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Away Off Course

Mr. Diefenbaker has suggested that current disagreements between the federal government and Quebec are just shadow-boxing and play-acting to help the Quebec Liberals in a provincial election expected this year.

The NDP leader, Mr. Douglas, has shown a more statesmanlike grasp of what this issue involves. His party also favors a raise in the old-age pension from \$75 to \$100 a month, but he does not consider that an expression by the House on such a matter necessarily or inherently represents a vote of no confidence in the government.

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regardless of how we voted last November. That's a well-established principle of our democracy, and it would be unfortunate if we lost sight of it.

Mr. Greene, we note, made this the basis of his tour of the Prairie provinces last week. If any provincial Liberal leaders had him in tow on that occasion, we saw no reference to it in the generous publicity his tour received.

Apart from Saskatchewan, we have the largest part of our economy involved in agriculture of any province in Canada. That's what's bringing Mr. Greene here, really; and naturally he'll want to talk with as many of our leading farmers as he can meet.

The same goes for Fisheries Minister Robichaud, or we miss our guess. He's no stranger here; and if he were, he too could be expected to get promptly and easily in touch with our provincial authorities and leading fishermen.

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Salute In Saskatchewan Place Names

Saskatchewan is deservedly being honoured today by the issue of a new postage stamp, being the provincial floral emblem and crest.

Our "Prairie Lily" province, sometimes called Canada's Breadbasket, is one of our more fascinating provinces, as any keen-eyed visitor quickly learns. It is rich in folklore and glamorous with history, from the old French aristocratic settlement in the south to Grey Owl's lonely cabin beside northern Lac La Ronge.

What is not widely known is that Saskatchewan's place names rival Newfoundland's more quoted samples, reflecting the background and the aspirations of the trials and the joys, of the early settlers.

THIS YOUNG flag that was devised by the LEADER, will it bring UNITY, will it be a SUCCESS of MAJOR proportions, would it make a CHOICE LAND in which to live, will it make GOODSOIL or improve the DRINKWATER? Will it have a good OUTLOOK, will there be PLENTY of everything with it? Should it have been BIGGAR or remain TINY? What will the PRELATE say about it, or the CHAMPION or even the PRIMATE? What are the feelings of the ADMIRAL, or the FUSILLIER or even the RESERVE on BATTLE HEIGHTS or at DUNDURN? Should we bend the ELBOW and drink to it, or throw it in a SWIFT CURRENT or maybe a FLOWING WELL, or just FORGET it? Will it make a new FRONTIER, or should we send it to ABERDEEN or maybe display it in an ABBEY or perhaps the SANCTUARY? Is it as pretty as a BLUEBELL or JASMIN or even LILAC or WILD ROSE? What would DRAKE or FROBISHER have thought of it, or the soldiers that were at DUNKIRK, and what would EARL GREY have thought of it? A MATADOR certainly will not carry it.

Put Strap In Museum Toronto Daily Star Strapping pupils is rough on young ones and ineffective on badly behaved older ones. Educational psychologists consider corporal punishment either useless or harmful. In our opinion it should be abolished from Ontario schools.

Frenglish Spoken Here Financial Post Maybe there is some sense in the efforts of the French to rid their language of Anglo-Saxon impurities. Le briefing of le coming man may inspire a thirst all around for unscotch-soda, but it obviously has little du sex-appeal for the language purists of la belle France ou, for that matter, la belle province.

Frenglish Spoken Here Financial Post Consider, however, the plight of the English-speaking countries. They can't fight few with fire. Whole armies might disintegrate and the side de camp would certainly be hors de combat, if corporals, generals, regiments, battalions, and scores of

Frenglish Spoken Here Financial Post The entire social fabric, in fact, would be grievously undermined if the rule were English only. Madame would be distraught without her rouge, her chignon, her negligee and her brassiere. Indeed, as The Observer of London points out, what would a bride do without a trousseau? For that matter how could she get to be a bride without a fiance? Indeed, without French, how could anyone commit a faux pas by forgetting to acknowledge a request to R.S.V.P.? Franglais may be under attack and perhaps deservedly so, but Frenglish is plainly here to stay.

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Pros And Cons Of Aspirin

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Canadian Press Aspirin has been discovered last year it is doubtful whether the Food and Drug Administration would allow it to be sold in the United States. It has many side reactions, including dyspepsia and gastric bleeding; the small percentage who are sensitive to salicylates develop serious or fatal allergic reactions even though a small amount is consumed.

Aspirin is the prime cause of accidental poisoning among children. This is being combated through educating parents and using bottles with stoppers that the small fry cannot remove.

We are not trying to discourage anyone from taking the most used and useful of drugs. We are pointing out that adverse reactions to everyday remedies occur and new products should not be restricted because of irrational fears. No country in the world controls the sale of drugs so well as the United States. Several years ago it surprised me to see a Mexican druggist selling potentially dangerous drugs over the counter. He also gave a young man a shot of penicillin.

According to Medical Letter, dyspepsia or "heartburn" is more prevalent in TV commercials than it is in fact. Less than five per cent of those receiving one or two aspirin tablets developed this symptom. Larger doses may cause bleeding. But this among arthritics who take large doses regularly.

The speed with which a tablet disintegrates is no criterion of its solubility. Aspirin dissolves slowly regardless of how fast the pill disintegrates. This applies to preparations that are dissolved in a liquid prior to swallowing. Some manufacturers add an alkali to reduce gastric irritation, but the amount of antacid is so small that it does not offer any advantage over plain aspirin. A small pinch of baking soda has the same effect.

Gastric irritation also can be reduced by taking the aspirin immediately after eating or with a full glass of water or milk.

LUNG SCARS N. M. writes: Can scars on the lungs due to pneumonia be mistaken for those due to tuberculosis?

REPLY This seldom happens. In the first place, pneumonia rarely leaves a scar whereas tuberculosis does. In the second place, tuberculosis involves the upper lobes, but pneumonia can develop anywhere in the lungs.

MOUNTAIN FEVER Mrs. W. writes: Is it true that Rocky Mountain spotted fever is found all over the United States?

REPLY Yes, the name of this tick-borne disease is no longer accurate because cases have been reported from every state in the Union, except Maine and Vermont.

IT HAS MY VOTE J. B. writes: Do you approve of day time naps? I heard over the radio recently that it interfered with the function of the body in some way.

REPLY Napping may interfere with your work, but it is wonderful for anyone who can indulge as it gives the various organs of the body a temporary rest.

PREVENTION OF DIABETES A reader writes: Can diabetes be prevented?

REPLY Only through heredity or the early use of anti-diabetic pills by a person who stands a good chance of developing the disease. Mild diabetes may be avoided by keeping slim and in good health.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Reassuring Indications

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press WASHINGTON (CP) — The United States and the Soviet Union continue to kick each other on the shins on various well-worn issues, including Viet Nam.

But there also are signs that these two major powers are holding hands under the table on a broader range of common aims.

Each now has a vital vested interest in the military or ideological containment of China, although the Soviet Union is cautious about exposing itself to the repeated Chinese accusations of being as soft on the U.S.

The Soviet Union at the same time is working away at its counter-attack for the Communist world's leadership and is credited in the West at least with having played its cards adroitly in the last few months.

As China belligerently urges North Viet Nam to fight on and the U.S. talks peace and continues its military buildup in the south, Russia has been mending its fences as a milder-mannered alternative.

Both the Soviet Union and U.S. are concerned about controlling the war in Asia and the Soviet Union has had its own peace initiatives to complement

the American variety — from Tashkent to Hanoi and Mongolia. SUPPORTED CONFERENCE It is believed here that the recent Indian-Pakistani reconciliation at Tashkent, marking Russia's first venture into non-Communist peace efforts, was certainly set up by the Soviet leaders but had concrete assurances of support from the United States.

At least there was real satisfaction in government circles at signs tensions had been reduced on the Asian sub-continent.

It also is assumed here, although it cannot be confirmed, that Washington and Moscow made points of letting each other know of plans for making contact with North Viet Nam.

Some believe too that the U.S. is just as concerned as Russia about a West Germany armed with nuclear weapons. They point to the vague sentiments expressed last month by President Johnson when Chancellor Erhard came here to discuss Germany's nuclear future within NATO.

Russia also expressed apprehension about the spread of nuclear weapons although Viet Nam and Germany impede progress.

Rock Of Discard

Washington Post For nearly 15 months the British crown colony of Gibraltar has been under a virtual blockade imposed by Spain. The exact causes are obscure, but the practical reason is that Spain wants to alter the provisions of the 1704-year-old Treaty of Utrecht that ceded Britain this mountain fort at the southern tip of the Iberian Peninsula.

To support her case, Spain has alleged, among other complaints a treaty violation in the degree of self-government accorded Gibraltar. Her border restrictions have discouraged tourism, curtailed commerce, and penalized Spanish citizens who work in Gibraltar.

In an age when anticommunism is a byword, Gibraltar undoubtedly is regarded by many as an anachronism. Spain's wish for a different relationship with what is virtually a foreign

enclave on her soil is understandable. But there can be no doubt that almost to a man the inhabitants of Gibraltar regard themselves as British and want to continue their close association — and the blockade has not changed this resolve. That, surely, ought to be the point of departure for any new discussions between Spain and Britain as tentatively agreed in the United Nations.

The present impasse is absurd. But in all the world preoccupation with the rights of dependent peoples, the guiding principle ought to be that whatever relationship may be evolved have the consent of the governed. That ought to concern the United Nations quite as much as the Gibraltarians themselves.

A Welcome Move

Ottawa Citizen Canada has decided to accede to the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic, to come into force for this country on January 22.

This is a welcome move; it is high time it was taken because the convention was originally signed in 1949.

One of the great practical advantages to the average motorist is that he will now be able to obtain an international driving permit in Canada before he leaves on a trip.

That will make it easier for him to travel, and to take his car with him if he wishes. There will be reciprocal advantages for tourists coming to this country, and that has considerable significance with the flock of visitors expected in the centennial year of 1967.

But the convention covers more than drivers' licences. Its provisions also take in such things as basic rules of the road, signs and signals, the registration of vehicles and technical specifications for international highways.

Universal acceptance of a system for signs is a particularly desirable objective because it would eliminate language barriers. Canada's long delay in adhering to the convention is accounted for by the fact that the sub-

Travel bargains table with destinations like Montreal, Moncton, Saint John, Halifax, Sydney, Corner Brook, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver and prices.

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