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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Reciprocal Trade Program

The real source of American misunderstanding of Canada's trade problems, as stressed in a report compiled by two U.S. Congressmen—Representatives Hays of Arkansas and Coffin of Maine—is not the Eisenhower administration but the Congress itself.

In this connection, the long drawn out negotiations between the administration and the Congress on the subject of a renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Program may be cited as a sign of disagreement between the two branches of Government.

But, although the proposed legislation has been in committee stage for several months, it has not yet been referred to the floor of Congress, and the latest report is that it may be defeated or, at best, subjected to such amendments as would destroy its value as an incentive to more liberal trade policies.

The Late Mr. Pickard

Prince Edward Island has lost one of its most prominent business men in the passing yesterday morning of Mr. Alfred Pickard. For over half a century Mr. Pickard's name was associated with the coal business, and later with the machinery business in which his company was equally successful.

Mr. Pickard was also active for many years in the affairs of Trinity United Church, and set a fine example of courtesy, fairness and integrity in all his dealings.

British Butter Market

According to the London correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, Britain and New Zealand are in an economic tangle over butter. British housewives have been buying New Zealand butter at around half a crown a pound (or 35 cents). This is the cheapest since butter rationing ended after World War II.

How has this butter situation arisen? Partly, it is claimed, because of overproduction of milk in Britain. New Zealand spokesmen claim that there have also been dumping and unfair competition by producers in Sweden, Finland, Poland, Ireland and Argentina.

To make a pound of butter in Britain costs at least six shillings, or more than twice the price of New Zealand butter in the shops today. English farm butter from the factories costs three shillings to three shil-

ings and sixpence a pound in the shops, but then it is a subsidized product. The milk marketing board has bought the milk from the farmer at the guaranteed price and sold it cheap at the factories. The cheap price of the New Zealand export is helping, of course, in the fight against rising living costs and inflation.

A "Success"

From headquarters of the United States' Civil Defence organization in Battle Creek, Mich., comes word that the "biggest mock-nuclear attack" in the history of the organization was a "success".

The "success" arose from two facts: that millions of Americans theoretically died in the three hour imaginary assault of more than 500 bombers and a few scattered submarines; that uncounted others were theoretically marked for death by simulated radiation fallout from 291 bomb blasts, swept across the country by prevailing winds.

Whether or not these simulated nuclear attacks serve any useful purpose, as far as indicating some measure of safety in time of war is concerned, is a debatable question. Some experts say they do; others, equally competent, say they are a waste of money, that in a nuclear war there would be no protection, save that afforded by anti-nuclear weapons, if such be practicable.

But isn't it a sad commentary on our 20th century civilization—the most advanced in the history of the world, or so we think—that mock exercises designed to kill and maim—theoretically—millions of men, women and children are regarded as routine and called a "success"?

EDITORIAL NOTES

A report from a certain South American Republic says that the new President was elected "virtually without violence." What's coming over these people?

The killing of sea lampreys, a vicious type of eel which destroys fish by the thousands in the Great Lakes, is expensive business. Last year, according to a U.S. Congressional subcommittee, 122,000 of the creatures were killed at a cost of nearly \$1 million.

The Chairman of the C.B.C. Board of Governors sees a great future for television if public and private enterprise continue to co-operate. His forecasts include color t.v., more stations and more sets. Let us hope that some of the programs will come in for a little overhauling.

Premier Duplessis has called a by-election for July 2. Some political commentators see this as not quite cricket in view of the Liberal Party's having no leader at the present time. However, since a leader is to be elected on May 31, we can't see that it is a very serious matter.

A circuit Court in Kentucky has declared inoperative a new state law banning Daylight Saving Time. The judge ruled that the State Government has no authority to tell individuals or businesses what time reference to go by. In his judgement it is a matter of individual opinion.

The other day in Ottawa a caller asked a government telephone operator to connect him with Mr. Lester B. Pearson's office. By mistake he was connected with the Prime Minister's office. The operator had confused Mr. Pearson's secretary, Miss E.M. MacDonald, with one of Mr. Diefenbaker's secretaries, Miss M.E. MacDonald. Something will have to be done to straighten this out, if protocol is to be kept in good shape.

Speaking of Britain's new turbo-jet bomber, the chairman of a British aircraft company said: "Clearly we are ahead of everybody else by a very long chalk. We have opened up a gap of at least three years, whatever America might do." This is a delightful departure from the traditional policy of understatement. It's time they crowded a little bit about their achievements. The United States has had a monopoly of that for too long.



"WE WANT YOU TO FEEL RIGHT AT HOME"

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION It May Never Happen

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

You are liable to have a "I've been here before" feeling if you have known London over some years and you happen to be here right now. You would be apt to sense an attitude among the Londoners which would take you back — the attitude of "It may never happen."

I sensed that attitude at Munich time, in 1938, when the "it may never happen" attitude was justified. It happened again in 1939, when it proved false. Then, when the air did break out, Londoners were mighty optimistic about the invulnerability of London against Nazi air raiders.

On the whole, though, this attitude is not a bad one to have. It gives the British some weakness, but in a strange way it gives them some strength as well. They seem to adopt the attitude to various crises — like the threat of London's bus strike. It has been hanging over their heads for some weeks now.

What does a bus strike mean to Londoners? It means that no less than 2000 square miles of roads in and around the capital would be transportless. At peak records, London's bus transport system supplies some 8500 buses for the commuters. Ten million people are served by them.

And the attitude extends to the possibility of railroad strikes which I talked about last week. If the rail men come out, you can bet that they will not strike in sympathy with the busmen. Between them, no sympathy exists.

But it does seem as if the rail strike threat is diminishing. Cut operating costs, said Prime Minister Macmillan to the railwaymen, and you'll get your pay increase.

And the railroads have already worked out a plan which, they estimate, will save \$29.70 million. It may not be much, but it is a start.

MEMO Memo to Me — and to anyone else living among Londoners: if you find any skeletons, don't get over-excited. A friend has just told me that just outside the one square-mile that makes up the City of London (as opposed to the huge area of what is called Greater London) a mass grave with some 40 skeletons in it had just been found.

OTTAWA REPORT A Little Nonsense By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: The leather medal for the least inspired election slogan is merited by the rhymed tribute to C. C. F. leader M.J. Coldwell. This verse, somewhat less than Mr. Coldwell deserves, evidently was created "somewhere in Saskatchewan."

"Though our products haven't sold well West or East of dear old Sask, Sing Utopia a la Coldwell. How much more can people ask?" RHYME FOR "BAKER"

The Prime Minister's name proved as difficult to campaign poets as it does to newspaper headline composers. A cob of corn would be an appropriate reward for this effort: "Canada's a sleeping beauty. Who will rouse her to her duty? Hear profundo Diefenbaker Sing 'The Maple Leaf' and wake her."

JOYCE FOR CHOICE One of the Prime Minister's chief lieutenants Transport Minister George Hees, roused a strict non-political "Sleeping Beauty" in Ottawa. Making what is perhaps the only recorded gesture of affection by a Conservative Minister to the evidently often pro-Liberal Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, he busked the attractive star of "Tabloid," Joyce Davidson.

This noteworthy event took place at the annual Springtime Party, held here each year to raise funds to support the Ottawa Philharmonic Orchestra. Highlighting an evening of frolic at

NOT GENERALLY KNOWN BY PUBLIC

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. EVERY now and then some readers apparently don't like the way I write some of my columns. They complain that I should not discuss specific symptoms of various diseases.

DANGER SIGNALS Of course I don't and I have said so repeatedly. But I do want to drum these various danger signals into your mind until you recognize them as distinct warnings to see your doctor.

ANSWERED INCORRECTLY Only about half the answers—55 per cent—were correct. About one-third of those filling out a multiple-choice questionnaire answered 70 percent or more of the questions correctly. However, about one-third answered less than half correctly.

CONFIRMS BELIEF This study, I think confirms the belief of most doctors that the public doesn't know enough about disease and—even more important—it doesn't know enough about early symptoms of disease.

THE AGE OLD STORY Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me; yet thy commandments are my delights.

STAR FOR STRATFORD Turning from the amateur to the professional play-actor, I hear that a well-known star wants to be invited to play at our Stratford, Ontario, theatre next summer.

NEWS OF ANOTHER LEADING MAN: Reports here say that ex-House of Commons Speaker Rene Beaudoin is to be remarried in the first week in June. He would surely find his former colleagues in order if they were to rise on a question of privilege to wish him happiness.

HOW TO RAISE \$12,000 The Springtime Party was a greater success, than ever this year. The gates were closed after admitting 500 paying customers more than the previous record of 3,500 and a further 3,000 were turned away.

THE FOLLOWING: The resourceful chairman, Mrs. Harold ("Belle") Shenkman, wife of a well-known Ottawa real estate man, raised more than \$12,000 for the orchestra, by her efforts covering months of organization for the one-night show.

THE FOLLOWING EVENING, at one of Ottawa's frequent gin-and-gossip gatherings, masculine conversation touched on the luck which attended Hon. George Hees good deed in the cause of philanthropy. Liberal leader Lester Pearson turned one of those wry phrases which slip so easily off his sense of humor: "If it had been me playing Prince Charming, with my present run of luck, I would have had to kiss the

NOTES BY THE WAY

In this age of glass skyscrapers and futuristic banks, the 75-year-old Brooklyn Bridge still exerts a stronger pull on painters and poets than any other landmark in New York—NY Herald Tribune

Pedestrians who crossed busy street intersections against the red traffic signal have been able to do so without breaking the law if they could make such a crossing safely and without impeding other traffic.

From deserted court By carthouse shed A listener strolls With the numbered beats, Then turns to the gate A surrusus of Walkers In Peking's streets.

Like the brick-edged well Where the last bucket drips — A plucked string sound From liquid depth — the late Note holds a moment there, Suffering a glint of what it knows, but can't unfold.

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OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 10, 1933) At the regular meeting of the Summerside Town Council last evening Councillor MacNeill reported that the work of repairing the western approach to the town was going along well, but it was found necessary to purchase more wood as the butment was badly undermined.

TEEN YEARS AGO (May 10, 1948) Reconstruction Minister Howe was asked yesterday to take steps to prevent possible eviction of the families living at Maple Hills, former Charlottetown Airport. Mr. Howe stated that he had not been informed of any plan for eviction, and said further that his department had no specific proposal to provide housing for the residents of Maple Hills.

The street department hopes to acquire a boiler and steam engine for its asphalt plant and upon their arrival the plant will be immediately set up. The operating of the plant will enable black base and top to be run in the late summer so that streets which can not be done early in the year may be completed at this time.

The Poets Corner CURFEW Measured and deep The Drum Tower rolls The ninth hour over A surrusus of Walkers In Peking's streets.

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