

has formed there over thousands of years. Technically, the plan could be successful. Its direct consequence would be to make the climate warmer and more humid over an area covering more than 7,500,000 square miles. Since only the ice floating on the sea is involved, there would be no danger of flooding. Vegetation would appear again in the coldest parts of Siberia and Alaska, though glaciers might form in the mountainous areas.

Tourist Promotion Loans

The operation of the Act to provide loans for the establishment and improvement of tourist accommodation came in for strong criticism in the Legislature this week. The basic purpose of the Act was not in dispute, but the members were at cross purposes as to how it was, and should be, administered. Statements were made which the responsible ministers, Hon. Mr. MacDonald, denounced as untrue. It is unnecessary to review the report as given in yesterday's Guardian, but a few comments may not be out of place.

One can sympathize with Mr. MacDonald when he said he did not think the Government should be in the loan business at all, and certainly not to the person who wants only \$2,000 or \$3,000. A loan of \$40,000 to a qualified person represented, on the other hand, a reasonably sound investment. Too often the small operator sought the loan for a sideline development which could hardly be expected to prosper. The committee set up under the Act is given wide powers in dealing with cases in both these categories, and rightly so.

We doubt, however, whether the minister was on sound ground in arguing that it was "unfair" to "publish" the names of persons who had secured loans, and in demanding of the Opposition leader whether it was his practice to publish the names of people who owed him money. Mr. Bell, as a lawyer, may deal in loans but he is not investing public funds in this manner; and it is no business of the public's who owes him money or how he gets it back. Mr. MacDonald and his committee are dealing with the taxpayers' money. And it is not a question of his "publishing" information as to these transactions, but of giving an accounting of his stewardship to the Legislature.

How the Press exercises its discretion in publishing information after it has been tabled in the House is really none of Mr. MacDonald's concern. He is not there as a Press censor but as a responsible minister of the Crown; and, as such, he should give whatever information is requested. There are cases where recipients of charitable funds are reported on anonymously, by common consent; but no one will argue that, these cases come under the provisions of the Tourist Loans Act.

At present there is no committee acting with the minister, and the public will welcome the assurance that new members will be appointed before any further applications for tourist loans are considered. In the meantime, however, the Opposition should be supplied with all the details it may require about loan transactions during the past year. Mr. MacDonald's satisfaction with the way the fund has been administered will then, we trust, be shared by all concerned.

Unfreezing The Arctic

Already artificial satellites have proved to be excellent instruments of observation, and scientists are now contemplating sending aloft satellites equipped like real meteorological stations. Launched in an orbit 3,700 miles above the Earth, such stations would take about four hours to travel from one Pole to the other. They would provide scientists with invaluable information on the evolution of hurricanes and the formation of cloud masses.

At this stage, man will have advanced a long way towards his dream of mastering the climate. Weather-making has become a necessity of modern living. As the world population grows and men strive to produce more and more food, it is important that agriculture should not be dependent on the whims of the weather.

Up to now man's "weather-making" activities have been on a very minor scale, such as inducing hail or thunderstorms over a limited area. Now two scientists—Harry Wechsler, in the United States, and Grigory Avshuk, in the Soviet Union—speak of nothing less than changing the climate in the Arctic by melting the floating ice which

Tranquil Steers

A food expert has discovered that tranquilized steers make good beef. "Any good beef cattleman or butcher," retorts the Windsor Star, "could have told him that for the asking." The Star recalls that in the days when beef rings existed in Ontario to provide fresh summer beef for rural residents this was an acknowledged fact. The beast to be killed had to be taken to the farm where it was to be slaughtered the afternoon or evening before. This was to ensure it would have a night of rest and relaxation before being butchered.

"A butcher in rural Quebec once told us the secret" says the Star. "He explained why he always had top-grade meat. It wasn't just that fine beasts were selected. He pointed to a small pasture behind his store. An animal to be slaughtered was allowed to pasture in peace there for a few days before being butchered."

"He explained that, in an excited or harried animal, the small muscles and fibres in the flesh tighten. If slaughtered in that state tough beef will result. In a tranquil steer this isn't so, and the meat will be tender. It's as simple as that, according to rural lore."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Saskatchewan has achieved a \$80,000 surplus on its current budget. This is a splendid achievement, indeed, considering the current fashion of deficit financing.

A mural by the American painter Thomas Hart Benton and valued at \$35,000 will soon be hung in the exhibition room of the Niagara Power Project near Niagara Falls. It depicts Father Lewis Hennepin, a French Jesuit missionary, who is supposed to have been the first white man to see the falls.

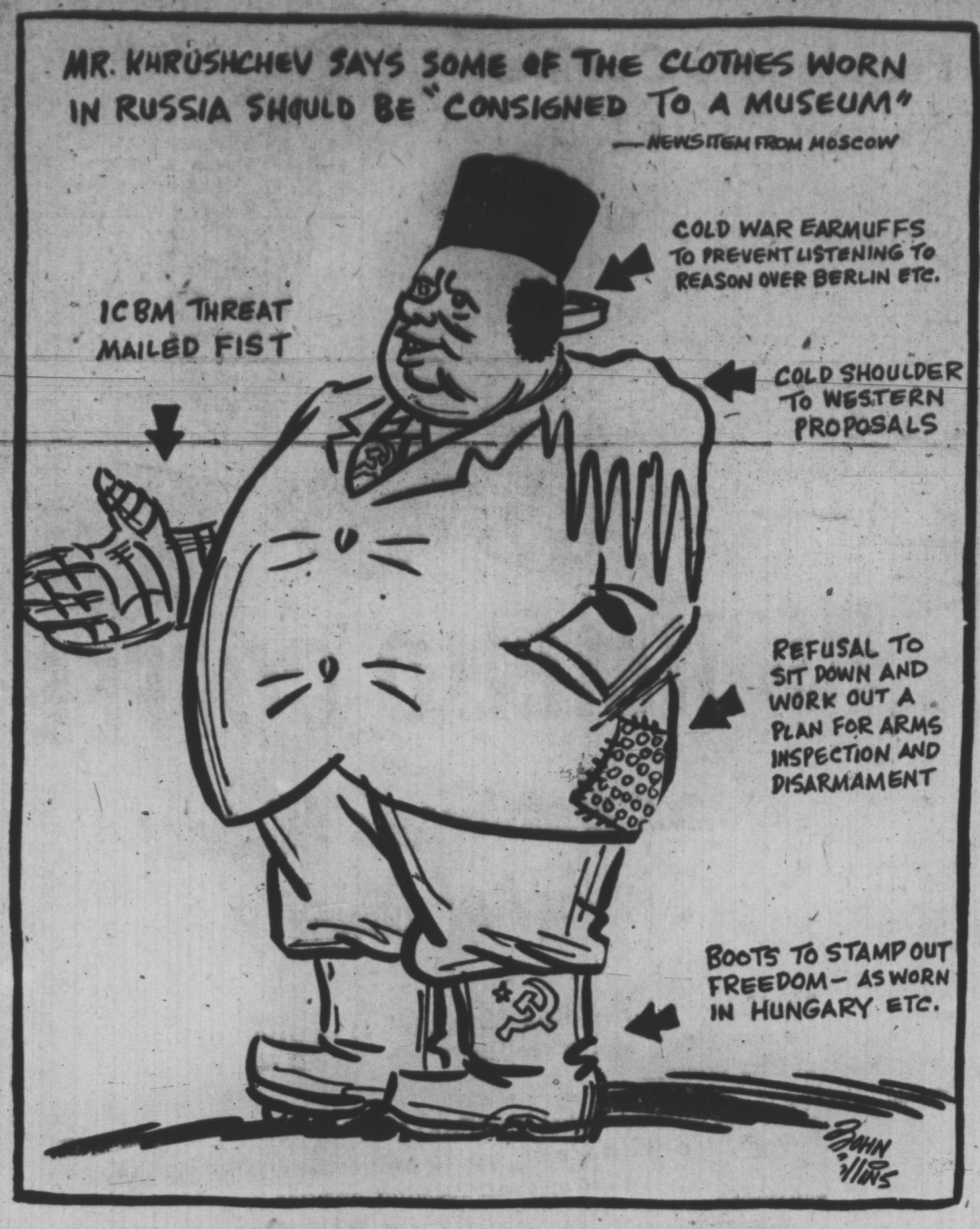
Good counsel: "All who are elected to public office have a two-fold duty. One is to reflect the wishes of the people who elected them. The other is to tell the people what has to be done—to lead the people in those things that have to be done". Nelson A. Rockefeller, Governor of New York.

Traffic accidents took the lives of 37,000 persons in the United States last year, about 1700 fewer than the year before. Accidents in the home—27,000—took second place on the fatality lists. This was about 1000 fewer than in 1957. Accidents in all categories resulted in injury to 9,100,000 persons and a financial loss of nearly \$12 billion.

A Hungarian magazine complains that religion still exercises a strong influence on the people, despite all that has been done to combat it. "The scandalous fact", it notes sadly, "is that even outstanding scientists and other figures of public life can still be seen regularly attending church services".

It is reported from St. John's that, only one Newfoundland ship will sail to the icefields this spring in search of seals. It is a far cry from the importance of the industry only 25 or 30 years ago, when thousands of men participated in the annual voyage. Main reason for the deterioration is the small demand for seal oil. But cannot the resources of science be used to exploit this commodity?

"The U.S. Navy Department says that there is no "firm indication" that the Russian trawler boarded by U.S. navy men last Thursday had anything to do with the cutting of the transatlantic cables. However, the officer in charge of the boarding party reported that "the cables could have been cut with the equipment aboard the trawler". Taking the two views into consideration, it is not at all clear that the Russians were as innocent in the matter as they made themselves out to be.



HOW RIGHT YOU ARE, NIKITA!

OTTAWA REPORT

The Arrow Campaign

By Patrick Nicholson

"The biggest lobby ever seen at work in Ottawa and across Canada" is how I have heard the campaign to build the Arrow aircraft described.

What is a lobby, and how does it work? The Arrow campaign was aimed at our objective: to persuade our Government to buy one hundred operational Arrow aircraft at a cost said by Defence Minister Pearke to exceed one and one half billion dollars.

Who operated the lobby? It's manning was of course the Avro plant at Malton; but in addition to the company and the workers, many other people with an axe to grind got in on the act, independently.

First, there was undoubtedly and quite naturally strong pressure by Avro, which was in the position of a manufacturer trying to sell its wares to a customer—the Canadian Government—which no longer wanted to buy. Then there were thousands of workers whose jobs were at stake since Avro had imminently got most of its eggs into the Arrow basket. Then there were nearly a score of municipalities in which the highly-paid Avro workers live.

Next came moulders of public opinion who use the printed and spoken word. Naturally the topic was of great interest around Toronto so the local papers the Financial Post came out strongly in support, presumably in the interests of those of its readers who are concerned in the industrial complex of the aviation industry. There was a spate of letters to the editors of many newspapers, not all of which bore the hallmark of spontaneity.

AND THE AIR FORCE

While Air Chief Campbell evidently did not recommend proceeding with the Arrow, his predecessor, who is now second in command of the North American air defence system, Air Marshal Siemon, twice made almost sentimentally impassioned pleas to a group of Canadian newsmen assembled at his U.S.A. office. He was much criticized for this and I believe rightly; it is his job to advise the government through the usual channels, but it is not his job to attempt to influence a government decision on a major issue of policy.

But in all the ballyhoo made by this lobby, pressuring the government and members of the government directly and through moulded public opinion, there are a few interesting facts which

knock out an important link in the Western-oriented chain of countries bordering the Soviet Union, and give Russia a direct land route to the explosive Arab world.

Russia would win access to a warm-water port on the Persian Gulf and to Iran's vast oil reserves, which are important to the West although perhaps not needed at present by Russia itself.

In view of all this, observers believe Russia will continue its pressure on Iran. It is pointed out that the shah is currently engaged in extensive social and land reforms and Iran is likely to be restless for some time to come.

They believe that Moscow will continue trying to drive a wedge between the shah and his people, many of whom live in dismal poverty.

1. A temporary closing down of Avro will not wreck Canada's aviation industry. Avro represents only one quarter of it; the fine Canadian company at Montreal, the de Havilland company at Toronto and others are not shut down by the Arrow decision.

2. Prime Minister Diefenbaker said that the expenditure of the taxpayers' money on defence orders could not be justified as a make-work program. All taxpayers will agree with Mr. Diefenbaker; his parliamentary opponents criticised him for this stand. But the Liberals forget that, in a similar situation at Avro four years ago, their former strong man C. D. Howe declared in Parliament that "the purpose of providing munitions is not to create employment, it is to defend Canada."

3. The president of Avro, Crawford Gordon, has long been very close to C. D. Howe. Starting in 1941, when he was only 26 years old, Gordon has had three top government jobs under Howe in munitions or industrial co-ordination, spread that the government has now changed." His uncompromising attitude in the new atmosphere of Conservative realism here is being speculated as likely to lead to his replacement as president of Avro by Albert Fairley, who now heads the sister-company Dosco and is currently devoting a project to ship Maritime coal to Seven Islands to use in smelting Labrador iron ore there.

4. Why, when Avro held a worldwide lead in jet airliners with the Jetliner, did it abandon that huge expanding field eight years ago?

5. It is not the responsibility of the federal government to provide jobs for workers employed by a private company. Four years ago, in a similar situation, C. D. Howe declared: "Avro is a private plant, and the government would have no voice in the disposition of its labour. That is a matter for Avro. I know of no undertaking given by the government that a meeting between Avro and its employees and the government would be called to discuss lay-offs." Now that they are in Opposition, the Liberals adopt the opposite attitude—quite wrongly I believe, although the Diefenbaker government has done and no doubt will do all it can to alleviate unemployment anywhere.

THE STRUGGLE FOR IRAN

The Berlin crisis has tended to take attention away from a less sensational diplomatic battle: the East-West struggle for Iran.

Iran, which has a population considerably larger than Canada in an area about the size of Quebec and New Brunswick, lies south of Russia. It has Iraq and Turkey on the west and Pakistan on the east.

It is linked to the West in the Baghdad pact, which includes Britain, Turkey, Pakistan and nominally Iraq. But Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi has been nervous about his monarchy since Iraq overthrew its pro-Western king last summer and showed signs of moving closer to Russia.

That was the starting point of a series of happenings that has seen the Iranian ruler dicker with both the United States and Russia, with the U.S. winning the inside track.

The shah asked the U.S. which is not a full member of the Baghdad pact, to negotiate a bilateral military treaty which would have the effect of guaranteeing Iran against internal or external

PUBLIC FORUM

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FARM WORK AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Sir,—A short time ago a number of farmers in this area were discussing the problem of the extent to which children can be expected to help out at home, and still do well in school. Since this is Education Week, I should like to bring a summary of our discussions to the attention of other parents in similar circumstances.

We are farmers with children attending school, some in the elementary school, and others in the high school. We were agreed that a properly trained child must appreciate work and understand his responsibility in the home. He must have some chore for which he is responsible, and the chores must be rotated amongst the children so that each may be acquainted with the many jobs on a farm. Since farming is not taught in the school, (and this is a great shame in an agricultural province), it is necessary that parents teach it at home, otherwise, if sickness or some other cause strike the father, the children would not be able to assume some of the responsibility for the work.

We felt that the amount of work required of each child would depend on the size of the farm, the number and ages of the children, and their physical capabilities. It was agreed that he work required should not in any way affect the ability of the child to do his school work well.

We then took up the question of keeping children home from school to help with the work on the farm. We agreed that, although this was not desirable, nevertheless, it was necessary because of the shortage of farm help, and also because it afforded a financial saving to the farmer. But just how often and how long they should be kept home was difficult to determine. We found out, after speaking to some of the teachers, that this practice is not abused except in a few instances. In one school a boy and girl were kept home for a total of 57 days. In another school no children were kept home. In my own case, I kept my children home for 7½ days to help me with my work.

We are of the opinion that parents are beginning to realize the necessity of keeping their children in school and, in general, they are making sacrifices to do so. We found that most parents are unwilling to keep their children home from high school, but seem to be less concerned about the elementary school children. We thought that if a child were not interested in going to school, he could very easily play on the need of his parents for his help and miss many days from school without necessarily. Finally, it was suggested that each parent should talk the matter over with the teacher to determine if the child was suffer-

ing in his school work by being kept home from school.

On the question of "Fall Vacation" we could not reach agreement. Some were of the opinion that it served its purpose, and others felt that it did not. The majority wanted to keep it, one or two were for scrapping it. Those in favor felt that it would be impossible to pick their potatoes without this help, and while the school was closed the children were not missing anything. Those opposed felt that it did not serve its purpose because for many pupils it meant three and four weeks out of school. Then too, it is impossible to choose a time suitable for all the farmers.

The group felt that it would be better for parents to simply keep the older children home during the period of potato picking when it was necessary.

All were opposed to the practice of country children having to commence school so early in August. We felt that neither the teacher nor the children could do good work at this time of the year. We realize that we cannot burn the candle at both ends. We wonder, however, if a survey were made by the Department of Education to determine how many schools open on the date set, how many children actually attend these two weeks, and how long the school days is, if some change could be made so that the children would not have to go to school so early in August.

"Mr. Editor, I wish to sincerely thank you for the opportunity of presenting our views on an educational problem of interest to farmers.

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About Those Reducing Diets

By Herman N. Bundezen, M. D.
 HERE is a simple little medical quiz about overweight and reducing. Even if weight isn't a problem with you, I think you will find this test interesting.

Are the following statements "True" or "False"?

1. The older we get the heavier we should be.
2. Fruit juices are fattening.
3. Fat persons, as a rule, are carefree and happy-go-lucky.
4. Sugars and sweets are the most fattening of foods.
5. Some foods are "slenderizing" in themselves.
6. Potatoes are not very fattening, comparatively speaking.
7. Pregnant women must "eat for two."
8. Toasted bread is not as fattening as untoasted bread.

THE ANSWERS

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6. True. Plain potatoes have fewer calories than bread. It is not the potatoes, but the butter, cream and gravy you take with them that is most fattening.
7. False. Generally, doctors recommend that about 400 calories daily should be added to the daily diet during a woman's last three months of pregnancy. During the first six months, however, no additional food is required.
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NOTES BY THE WAY

New man is trying to imitate the falcon. In the skies over Oahu, Hawaii, eight lumbering "Bying boxcars" of the United States Air Force have been performing sharp rolls and flying in tight circles for days. The C-119's belong to the 6500th Test Squadron. They are apparently trying to catch in the air, the parachuting nose cones of expended missiles.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)
 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 5, 1934)
 Judges of good horses have remarked very favorably on the fine pair of carriage horses to be seen taking their exercise every day on the streets of Summerside. This perfectly matched pair of dappled greys are the property of Mr. Percy Bowness, funeral director.

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"National University Student Day" is a project undertaken by NFCUS for the first time. The Federation wholeheartedly endorses Education Week, and, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last National Congress, has set aside this day to present the views of the university student, and to create an interest on the part of the Canadian public in the educational problems of Canada and more particularly, in the university problem.

The current problem in university education is the lack of financial aid which the students should be receiving. This is the barrier which must be overcome if our Canadian youth are to obtain a university education. This aid could be in the form of bursaries, scholarships and interest-free loans, given on a joint basis by the federal and provincial governments. NFCUS reminds Canadians of this particular problem in our universities. We want Canadians, not only those in government, but every Canadian to appreciate the university, its role in this growing nation of ours, and the financial barriers it has to overcome.

Today, our National President, Mr. Mortimer Bistrisley, calls on Prime Minister Diefenbaker and other cabinet officials. Tomorrow, the president of the Students' Union of St. Dunstan's University Mr. Alfred Morrison, will give a five-minute address on FCYU radio.

Thus, through this newspaper and by radio, we the students of St. Dunstan's University join our words and voices to those of the seventy thousand to bring to your attention and to the attention of all Canadians some aspects of today's university students' problems and policies.

I am, Sir, etc.,
 LOUIS DOUCETTE
 NFCUS Chairman
 St. Dunstan's University

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Mrs. H. T.: Please tell me if a benign fibroid tumor is cancerous in a woman?
 Answer: The word "benign" means non-malignant, that is, not cancerous.

EAT POTATOES PLAIN

1. This is true—up to a point, but the answer must be listed as "False." As a rule, you should gain weight up until the age of 25. After that there should be no appreciable weight gain.

2. True. Fruit juices have a relatively high caloric content. One ounce of orange juice contains 10 calories, an ounce of grape juice, 20 calories.

3. False. Despite the popular belief that fat persons are unhappy, many of them are disgruntled, depressed, nervous or frustrated.

4. False. Fats, such as cream, butter, lard and other shortenings, contain many more calories. One gram of fat contains nine calories whereas one gram of sugar contains only four calories.

5. False. Since no foods contain few calories than none, how can they help you reduce? They either add some calories or none at all. They don't take away any already have.

THE AGE OLD STORY

For the grace of God that brings the salvation hath appeared to all men.

phasis is placed on the cooperation of all student unions in promoting various student projects.

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