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Geis Short Shift

According to a Canadian Press report, the current session of Parliament, which resumes Jan. 9, could become the most productive and longest in Canadian history.

Long debates are expected on massive bills to revise the Railway Act and the Bank Act, on the controversial unification of the armed forces and on three measures revamping the civil service.

Nothing is said about government awareness of the need for grappling with a problem of much greater urgency than many of the measures for which legislation is being provided.

That was all, as thought it were a contingency to be dealt with on some future occasion, and noted merely in passing. But as the Toronto Star points out, Mr. Sharp displayed a strong sense of unreality when he used the future and not the present tense in citing this problem.

The Montreal Star takes up the theme where the Toronto paper left off. There has been no indication, it says, that the government's action in lifting the ceiling on the rate for National Housing Act mortgages has had the effect expected of it.

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Heavy Chore Ahead

One thing we won't be short of during Centennial Year is reading material. The first hefty volume of what could be a six-volume report of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism appears next March.

next March 31, an estimated \$7,250,000, and probably another quarter of a million before the entire output—including "associated research studies" and what not—is completed and published.

Think of the ten commissioners (at \$100-a-day plus \$20-a-day expenses when on duty) and their researchers (110 members at the peak) and outside consultants (over 100) slaving away all these months and years for our edification!

Still In Orbit

We note, from subsequent news reports, that the astrologer satellite with its cargo of beetles, flies, frog eggs, bacteria and what not, which we mentioned last week as having been launched from Cape Kennedy as a flying laboratory to test weightlessness and space radiation, came to grief before its aim could be achieved.

American newspapers haven't had much to say about the matter. But the Toronto Globe and Mail comments that even in these days of remarkable scientific achievement, the loss of 10 million biological specimens in one fell swoop takes quite a bit of doing.

The Chinese, adds this Job's comforter, will almost certainly regard this as a transparent attempt by the warmongering-imperialist-hyenas to extend germ warfare to space.

As if that were not enough, our Toronto contemporary finds a matter of graver concern in the incident. "We know little," it says, "of the effect of radiation belts and the possible mutations that occurred among the fruit flies aboard the satellite."

Dollars And Sense

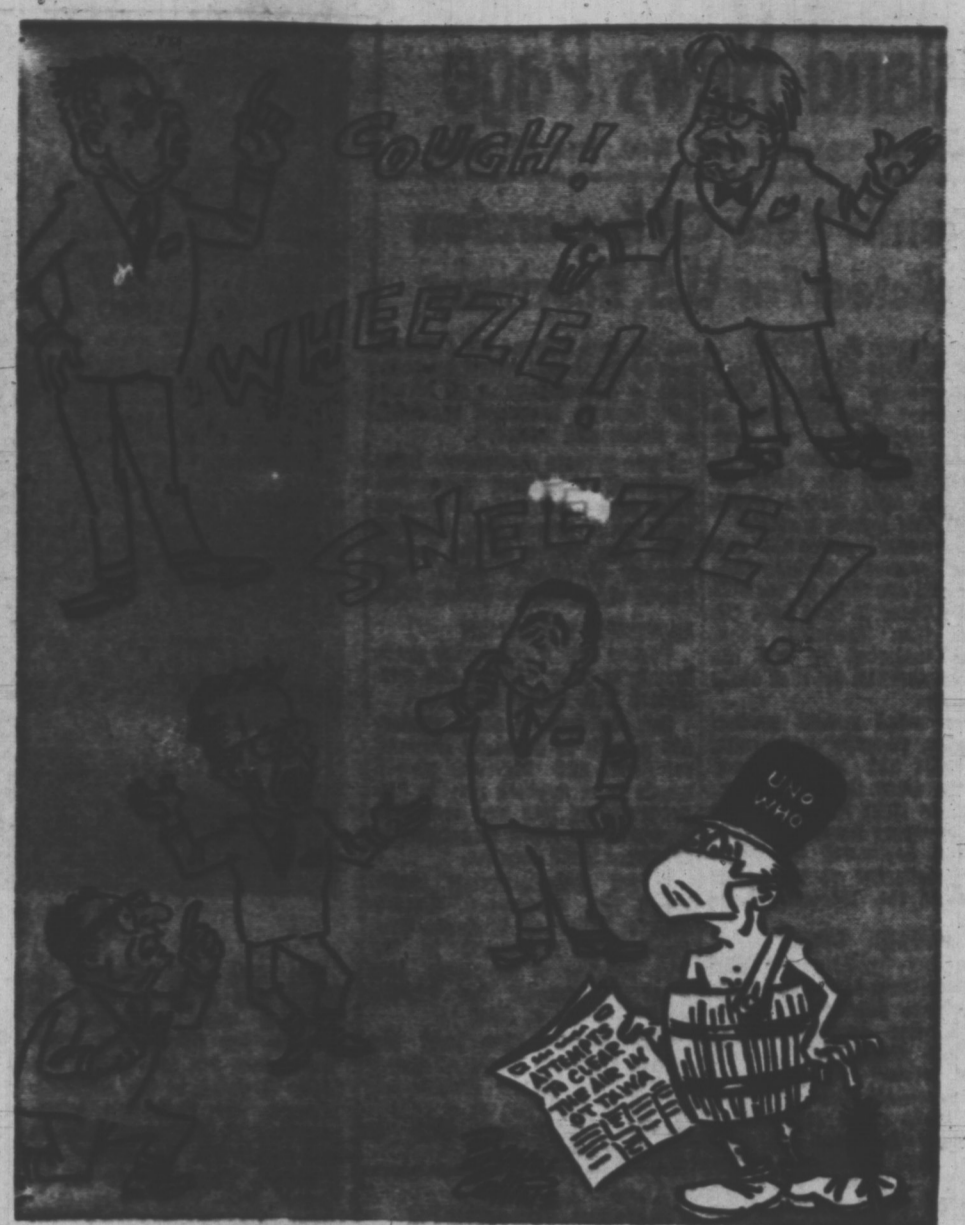
Quebec's bureau of statistics has produced a set of figures to which the Financial Post calls attention, and rightly so. These figures show that the total value of products manufactured in Quebec during 1961 for export outside the province amounted to \$3,286 million.

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In the five years since these figures were collected, the level of economic activity in Canada has risen by about 60 per cent and very probably the value of Quebec's "exports" and the number of associated jobs have expanded by a similar percentage.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Perhaps there are flying saucers, after all. At any rate, the U.S. Air Force has appointed a committee, with a grant of \$300,000 to investigate the reality or otherwise of "Unidentified Flying Objects."



POLITICAL SMOG SEASON

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Salary Boosts That Were Long Overdue

The Governor General and the ten provincial Lieutenants have done a little better than the St. Lawrence Seaway workers. The former have had a collective raise over the past three years amounting to 40 per cent.

However nobody could complain that these apices of our governmental pyramid are overpaid. The salary for the post of Governor General has remained unchanged through our postwar inflation, and is today the same as it was in 1950—namely \$68,000.

Why snub Quebec? The taxpayers also bear the substantial costs of the upkeep of the official residences of the Governor General. These are an estimated \$184,000 this year to maintain, clean and heat Rideau Hall in Ottawa, and \$25,000 for the similar maintenance of La Citadelle in Quebec City.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily assume the opinions of correspondents. All letters published are edited for clarity and conciseness where necessary. The Guardian is unable to enter into correspondence regarding letters submitted.

SAFE DRIVING

Sir,—In your issue of Dec. 28 I note a letter re. Safe Driving. This letter is to my mind that of a sane reasonable driver. Safe driving being obeying traffic laws and also driving according to road and weather conditions.

Not Something Imposed

Much is being said these days of the need for a new constitution—"made in Canada." There may be many good reasons for drawing up a new Canadian constitution, especially because the old British North America Act of 1867 is in many ways outdated.

Our Yesterdays

From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (December 25, 1941) A British army force—probably composed of the tough Commandos—joined hands with the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force in a successful, lightning invasion thrust probably against a Nazi stronghold in German-occupied Norway.

WORKS FOR U.S. AT EXPO

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Harold Cole, executive vice-president of the state Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed to the U.S. committee for the Montreal World's Fair. The committee will advise the U.S. information agency on the U.S. exhibit at the fair.

Effects Of Depression

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen In her book, "The Invisible Scar," Caroline Bird made some interesting observations relating to health during the 1930s depression. Somehow the unemployed kept body and soul together. They spent their savings, borrowed what they could, stopped paying rent, and when evicted, moved in what relatives. But they had to eat, and finding food required great courage.

Some hunted food like alley cats; others hunted docks looking for spoiled vegetables to add to stews. Children begged for dimes here and there or did errands to earn a piece of fruit. Blue bread was cheap and kept many families going. Relief payments were finally rationed and fell to \$2.30 a week per family in New York City. In Detroit, they fell to 15 cents a day per person before the welfare centers ran dry.

Some died of starvation or malnutrition. Physicians, nurses, social workers, and teachers warned that lack of proper nutrition was ruining our health and that lower vitality was making us more susceptible to infections including tuberculosis. The people had no money to pay the doctor, grocer, or butcher, but many got by on credit.

It was tough but most youngsters of the depression era grew up bigger and healthier than their parents. The death rate kept going down and infectious diseases dropped. As might be expected, there were more suicides and mental illness. Obesity was no longer a problem.

The lesson is one involving survival and those who were poor before the crash did better than the more-recent poor. In other words, they knew how to be poor. They stayed in bed to conserve fuel and extra food calories. Those with very little money for the gas company cooked only once a day or used the furnace. Others used scrap wood. When it was cold they sneaked into theaters to stay warm. Many unemployed fathers headed for a freight train to seek work elsewhere only to find there was none.

The main tragedy centered about the family and education. Almost a million marriages were postponed but there was none of the predicted promiscuity. The young were neither rebellious nor sexy.

TINTED LENSES AT NIGHT B. M. writes: Is it advisable to wear tinted glasses at night to reduce the glare from the headlights of other cars?

REPLY No, because tinted lenses merely lessen the amount of light reaching the eyes, hence reduce rather than improve vision. This creates more of a driving hazard than do the other fellow's headlights.

RASH ON NECK E. B. writes: What causes a rash on the back of the neck at the hairline?

REPLY Mechanical irritation from the collar or allergy to one of the materials used in its manufacture or in laundering. Fur pieces, cosmetics, and jewelry are other possible irritants.

BUTTERMILK AND CALCIUM DEPOSITS Mrs. A. H. writes: My husband drinks a quart of buttermilk a day. Will this cause calcium deposits leading to buritis or hardening of the arteries?

REPLY No. ENJOY YOURSELF O. E. writes: Can a person who recently had a catarract removed watch television?

REPLY Yes, if there are no complications such as glaucoma. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Too much rest is debilitating. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

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The Prestigious Peanut

It isn't "just peanuts," the quantity of goobers (groundnuts, monkey nuts, or whatever you call the crunchy seeds) which government statisticians expect us to eat this year. Eight pounds per person (or six pounds if you insist upon removing the shell) is the estimate. This is a big gain over a decade ago. It means that kids are devouring more peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, baseball fans are buying more of what the Department of Agriculture calls "the ball park type of clean roasting stick," and the salted peanut machines are pouring out more of the small Spanish variety popular with pilgrims. All this is in addition to large quantities being crushed for oil, meal, and other uses. It surely will be a great peanut year. The rise of the peanut has been steady since it was discovered in South America by early explorers. In India, China, East Africa, and southern United States it has become a major crop. In India alone it is grown on nearly 14 million acres. It doesn't seem fair that so important a product should continue to be a symbol of maleness. Unthinkingly we accept "Peanuts" as an appropriate nickname for a little guy, like the urchin in the comic strip, "Peanut polities" is a phrase used to describe petty maneuvering. When we stop to think of the millions of tons of the crop that move in international trade and the vast amount of it consumed domestically for oil, peanut butter sandwiches and such, we are convinced the peanut should be treated with more respect. Live the peanut!

Welcome Mat Is Out

Canadians are not the only one worried about United States capital investment in their country. The French have been concerned, too, although the French attitude seems to have changed from opposition to one of welcoming American investment. It was not so long ago that the French were sadly predicting, as many do in Canada, the taking over of French industries by American industrial giants. The other day, French Economic and Finance Minister Michel Deleure visited the United States on the back of his industrial achievements in France. Total United States investment in France, about 12 billion, represents about half the total foreign investment. U.S. investment is concentrated in a few industries, including electronics, synthetic rubber, photographic supplies, farm equipment, elevator and cosmetic production. Americans also own a large share of the country's biggest oil refineries. The Ford Motor Company is expected to establish in France soon. However U.S. ownership still amounts to only about two per cent of France's total industrial assets. And the French are controlling further investment to prevent any concentration of power. New enterprises must meet three conditions: help develop economically backward areas; promote industrial and technical progress; export a large share of their output to other countries. France needs the technological advantages American industry can supply as do other countries in Europe. To make use of them under controlled conditions makes good sense. That the U.S. is prepared to share its technology with other countries was emphasized the other day by Vice-President Humphrey who declared it "our responsibility to take the lead in extending technology's benefits to other places and peoples."

A Word In Your Ear

Ladies and gentlemen, as you present a new word? A ghastly new word as a matter of fact but then that's nothing to get excited about nowadays, is it, unless you're one of those stubborn souls who dedicate their lives to the preservation of the Queen's English. Interesting though, that it should have arrived so soon after the publication of the late Wilson Follett's fresh and scholarly survey of Modern American Usage which has just appeared with assistance from Jacques Barzun, Lionel Trilling, and other eminent grammarians. It happened, as you might imagine, in front of the TV, that repository of painful prose, where we sat the other evening watching a coffee commercial. (We were drinking the wrong kind, needless to say, all nerves you know, irritable, that sort of thing.) As the announcer droned on, our ears pricked up—at the sound of an unidentified flying object—actually we don't think the sentence in question had one. Repeat that, our subconscious requested, and the announcer obligingly did. "Decaffeinated," he said (we can't touch for the spelling), "It's been decaffeinated." Now we ask you, ladies and gentlemen, in all seriousness, would any of you want to drink decaffeinated coffee, even if it were good for the personality? Well, would you? Would you order beer that had been unspiced? Or a martini that had been degassed? Rhetorical questions, quite obviously.

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