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A National Problem

The need for federal aid to education was underlined by the Hon. Keir Clark, Minister of Education, in addressing the convention of the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation here this week.

Mr. Clark cited in particular two recent developments which should cause the Federal Government to take a second look at education in the national interest.

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As pointed out in the LaZerte report, federal aid for education is only an extension of the general principle recognized in Dominion Government finance, namely, compulsory contributions to the Federal treasury according to taxpaying ability and assistance in return according to provincial needs.

"With the findings of this Committee," Mr. Clark stated, "I most wholeheartedly agree and hope that our Federal Government will give it the full consideration it rightfully deserves."

No Cause For Alarm

There was a time, and not so long ago, when the repudiation of a friendship pact between nations by one of the signatories was considered a very serious matter.

Germany will be in no position to make any aggressive move towards any nation, East or West. All this indicates that the repudiation of the pacts is dictated by political considerations which have nothing whatever to do with fear of West German military strength or intentions.

In the second place, the Soviet action merely puts an official stamp on a situation that has existed ever since the end of the war. At no time has the Soviet Union demonstrated by word or deed the slightest interest in British or French friendship.

The Pope's Message

In these days when fear of possible atomic war is on every side it is good to hear one authoritative voice raised in hope and cheer and say to a distressed world, "I am watching scientific advances in the field of nuclear energy without fear or trepidation."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Another straw in the wind concerning Pakistan's declared intention to sever all ties with British institutions: commencing Jan. 1, 1956, traffic will keep to the right, instead of to the left, the latter being a relic from the days of British rule.

In an attempt to encourage thrift, the Swedish Government is considering putting a 10% levy on all tax bills, this amount to be kept for a number of years and then returned to tax payers in the form of Government bonds bearing interest.

As the current Newfoundland seal hunt comes to its close, without recording any heavy catches which featured the voyage in other days, it is being suggested that this adventure in sea and ice is about to become a classic and thrilling saga of the past.

It will be recalled that some months ago a Japanese fisherman died from what doctors called atomic radiation, following a hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific. This was denied by physicians of the United States Atomic Energy Commission, who blamed the death on jaundice.



"Born Thirty Years Too Soon"

OTTAWA REPORT Atlantic Nations Parliament

Canada has invited her thirteen allies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to join her in creating a "Parliament of the Atlantic."

The planet Earth has been described as a whirling ball of rock that carries more than two billion human passengers on a journey through space.

Our allies have without exception praised Canada for this far-sighted step. It will be the first occasion in history when the elected representatives of nations of the New World and the Old World have formally gathered together, to discuss their mutual problems and ambitions.

Just what course the week-long discussions will take, Senator Robertson is unable to predict. He is inviting each country to nominate one representative to a steering committee, and this committee will meet before the plenary sessions, to prepare an agenda.

It would be a fitting tribute to Canada, and to Senator Robertson in recognition of the part he has played in promoting this meeting, if he should be nominated as the first Speaker of this international assembly.

The basic idea behind this meeting, he tells me, is that our elected legislators should have a more intimate knowledge of our international relations. The Cabinet and the Civil Service assume the policy initiative and the daily routine of this field, he says, and in doing so there is a growing tendency for them to be monopolistic and secretive, so that not even the parliamentarians, let alone the general public, have more than the haziest idea what is going on.

Senator Robertson is an all-out advocate of the creation of some form of supra-national government. We have transferred control of our military forces in Europe to a supreme NATO commander; we should similarly transfer some control of our foreign policy and our economic policy to a democratically-elected government body ranking above our federal parliament, he suggests.

This supra-government would geographically perhaps be as comparable to our federal government as that is to our provincial governments. In other words, it would control the external affairs—military, diplomatic and economic—of the group of Atlantic nations now forming the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The Poet's Corner

A SAILOR'S GRAVE ON VANCOUVER ISLAND Out of the winds and the waves' riot, Out of the loud foam, He has put in to a great quiet And a still home.

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World Warm-Up Four American expeditions, one in Alaska, another on the Greenland ice cap, and two in Antarctica, will study glaciers.

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Medically Speaking Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. PROVIDING SPARE PARTS FOR THE HUMAN MACHINE Little by little medical science is developing spare parts for your body.

Fabric Tubes In much the same way, arteries, removed from a body, may be transferred to a live person in need of such a pipeline.

Surgeons at the college, with the cooperation and research assistance of the Heststrand Corp., have been working for some time to develop an ideal prefabricated tube to bridge permanent arterial defects.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. M. L.: Can X-ray treatment cause a cataract? Answer: Excessive exposure to X-ray or radium can cause cataract formation.

A Vanishing Art (Globe and Mail) There is something both touching and familiar about that motor age indictment by a coach and trainer that "young Americans are forgetting how to walk."

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NOTES BY THE WAY Canadian women will be interested to learn that a German agricultural society has taken up the cudgels for the women who toil in the fields.

Norway is not one of the "great powers" from the standpoint of military and industrial strength; but as one of the very few countries where there is not one illiterate person, it has claim to a distinction that is not shared by most of the richer and more powerful nations.

Russian science is not all triumphs, however, especially if the project was blessed by someone who is dead or out of favor. Soviet weather experts have dropped the "Stalin Plan," a giant program intended to change the air flow direction over Central Asia.

THE PROPOSED INCREASES in unemployment benefits to a maximum of \$30 a week, and other rises in both benefits and rates, will have general approval at this time.

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