

ties in the fact that the major Soviet objective in Scandinavia is clearly access to the ice-free ports. If NATO successfully controls the mouth of the Baltic and the Kiel canal, the Soviet Union is limited to Murmansk and perhaps in case of war the Finnish port of Petsamo. Control of several deep-water fjords on the North Norwegian coast during war time would greatly shorten her communication lines with the submarines in the North Atlantic.

Without outside help, defense of Scandinavia in Norway and Denmark alone would be virtually out of the question. Here is a concrete example of the need for continuing NATO defenses, however persuasively Mr. Khrushchev may argue to the contrary.

Cosily Caravan

The caravan of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism is still wending its way across the country. In the opinion of the Hamilton Spectator—a newspaper usually moderate in its criticisms—it is going to prove one of the costliest any government in this country has sent a-touring. From other sources we gather that this view is becoming widespread.

The bill so far, for nearly a year's work, is \$422,706. But the commission is only just getting into its stride. By the end of next March, if it spends the government's estimate—and at the rate things are going it will—the bill will have reached \$2,238,707.

The commission already has 36 research specialists. In the next six months it plans to hire 65 more full-time and 28 part-time research workers. This means that the commission is now boring in all directions. Dead facts and theories will be accumulated and bales of paper produced for future sittings.

The things that divide Canadians, argues our Hamilton contemporary, are not lifeless theories but living facts. But this commission has provided a heyday for the theorist, crawling through the book stacks and polling public opinion. It started out with the best intentions, but it is in danger of becoming a shopkeeper for the madness of modern bureaucracy.

His bulky report can do nothing more than elaborate and underscore what we know already—that we have two cultures and two languages in this country and that the problems arising out of them can only be solved by mutual good will by the desire of all parties to find a common ground, and by working for a common aim. The commission may succeed in discovering points of irritation which may be corrected; but surely we do not need to spend over two million dollars to achieve this end.

The Big And The Small

If there is a wet spring next year in the area of the Wood Buffalo National Park in Canada's Northwest Territory, an interesting experiment will be carried out. This is the breeding area for the whooping crane, of which there are only 39 known live specimens in the world. The species is nearing extinction, and scientists are trying every means to rehabilitate it.

If a whooper lays any eggs in the area next spring, they will be picked up by helicopter, placed in an incubator, and flown to the Monte Vista national wildlife refuge in southern Colorado. There they will be placed under Japanese silky bantam hens. In this experiment, in addition to helping in the hatch, scientists are hopeful that by careful lifting of the eggs from the nest in Canada, the whoopers will be induced to lay more eggs there.

What intrigues us in this news story is the reference to those little Japanese silky bantams in Colorado, who must have a highly developed motherly instinct indeed. According to the experts, they are "very faithful and stay close to the eggs." Thus one of the smallest members of the chicken family has been picked for the job of hatching eggs for the largest of flying birds, who seem to be awful duds at doing anything for themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Goldwater's campaign for the Republican nomination now seems "an absolute cinch," says a news report. Fortunately, he will still be a long way from winning the presidential election.



OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

What Purpose Behind Shuffling Strategy?

Parliament's special legislation under the Pearson Government long ago became a national joke. Canadians may well ask with bewilderment what exactly our \$150 million per year legislators think they are doing, for they certainly are not performing the work for which they voted and for which they are paid.

GRITS WANT ELECTION?

The explanation of the present strategy, I believe, lies in the wish of Liberal strategists to call off any election which they would not like to see.

Those Throwaways

No retailer would consider buying new merchandise for its store "by the pound." Yet many store operators are guilty of buying operations "by the pound."

"U.S. 'War' Against Cuba

The complications of United States policies toward Cuba have been shown dramatically in the last few days by the contrast between Washington's move to restrict the sale of food and medicines to Cuba, and its stern reprimand to the young men who refused to accept the order to cut down on these shipments.

Death Out Of Bottles

Canada's doctors are alarmed over drinking and driving and the facts justify their concern.

Blame Pilot For Crash

PARIS (Reuters) A court has ruled that a pilot was to blame for a crash Saturday.

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Pearson in His Element

By Alan Harvey

Canadian Press Staff Writer

It's like old times for Prime Minister Pearson. Here he is, back in London at another international conference, and already the familiar, the throw-away grin is much in evidence.

Disturbing To Public

Globe and Mail, Toronto

The public, which is perhaps more simple and direct in thought processes than some of us, is likely to be disturbed by what has been happening in the Senate banking and commerce committee.

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