be near 40,000 before 1966 ends. In Santo Domingo, where recent events show how tenuous the peace still is, there remain 3,000 American troops, or the bulk of the peace force hastily patched together by the Organization of American States.

DEFICATED AS THREAT

It also played a part in the recent renewal within NATO to depict China and the Vietnam war as just as great a threat to NATO as the Soviet Union ever was. But Church says the U.S. is going to have to take a more realistic look at its foreign policy because of the sweeping change abroad for communism to promote "liberation movements" and the sheer impossibility of being everywhere at once.

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BRITISH FILM IS TOPS

NEW YORK (AP)—Darling, a British-made study of a young uninhibited model, has been voted the best English-language film of 1965 by New York film critics. Julie Christie, star of the comedy-drama, and John Gielgud, singer, the director, also won top honors in the best actor and best director categories.

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