

Mr. Pearson's Statement

Prime Minister Pearson has denied that he was hunting for scandal in the secret files of the RCMP and that he ever told RCMP Commissioner McClellan or anyone else to provide information on the past conduct of members of Parliament generally.

The Prime Minister also said that to have asked what he had been charged with asking would have been "an indefensible and shocking request."

It is strange that he did not make his rebuttal last Friday, when the statement was first quoted in the Commons.

Mr. Brewin tried again: "Did the Prime Minister, in fact, request the RCMP Commissioner to make available to him files or information referring to wrongdoing on the part of Members of the House?"

U.S. And China

A Washington dispatch yesterday quoted Senator Edward Kennedy as calling for a sweeping reassessment of U.S. policy toward Communist China.

It was a statesmanlike proposal. But it has come at a time when, unfortunately, the air war in North Vietnam has entered a new and more deadly phase.

planes should cross into Communist China on "hot pursuit" missions. The state department has intimated that it is considering this policy, though with the provision that the decision would be taken by President Johnson alone, based on careful consideration at the "highest level" of all factors involved.

Senator Fulbright, the Democratic chairman of the foreign relations committee, has warned that pursuit of enemy planes into China would be "a very dangerous course."

Several Congressmen, on the other hand, have endorsed the "no sanctuary" policy and it would seem that if the aerial fighting intensifies as it has done in recent days, the insistence of those who are sponsoring it will prevail.

In the next few days Henry Cabot Lodge will be reporting back to Washington in person for the first time since he assumed the ambassadorship to South Vietnam for the second time last August.

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Under the proposed U.S. program, the government would have the discretionary power to establish minimum safety requirements within two years, if the car manufacturers failed to do this on their own.

A minimum limit of two years, in which to conform to the required safety steps, has been requested by the industry. In some cases, however, it may take as long as six years before the changes can be implemented.

What has happened in the United States, says the New York Times, is that public opinion has finally caught fire on this issue.

Granting all this, it is still an objective of prime importance to have cars equipped with all the latest safety devices. As the New York paper well says on this point, there can be no question of balancing costs versus benefits.

EDITORIAL NOTE We talk about fresh water, but a National Geographic bulletin reminds us that people are drinking and using the same water that existed when the world began.

As a result of last week's clashes, which represented the first Communist air challenge in strength, an issue that has plagued the United States ever since Americans became involved on the Asian mainland after World War II has come to a head.



FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING

LOBSTER SPLITTING MACHINE

What Our Fish Cannerymen Have Been Urging

Richard Jackson in the Ottawa Journal

The old shell game's not what it used to be. And for this, the Maritimes canning industry and gourmets everywhere can thank Ottawa designer Joseph Featonby of the Mechanical Engineering Division of the National Research Council.

He's invented a unique lobster splitting machine. Unique because it's a device that the fish canning industry has been wanting ever since it began putting lobsters in cans.

Mr. Featonby, a 61-year-old Englishman has been "tinkering" all his life, coming up every once in a while with new gadgetry from gas turbines to lobster slicers.

'How To Love The Bomb'

Milwaukee Journal

The effects of the bombs of Palomares—the four nuclear devices which fell over Spain in an American bomber accident—will be with us for a long time.

It would be a form of quick income if the people were lucky enough not to have it explode with too damaging an effect.

It Doesn't Look Good

Vancouver Province

The appeal from the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals for a federal ban on the killing of young seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence is unusual in that it reflects concern for what is seen to be done as much as what is done.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

IRAQ STOPPED THE flow of oil in the last pipeline to the Mediterranean from the little kingdom's rich oil fields, as fighting in the three-day-old war in Iraq showed no signs of abating.

A cheering Reichstag heard Hitler boast that Germany was superior in power to any conceivable coalition, and contended she would have only one answer to "democratic agitators" who "threaten to throttle" the Nazi state.

GENEVA (Reuters)—Albania called Tuesday for the admission of Communist China into the assembly of the World Health Organization and attacked American policy for "denying the great Chinese people" its rightful seat.

Diet Needs Of Oldsters

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Special diets, particularly those that promise to improve the sense of well-being, increase strength, and add years to life, intrigue the elderly.

Most of this advice stems from the misconception that the old are different from younger adults and must alter their dietary habits. Actually, there is no proof that age itself produces a nutritional problem.

The metabolism declines three to four per cent per decade after the age of 50. The body size also diminishes, not only in height, but in weight.

Economic resources also play a role; those with meager savings or a fixed income deprive themselves of the more expensive yet essential foods such as meats, dairy products, and fresh fruits and vegetables.

W. K. writes: Should a mother be alarmed because her four-year-old son sees, or says he sees, black bugs crawling on the ceiling when he is up to bed at night?

Men's Clothing

Kingston Whig-Standard

Perhaps we're slightly prejudiced because it was only a month or so ago that we finally decided to get rid of our old double-breasted suit, but we can't refrain from hoping that these "new" styles for men are a flop.

Picasso On A Budget

Christian Science Monitor

A young couple on a tunafish macaroni and steak-on-Sundays budget can hardly afford a modern master for the living room.

Saving Our Wild Life

Ottawa Journal

In its area, the new national wildlife policy may be the best development in 300 years.

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PURITY DAIRY

Parents Prefer Purity Products 317 Kent St. Dial 4-7125

Milder Line In Indonesia

By Boris Miskew Canadian Press Staff Writer

Indonesia's anger toward the Malaysian Federation has become less hostile since the weakening of President Sukarno's authority in the former Dutch territory.

Indonesia's shift in attitude should bring a certain amount of relief to Malaysia—consisting of Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak—and with less than one-tenth the population of Indonesia, a country of more than 100,000,000.

Under Sukarno's leadership Indonesia repeatedly pledged to crush the federation on grounds that it was established in September, 1963, as a neo-colonial tool of British imperialism in Southeast Asia.

Infiltration of guerrillas from Indonesia into Malaysia has forced Britain to keep more than 50,000 troops in the federation.

Suharto's peaceful overtures, however, did not indicate a complete shift in attitude toward Malaysia. Suharto blamed the British military presence in the federation for the sporadic guerrilla fighting in the last three years.

Some Rocky Problems

Toronto Globe and Mail

Some interesting suggestions are being made about the future of Gibraltar, to be discussed next month by Britain and Spain.

There is now some support for an Andorran-type solution, with Gibraltar as a principality guaranteed by Spain and Britain.

Men's Clothing

Kingston Whig-Standard

Those identified hats! Horrors! Pin stripes and chalk stripes! Wide lapels and rounded shirt collars? Why, oh why, did we ever give all those duds away?

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THE CANADIAN FORCES RECRUITING CENTRE

QUEEN CHARLOTTE ARMOURIES CHARLOTTETOWN

Invites you to visit HMCS SAGUENAY

WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 1966

BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 5 P.M.

H.M.C.S. Saguenay one of Canada's newest destroyer escorts will pay a visit to Charlottetown from noon 4 May until 8:30 a.m. 5 May. The ship will berth at the Railway Wharf, Charlottetown.