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Passed Unanimously

The Opposition can claim to have scored in the Legislature when it succeeded in getting passed, unanimously, a resolution calling for the tabling of all data relating to the Government's involvement in industrial development in the province in recent years.

The information on industrial transactions, it was contended, had always been available to the public accounts committee, and that should be sufficient. But it didn't satisfy the Opposition, which kept hinting that there must be something the Government was trying to hide.

This, from the Government's standpoint, was "a cheap political trick." But if it really believed that provincial interests would suffer by releasing the information demanded, its duty, surely, was to stand by its guns and fight the battle out.

Another sign, perhaps, that an election is not too far away. In any case, we have had an example of how governments with even a majority backing in the House must, at times, if they are sensible, yield to their opponents as representing a more formidable consensus of public opinion.

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Such Language!

Escalating at a faster pace than the Viet Nam war is the row going on between the Communist Chinese and their onetime Soviet Union pals. The latest blast from China has been a charge that the Soviets have formed a "holy alliance" with the United States to encircle it.

Mark that the opprobrious term was not an "unholy" alliance, but a "holy" one. Holiness is anathema to Communist ideology and the inference here, we presume, is that the Russians have become so debased that they are actually taking to religious ways in their underhand dealings with the Yankees.

The timing of this accusation is also significant. It came in a formal letter from the Chinese Communist Party's central committee to the Soviet party's central committee rejecting an invitation to attend the World Communist Party Congress in Moscow which opens on March 29.

Reports from Moscow and other European Communist sources add a new twist to the story. They are to the effect that the Soviets may have called the congress in order to read the Chinese out of the world Communist movement following six years of Sino-Soviet dissension.

Specifically, the Chinese accuse Russia of acting in co-ordination with the United States "in its plot for peace talks" and of attempting to sell out the Vietnamese Communists. "You have worked hand in hand in a whole series of dirty deals inside and outside the United Nations," the Chinese said.

It would appear, indeed, that the two big Communist powers are definitely at the parting of the ways. If not, one or both of them will have to start eating crow on a gargantuan scale.

A Poor Showing

Replying to a complaint of the Auditor General that little had been done to correct the "outdated procedures, uneconomical operations and wasteful practices" noted in the Glassco commission report, Revenue Minister Benson has come up with a remarkable explanation.

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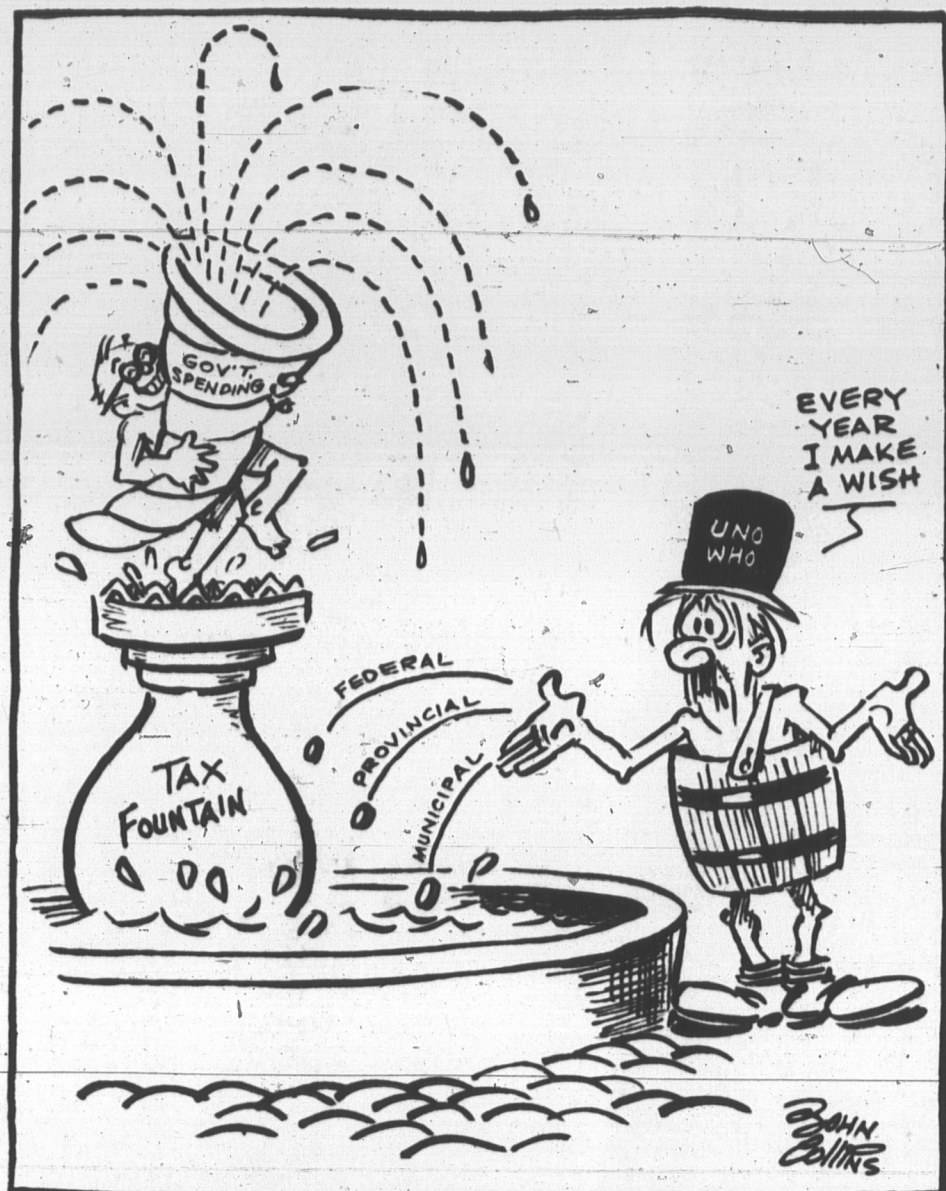
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THREE COINS IN THE FOUNTAIN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

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Eating For Two Persons

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Since the dawn of man, thousands of superstitions and misconceptions about pregnancy have evolved and only recently have the majority fallen by the wayside.

The fetus is a parasite and develops whether mother eats or not. This was demonstrated repeatedly during famines associated with wars.

Hanging curtains or holding on to a subway strap will not throw loops or tie knots in the umbilical cord. There is no harm in taking a shower and shampoo a day or so after delivery.

There is no need to remain in bed for 10 days after delivery unless complications occur. The sooner the individual is ambulatory the less bowel and bladder trouble; the circulation improves, and the chance of developing vein disturbances is minimal.

Nowadays, pregnancy is not recommended as a cure for frigidity, malposition of the uterus, painful menstruation, and nervousness.

Convulsive tendency Mrs. K. E. writes: One of my youngsters always develops convulsions when he is feverish. He does not have epilepsy, according to the doctor. Why do these convulsions occur?

REPLY Convulsions often are associated with infectious diseases in young children, possibly because their immature nervous system is easily irritated.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

A retired friend says he thinks the company felt it wasn't losing a vicepresident so much as it was gaining a parking space. — Windsor Star.

Those who believe a world government would assure peace and amity among nations, forget that, like all other governments, it, too, would be run by politicians. — Woodstock Sentinel Review.

The last stubborn little corner of the crossword puzzle requires knowing a couple of words you wouldn't want to know even if you did. — Calgary Herald.

If brides generally adopt pants for their wedding outfits, as did Carol Sinclair Dunham of New York, other traditions will have to go out with the satin gown and the flowing train.

Certainly Ottawa looks on them as the most delicate in years and every precaution is being taken to ensure that no details leak out which might jeopardize the initiative.

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A person can save himself many hard falls by refraining from jumping to conclusions. — Chatham Daily News.

A preacher says there weren't any golf links in the Garden of Eden. For that matter, there weren't any preachers there either. — Samia Observer.

In Stockbridge the other day, a clergyman told his friend: "We have just had the greatest revival our church has experienced for many years." "I'm glad to hear it," replied the friend. "And how many did you add to the fold?" "We didn't add any," said the clergyman. "But we got rid of three." — Chilton Times-Journal.

A young lawyer from the North sought to locate in the South. He wrote to a friend in Alabama, asking him what the prospect seemed to be in the city for "an honest young lawyer and Republican." In reply the friend wrote: "If you are an honest lawyer, you will have absolutely no competition. If you are a Republican, the game laws will protect you." — Montreal Star.

Canada's Peace Soundings

By Dave McIntosh Canadian Press Staff Writer

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established the Canada-India-Poland truce commissions in Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia. The latter dealt with the neutrality of Laos.

Mr. Ronning was able at the 1954 conference to arrange with the Chinese Communists the release of Sqdn. Ldr. Andy MacKenzie of the RCAF, shot down two years earlier during the Korean War.

Canada has made direct approaches not only to Hanoi and Saigon, but also held discussions with United Nations Secretary-General U Thant, the United States and with a number of other countries concerned, especially India and Poland.

Mr. Martin has said Canada, India and Poland as members of the Viet Nam truce commission, might be able to arrange a new Geneva conference on Viet Nam and he has engaged personally in talks with representatives of the two countries.

A meeting of Mr. Martin and the foreign ministers of India and Poland still is a possibility. The present feeling in Ottawa is that India and Poland don't regard the present time as auspicious for the summoning of another Geneva meeting.

But "Operation Delicate" is continuing, with Canadian officials optimistic that it will yield results in the long, if not the short, run.

Real Sea Monsters

National Geographic Society

Real "sea monsters" are even weirder than the fanciful beasts of old sailors' yarns.

The most imaginative old tar might hesitate to claim that he has seen a creature with arms 35 feet long. Yet the giant squid has such tentacles and a 19-foot body to go with it—more than 50 feet of writhing sea monster.

Living deep in the ocean, the giant squid is almost never seen alive. An occasional dead specimen is cast up on a beach or remains are found in stomachs of deep-diving sperm whales.

FISH LIVE IN DARK Fish that live thousands of feet deep in the ocean must adapt to living in the dark. Plants cannot develop in the inky blackness, so the fish must eat either plant and animal remains that sift down from above—or each other.

The creatures of the deep are armed with ferocious teeth to enable them to make the most of any chance encounter with their scarce prey. The jaws of some disengage, allowing them to engulf a dinner larger than the diner.

Mates as well as food are scarce. The male anglerfish solves both problems when it finds a female. He fastens his jaws to her body and remains attached for life. The male's jaws and tongue gradually fuse with the tissues of the female. When the two blood streams join, the male no longer needs to feed. It then re-

mains a parasitic dwarf, doing nothing but fertilize the female's eggs as they emerge.

Some fish carry biological lamps on the end of stalks or along the sides of their bodies. The pale glow, which can be flashed on and off, acts as a lure to potential mates or food.

LAYERS OF OOZE The bottom of the ocean is covered by layers of various ooze, which have accumulated in places for eons. To avoid sinking into the soft mud, many animals walk on stilts. Crustaceans have enormously long legs, and fish have developed great extensions of their fins.

The vast pressure at great depths seems to have little influence on the animals living there. Since water fills their body cavities, the force inside and outside their bodies is equal.

Man's knowledge of the ocean bottom is still meager, but one mystery recently was cleared up. Certain coiled tracks had appeared in many pictures of the ocean floor, but no one knew what made them. In 1965 scientists announced they had photographed the unknown animal: a three-foot long enteropneust, or acorn worm, that feeds on the bottom ooze.

Sea life exists in what might seem a most unlikely place: under the Ross Ice Shelf in Antarctica. The invertebrates discovered there apparently feed on material washed under the ice shelf from ocean waters elsewhere.

Run-Away Nylons

Christian Science Monitor

Chemistry did a great thing for women when it gave them nylons, sheerer and stronger than silk. World War II experience with cotton and rayon substitutes made wearers appreciate nylon all the more.

But you can't expect chemically made hosiery to have no faults at all. The girls working in the city hall at Jacksonville, Fla., were made embarrassingly aware of this fact one day recently. Suddenly, without warning, their stockings began to run—four, five runs (or ladders as the British would say) to a leg.

The Jacksonville stenographers rushed out to buy replacements, causing a run on the stocking counters.

What mysterious force caused this phenomenon? There was a simple explanation. What chemistry does it can undo. Nylon, made from acids, is resistant to many things but not to sulfuric acid. And particles of that chemical were found in fumes of an industrial oil blown in from a nearby plant.

The same effect had been observed about 20 years before in this spot when weather conditions were the same.

All this indicates one thing to us. Modern chemistry and Cinderella's fairy god-mother have something in common. With a swish the good fairy provided elegant attire for a raggedy maid but caused it to disappear when the clock struck twelve. Chemistry rarely indulges in such whimsical acts. So if once in 20 years, it plays havoc with girls' stockings, we cannot be too hard on it.

UNDERGOES SURGERY WASHINGTON (AP) — AFL-CIO President George Meany successfully underwent surgery to repair arthritis damage to his right hip. A spokesman reported Friday. The operation was performed in Harkness Pavilion Hospital in New York City Thursday, the spokesman said. Meany, 71, will need a while to recuperate, but it is unknown how long the spokesman added.



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