

Joint Investigation

Canada and the United States are launching a joint investigation of that costly cyclical problem, the changing water levels of the Great Lakes.

The international joint commission has just set up a board to study the matter, and there will be meetings and hearings during the coming year.

The extremes have been extreme indeed. About a dozen years ago, high water swallowed up beaches, diked docks and crumbling cliffs along the lakes.

The problem has affected activities of all kinds. Docks and boat launching ramps are left high and dry, beaches are destroyed, fish and wildlife habitats ruined.

Some specialists see only one source of help—more rain. Others are thinking along more ambitious lines. One group urges that Canada's Harricane river, which now flows into Hudson bay, be reversed and diverted south into Lake Huron.

The Montreal Star appears to favor this idea. "Sooner or later," it argues, "the great northern rivers flowing into the (Hudson) bay and the Arctic will have to be considered as sources of water for the whole continent. It would be better to start looking at them now."

Also proposed is the building of a mammoth lock and dam structure at the foot of Lake Huron to keep its level and that of Lake Michigan from fluctuating so perversely. This, too, would be an immensely costly project.

The Milwaukee Journal suggests that there may be nothing practical that man can do about the lake levels, except put up with them. That won't be known, of course, until the alternatives are studied.

A German Problem

May 8, 1965, will mark the 20th anniversary of the German surrender in World War Two; and on that date the normal 20 year statute of limitations on murder will run out in West Germany, thus presenting the government of Chancellor Ludwig Erhard with a grave political problem.

campman, former Nuremberg war crimes prosecutor, 10,000 suspects still remain to be investigated by the West German authorities. In anticipation of the May deadline, an appeal has been made to all countries to make available any documents or information they have on a now holding. Both the governing Christian Democratic party and the opposition Social Democrats decided this month to call for full discussion of the matter in parliament early next year.

There the matter rests for the present. So far as the German people themselves are concerned, it is said that the marathon prosecution program under which 24,000 have been convicted, 5,445 of them by German courts, has produced a backlash. Not only are the majority of Germans now opposed to the trials but voices calling for a general amnesty for all Nazis are becoming louder. This reaction is significantly prevalent among the younger generation which, with mounting frequency, asks why it should atone for the crimes committed by its fathers.

A graver view of the situation is taken by former Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who said a few days ago that an extension of the limitations deadline would be desirable. He suggested that a planned reform of the German criminal code which foresees a 30 year statute, instead of 20, on murder, be passed immediately and be made applicable to Nazi criminals.

The government would do well to adopt this proposal, if only to assure to the nations that waged a bitter and costly war to eradicate Nazism its good faith in the matter.

Rump Session Prospects

Reviewing the prospects for what it calls the Rump session of Parliament beginning next February, the Financial Post says the main piece of legislation likely to be passed will be the Canada Pension Plan. The new labor code is being withdrawn and redrafted. That, too, is the likely fate of the legislation to reorganize Canada's railway business. Nor did the government manage to introduce its Bank Act revisions and take a long overdue look at all borrowers and lenders. That is put off until the next session of Parliament.

These are important pieces of legislation that deserve careful study. The government is wise to take another look at them in the light of expert criticism. In the case of the railway legislation, we should say it would be wise to take two looks. As it stands, the transportation interests of this part of the country are inadequately safeguarded. Probably the Toronto financial paper is right in saying the government should not try to force any of these measures through "as is."

It adds, however, that none but the most wildly partisan would call this session's performance adequate. Fumbling in government and incessant politicking virtually succeeded in bringing it to a standstill. Nor is it likely that an election would improve the prospect for the next Parliament. Much more to the public advantage would be "politicized" charges with a new sense of responsibility and dedication to this country's best interest." Which is a fine, mouth-filling phrase, but leaves us with the feeling that this big salary boost was passed after the last federal election. Wasn't that the incentive that was going to work wonders in this regard?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Here is evidence, if such were needed, of our outmoded penal system, as cited in a recent issue of Chitty's Law Journal: In 1961 England and Wales, with a population of 46 million, had 29,025 persons in prison and 25,022 convicted offenders out on probation. In the same year Canada, with 18 million population, had 46,905 locked up and only 12,867 on probation.

A favorite sanctuary for American fugitives from justice was sealed off last week when a new extradition treaty with Brazil became effective. From now on, says the Milwaukee Journal, fugitives will have to seek haven in Russia, Red China or certain parts of Asia and Africa. But it seems that fellows like Hal Banks, a fugitive from Canadian justice, can still find sanctuary in the United States.

According to Robert M. W.



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IN GROWING DEMAND

Training Now Keyed To Agriculture

Dorothy Khan Jaffe, Chicago, in The Christian Science Monitor

If you want to start an argument with a dean of an agricultural college these days, just say you suppose there isn't much demand for agricultural training now that the number of farmers is declining so rapidly. I started out with this assumption in talking to deans of five leading Midwest agricultural colleges. They set me right. Every one of them made it clear that there is a growing demand for graduates with a B.S. in agriculture. A man with a master's degree is even more sought after.

The demand comes from city as well as country. It's true, skilled farm managers are in great demand, but this is only one occupation open to the "college" graduate. Banks want them to handle farm credit because the head of the farm loan department must know how to counsel his clients in farm management. They are wanted also by companies supplying farmers with new machinery, seeds and the many special requirements of the modern farm. These big companies provide counseling service to farmers and their employees as farm advisers. They need agricultural training as much as the county agent does.

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It looks as if a long-established and highly-cherished British institution may disappear. As any Englishman and many a Canadian knows, the only way to eat fish and chips is out of a newspaper. Not only is this an easily-handled and easily-disposed-of container, but the paper and the printer's ink give the contents an added touch of je-ne-sais-quoi (or the English equivalent) that makes them taste much better than fish and chips eaten out of a cardboard box or a plate.

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Napoleon's Winter

Every defeated general likes to find important reasons for his failure. Of his catastrophic defeat at Russia, Napoleon wrote: "The winter was our disaster. We became victims of Russia's climate."

But the head of the Central Finnish Meteorological Institute says this is entirely false. He has made a study of Russian meteorological records, which were kept from the time of Peter the Great.

He says that during October and November of 1812 temperatures never fell below freezing. It was only after the retreat from Moscow that there was an unusually severe winter.

Perhaps there is not really a conflict of evidence after all. Consensus might not seem severe to any northern people, such as Canadians, might seem

NOTES BY THE WAY

The secret of a dominating personality is to find someone you can dominate.— Brandon Sun.

"And what," someone asked the candidate, "will you do if you are elected?" "Good heavens," exclaimed the candidate under his breath, "what will I do if I'm not?"— Montreal Star.

Westerner who got scalded in the washroom of a Montreal restaurant complained bitterly to the manager that he had turned on the tap marked 'C'. The manager explained the 'C' stands FOR the French word champagne which means 'boil'. The Westerner accepted the explanation, then noticed that the other tap was marked 'C' as well. "I'm certain," replied the manager without turning a hair. "That stands for 'cold'. You see, mon ami, this is a bilingual restaurant!"—Shel News.

Britain's most popular guessing game is in danger. Soon nobody will be asked: "What is the weather going to do?" For we shall know the answer with almost certain accuracy. Pictures released from space by America's newest satellite, we are told, will result in British weather forecasts becoming a "near 100 per cent accurate."

Despite evidence the Cuban economy is badly strained, there is no sign Cuba is about to reject communism. The U.S. is not expected to make any major change in its Cuban policies this next year, for some good reason.

There is not much more that the U.S. could do about Cuba without giving direct military support to anti-Castro forces in exile in the United States or elsewhere.

PERMISSIVE USED The U.S. worked in 1964 to persuade Western allies to end trade with Cuba, but the response from Canada, Britain, France and others was not great. The U.S. department by rough guess calculates such trade in 1964 will total about \$300,000,000 compared with \$190,000,000 last year.

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Most people lack confidence in some weather signs, but an unusually long hair on male vocalists indicates a hard winter. The kind or color.—Gary Herald.

A thought for today (from the Montreal Gazette): "If two house-flies mated in April and reproduced, and if all their descendants lived and reproduced, and the cycle continued, by August the roof of a 140-foot wide house would be covered with house-flies 47 feet deep." And there we are. He was usual, wasn't he? find the swatter.— Globe and Mail.

Carpeted floors in the kitchen are said to be the latest thing in luxury. It was usual, wasn't he? find the swatter.— Globe and Mail.

A turkey, weighing 64 lb. or, and estimated to be equal when dead to between 280 and 300 Christmas dinners, won the turkey competition at the International Poultry show at Olympia. It was sold for \$200 (\$80).— London Times.

Fire hazards are no laughing matter but one is reported from Gannaque which rather ticks the eye. It is a building in a newspaper account, a consulting engineer reported that in some parts of a building in a town supported only by the electrical wires. He was referring to the fire hall.— Ontario Hydro News.

Less Concern About Cuba

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer

The deep hostility of the United States toward Cuba's Fidel Castro continues into 1965 but there is an air of resignation about it now after a year.

Realistic state department officials, watching Cuban trade with the West and the Communist Bloc, say Cuba's economy is in bad shape but by no means collapsing.

Castro had stepped up buying Canadian fertilizer and flour, but he has concentrated since the sugar-price decline on sugar processing and some ore equipment, officials say. They suggest the economy may remain stagnant for another year or more.

Bad as the economy is, Soviet and other Communist aid continues and the American suspicion is that such aid will be accompanied by tighter Soviet supervision in an effort to see it has some effect.

Never A Good Idea

Montreal Gazette

The External Affairs Secretary, Mr. Paul Martin, had this to say about the NATO multilateral nuclear force the other day: "Canada could not accept the form of the force which is compatible with French participation."

Since France has made it clear that it will not participate in any NATO nuclear force of an integrated kind, it is clear that Canada will be opposed to a NATO nuclear force as part of the United States, West Germany and Britain jumble the NATO nuclear force.

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THE U.S. State Dept. says the force of a preventing other NATO countries, particularly West Germany, from acquiring nuclear weapons is a force as well of acquiring some general sense of the greater strategy, and may see it as only one in any multilateral nuclear force.

Portuguese Killed DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania (Reuters) — The Mozambique liberation front (Frelimo) said here Monday two Portuguese aircraft, one military and the other civilian, had been shot down by nationalists in Mozambique. In other Frelimo operations, 10 Portuguese soldiers were killed and seven wounded, the communication added.

U.S. President Calvin Coolidge began the practice of lighting the Christmas tree on the White House lawn as his nation's Christmas tree.

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