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Need For Action

The Parliamentary debate on unemployment has been going on for a week or more, and, judging by reports, not a single move towards alleviating the situation has been forthcoming.

It may be that the situation is not as bad as critics of the Government say it is; but figures show that at the moment there are at least a half-million jobless workers in this country.

French Politics

Recent months have demonstrated once again the political instability which makes it difficult for the French Government to deal incisively with questions of major importance.

The French people feel an historic mistrust for a strong centralized government. Four times in two hundred years France has overthrown governments which have exercised power oppressively.

The French people are aware that the drafters of the present Constitution, in their revulsion against totalitarianism, weakened the executive power excessively.

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France has had only two Ministers of Foreign Affairs—Robert Schuman and Georges Bidault. There is, in fact, some truth in the remark of a French political observer that while, during the post-war period, some countries have had one government but many policies, France has had many governments but one policy.

The New Tribe

A young Australian explorer is reported to have come upon a hitherto unknown community in his journeyings through the wild places of New Guinea; and, should his explorations lead to nothing else of consequence, he will still have a right to the plaudits of mankind.

Although the members of this new community lack "modern conveniences" in their homes as well as in their philosophical attachments, they do have the faculty of singing and dancing for the sheer joy of living; a faculty which more civilized peoples seem to have lost in their wanderings from one social service to another.

EDITORIAL NOTES

David Lloyd George, Britain's dynamic Prime Minister during the First World War, died this date, 1945.

Cecil Rhodes, empire builder whose dream was "British Africa from Cape to Cairo", who gave his name to Rhodesia and established the Rhodes Scholarships, died this date, 1902.

All work and no play is not conducive to efficiency. So Parliament is taking no chances. The Senate will take a 27-day Easter holiday from April 6 to May 3, and the Commons will take twelve days off, from April 6 to April 18.

According to the Bureau of Statistics—that "Open Sesame" to all knowledge—travelling Canadians spent \$33 millions more in the U. S. A. last year than the amount spent by Americans in this country.

Poultry processing and packaging on a big scale, as proposed by the Island Cop Services, will mean a steady market for our poultry farmers. Taken in conjunction with the expansion of fish processing facilities at Souris and the introduction of modern quick-freeze methods in the handling of fish and farm products as outlined in the Legislature, the prospects are indeed reassuring.

Faces in the Virginia Department of Education must be red enough these days. It seems that since 1943 an Elementary School text-book, which contains statements and inferences definitely inimical to free enterprise, has been in use.

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Possible Unforeseen Developments

LENTEEN MEDITATIONS

Lenten Observance

The Times, London

The first and great commandment — to love God with the whole heart and mind and soul and strength — is of absolute, unconditional obligation, and from it all the rest are derivative.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of questions of public interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

FERRY ACCOMMODATION

Sir.—Reading items in your paper from time to time, in reference to plans for the proposed boat to be used on the Wood Islands ferry service, makes one think that even the engineers who draw those plans are at a loss to know how to build a boat large enough to accommodate Wood Islands service — and yet draw only ten feet of water.

Medically Speaking

Herman N. Sundesen, M.D.

OH, TO BE A BABY AGAIN AND CATCH UP ON SLEEP!

"Is it natural for my baby to sleep much?" That's a question most of you new mothers have probably asked your doctor.

Sleep Requirements Vary

Naturally, all babies do not sleep the same number of hours. They don't require the same amounts. There are averages, however, which will give you a pretty good indication of how much sleep a normal, healthy baby should have.

Don't Advance Hour

Don't advance his 10 p. m. feeding to 11 or 12 o'clock in an effort to break his 2 a. m. feeding habit. You'll probably find that he wakes at 2 a. m. anyway, ready for another meal.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. L.: Is there relief for hardening of the arteries, and is the condition serious? Answer: Treatment for hardening of the arteries consists of rest in bed, correct diet, daily bowel movements and regulated exercise.

GOING DOWN UNDER

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister Howe will leave April 8 on a three-week tour of Australia and New Zealand, the department announced Wednesday. He will discuss wheat marketing with Australian officials and trade in general with ministers of both countries, the department said.

Work For The Senate

Senator Ross MacDonald, Government leader in the Senate, has given notice of a motion to refer 1955-56 estimates to the Finance Committee. This is an important parliamentary occasion.

HURRY-UP TRIP

NEW YORK (AP)—The air route between Los Angeles and New York was flown in less than four hours for the first time Wednesday. Three U. S. Air Force pilots, flying a Republic P-51 Mustang, broke the old record of 4 hours 6 minutes and 16 seconds. Fastest time was 3 hours 46 minutes and 33 seconds.

FLUORIDATION PRAISED

BRANTFORD, Ont. (CP)—A reduction of 54.2 per cent in dental defects in Brantford school children has been recorded since the start of water fluoridation nearly 10 years ago, was reported Wednesday. The figure was disclosed at the annual meeting of the supervising Brantford fluorine committee.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

This is a touchy time of year. If a man can get through another week of being the last one in the neighborhood to put up the storm windows he can be the first one to put up the screens. —Winnipeg Tribune.

We note in reading Governor Hoeg's budget message that death and taxes have finally caught up with each other. The governor proposed a two per cent service tax on undertaking and funeral services. The quip that two things in life are certain, death and taxes, is an old one. The assumption has always been that only by departing this world would one be likely to escape taxes.

War has become an absurdity, a crime, an act of race suicide.

How to translate this realization into policies that insure peace and disarmament is the question that defies any simple answer. On the one hand it must be worked out day by day, with perseverance and imagination by those who, like President Eisenhower in this country and Prime Minister Churchill in Great Britain, have dwelt with a consciousness of man's vast danger. At another level it must be worked out by the minds of the people themselves — all the people, on both sides of the Iron Curtain, waking up for this early morning feeding.

POSITION CHANGED

MONTREAL (CP)—A statue of Christ crucified has replaced a picture of Queen Elizabeth on the wall behind Mayor Jean Drapeau's ornate chair in his city hall office. The photograph of the Queen has been moved to an opposite wall facing the mayor's desk.

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The Vanishing Whooping Crane

By John Van Dusen Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Canadian wildlife service is baffled over the love life of the rare whooping crane. It is true that these regulations can too easily degenerate into the hollow formality of legalism. A man can keep all the commandments — in a literal and outward sense — from youth up, but yet have no spark of Christian charity, and remain hard, censorious, and unloving.

NUMEROUS CENTURY AGO

About 100 or 150 years ago, the whooping crane was a common sight in Canada and the United States. Hunters probably accounted for most of the decline in the population, but since the early 1900s the whoopers have been protected by the migratory bird regulations. Hunters may have shot a few by mistake since then, but officials feel there should be more than 21 survivors.

The Age Old Story

"Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."

SPRING EXPEDITION

He said regular department teams in the Territories have been alerted to watch for the birds and an expedition is being planned for this spring.