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Shipping Problem

A report from San Francisco, where the Merchant Marine Alliance has been holding its annual convention, says that shipping in the United States is facing a crisis. At the present time the Federal Government is subsidizing the operations of the merchant fleet to the extent of \$120 million annually...

The prospect that is worrying the shipping companies is that the Congress, which at present is in an anti-subsidy mood, might see fit to reduce the subsidies materially. There has been some talk of this in recent months. However, some Senators are still strongly in favour of continuing the subsidies, or even increasing them in face of rising costs.

The problem is even more acute in this country, where there is no ocean-going fleet at all to speak of. During the last two election campaigns the matter was widely discussed; and we seem to recall that the Conservatives particularly were alarmed at the situation and anxious to do something about it, if given the opportunity.

Global Sign Language

Travel organizations and government officials are studying the possibility of promoting an international sign language. Visitors to foreign lands, it is claimed, could use the language to make their wants known. In emergencies, it might save lives.

Sign languages undoubtedly arose long before speech, and have always been used as an adjunct. American Indians used a well-developed sign language at intertribal meetings, the National Geographic Society says. Italians, Mexicans, and other Latin peoples in particular have large sign vocabularies.

Linguists have estimated that some 700,000 distinct elementary gestures can be produced by combinations of facial expressions, postures, movements of the arms, hands, and fingers. This vast array of symbols would be enough to provide the equivalent of a full-blown modern language. Sign language has no irregular verbs, grammar, spelling or strange sounds to make learning difficult.

Streeter, president of the American Tourist Association in Washington, D.C., has suggested a global sign language consisting of 72 signs. His "dictionary" is a booklet containing photographs of the gestures with their translations into nine major languages. The language can be learned in a few hours. The 72 signs would enable a traveler to express a wide variety of thoughts, such as: "Where (cupped hands to chest) can (fists together in front of chest) I (palm on chest) eat (fingers close to mouth)?"

Sign language is not intended to replace speech, which is far superior as a means of conveying complex thoughts. But in the absence of a world-wide spoken language, it might prove a very useful substitute.

What Does Chiang Want?

Mr. Dulles, in Formosa, says his visit there is "to consolidate a relationship of mutual trust and confidence." President Eisenhower, in a recent press conference, emphasized that it was not intended "to coerce or try to coerce an ally." This prompts the Ottawa Journal to ask: "How much of an ally is the man who has a powerful U.S. 7th Fleet to protect him on an island beachhead, and who has drained the U.S. treasury of \$1,000,000,000 over the past ten years to keep him and his army alive? Chiang Kai-shek is not an ally; he is more an expensive ward. And a dangerous one."

How dangerous the Chinese Nationalist leader is may be gathered from a statement attributed to him just before the extension of the cease fire in the Quemoy-Matsu area. In a speech to his troops he said: "What worries us is not that they (the Chinese Communists) may attack but that they may not attack again." Why? Because if the Communists attacked they might "enlarge the scope of hostilities... and invite common action by the free world's anti-aggression forces."

Chiang now has his wish so far as discontinuance of the cease fire is concerned. It is to be hoped, however, that his other anticipations will be completely disappointed—that the scope of hostilities will not be enlarged but strictly limited, thereby avoiding the appalling danger of a World War III.

Meanwhile, however, Chiang has been using the cease fire to pour more materials, munitions and manpower into the offshore islands. The free world, whom he prefaces to represent, may well ask, To what purpose?

EDITORIAL NOTES

The money due farmers for last year's surplus potatoes is reported to be "in the mail". Never did so many have to wait so long for so little.

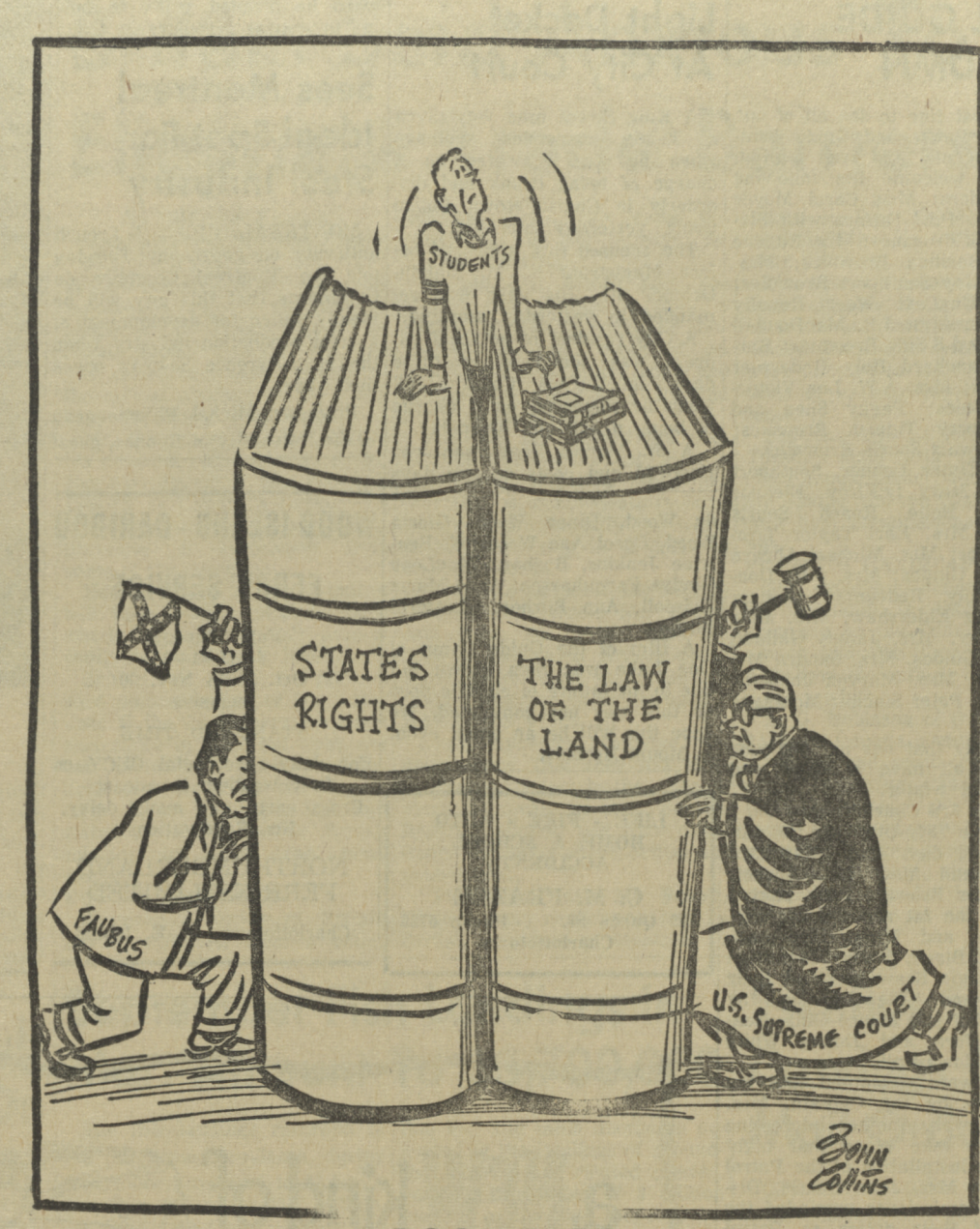
The Prime Minister will be accompanied on his round-the-world trip by a party of 26. That should be enough to take care of any emergency that might arise.

For the first time in forty years a new method of shingle-manufacturing has been introduced. At the MacMillan and Bloedel Ltd. factory in Vancouver, shingles will be cut instead of sawn, with resultant saving of wood. Basic part of the new machine is a disk 9 ft. in diameter weighing 2 tons with blades attached.

Former President Harry S. Truman says that, although he is campaigning vigorously for Democratic candidate in the current election campaign, he has not said, nor will he say, anything that might embarrass the President and Secretary Dulles in their negotiations with the Chinese on the Far East dispute. That is political integrity of a high order.

A noted American psychologist, Dr. Paul Brodsky of the Alfred Adler Counseling Centre in Hollywood, says that horror films "sow the seeds of juvenile delinquency and twisted adults." Anyone with common sense can see that. Yet, more and more of the degrading pictures are being made, simply because parents are stupid enough to allow their children to see them.

A certain group in the United States has expressed the opinion that under American law American Cardinals who vote in the election for a new Pope will "forfeit their citizenship". It seems hardly likely that that will be the view of the State Department. It was scarcely necessary for the Canadian Government to point out that under the Citizenship Act Cardinals McGuigan and Leger are in no danger of losing their citizenship by voting in the Conclave.



BOOK ENDS

OTTAWA REPORT

Enlisting The Written Word

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA — M. J. Coldwell, the national leader of the C.C.F., is the second of our top politicians to enter and quit the ranks of journalism within the year. Liberal Leader Lester Pearson was the first to do so, as a weekly columnist earlier.

Mr. Coldwell's weekly articles have been syndicated in newspapers published in nine or ten of our larger cities. His remuneration was the not very princely sum of around \$75 per week, slightly less than had previously been paid to Mr. Pearson. He is ceasing to be a journalist because he will be out of Canada for several months, as leader of a United Nations mission to India—an appointment made on the international level which is a deserved compliment to Mr. Coldwell.

Both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Coldwell have had considerable experience of reaching out into the homes of Canadians by means of radio and television broadcasts. It is surprising that neither of them have been able to pitch their writing to the same popular level which brought them big broadcasting audiences. In other countries, top politicians have made extensive and effective use of the pen, to propagate their political ideas and to augment their incomes. Pioneers Pearson and Coldwell in Canada have not made a great success in either way. Both have been unfortunate in their choice of topics to write about, pitching their thinking perhaps too much in the ivory tower of political theory, and shunning the sure-fire reader appeal which they could both have enlisted by writing on a more intimate personal note.

Perhaps the next top politician with ambition to build himself up by the written word will enlist the services of a ghost-writer; or maybe he will seek a professional journalist to coach him, in the same way as President Eisenhower has employed a well-known Hollywood star to coach him in the use of the television camera.

Typical of Mr. Coldwell's habit of writing over the heads of his readers was a long piece criticizing the Senate on an obscure technical point, and suggesting that the Senate should be reformed. Alternatively, he suggested, the Senate should be abolished or else have its powers curtailed.

Mr. Coldwell brought King James the First, confederation and the Section 98 of the Criminal Code into his arguments. As a maverick, he also complained that new minority parties, such as his own C.C.F., have no representation in the Senate. Here he trod on very thin ice, for he has repeatedly stated that he himself would not accept a seat in the Senate. Were it not for the fact that 22 years of solid Liberal appointments have practically exterminated the Conservative Party in the Senate, and if

The Atomic Power Problem

By George Kitchen Canadian Press Staff Writer

The big powers shortly will get what may be their last chance of the prospect of a fourth atomic power appearing on the international horizon worried the delegates at the UN disarmament talks which ended in failure in London last year. Delegates of all the nations represented there discussed the problem with some foreboding.

The problem worried them then, as it presumably does now, because they realize it would not stop at a fourth or fifth power. The possession, if not the capability of manufacturing, atomic weapons would spread to 10, 15 or 20 other nations, touching off an atomic arms race which would greatly increase the chances of a global nuclear war.

It would, they felt, enormously increase the possibilities of a fatal miscalculation on the part of one of the atomic nations and broaden the prospects for surprise attack. With a number of nations possessing atomic bombs, the task of working out any disarmament agreement would be far more difficult than it would be with only three members in the atomic club.

Where Is Columbus Buried?

Chas. D. Stewart In The Seattle Post Intelligencer

When in 1795, the body of Christopher Columbus was ordered shipped from one cathedral to another the men to whom the preparation was entrusted got the wrong box. It contained the remains of some other man. One of the containers was shipped—the right one or the wrong. To this day, they cannot tell which was which. One thing is certain: Columbus is in one of the two boxes.

At the cathedral of San Domingo, in what is now the Dominican Republic, from which the body was sent, they claim to have discovered the mistake. This leaves them in possession of Columbus. At the other cathedral they do not admit that a mistake was made. Proof has been offered, but it does not convince. As Columbus cannot be in two places at the same time, you may draw your own conclusions. The cathedral to which the remains were sent was the Cathedral of Havana in Cuba. In 1795 San Domingo fell under control of the French, whereupon Spanish authorities ordered the removal to Havana, where Columbus would be safe in Spanish hands. The remains (right or wrong) were kept there until almost the present day. Today the tourist who wishes to look upon the tomb of Columbus goes to the Cathedral of Seville in Spain. How does that happen? Here Uncle Sam steps into the picture. When the United States took over Cuba in the war with Spain, Columbus was shipped to Seville, where he would again be safe in Spanish hands. American tourists go there to look upon the tomb and go away without even having heard about the other tomb of Columbus back in America. And what is more intriguing, without knowing that the ancient remains in the tomb before them have been there only since 1895.

Aid From Heat Applications

By Herman N. Budesen, M. D. PHYSICAL therapy is an important adjunct to medical treatment of rheumatoid arthritis. But to be effective, physical therapy must be carried out daily, or as frequently as directed by the physician who ordered it.

HOT PACKS EFFECTIVE

Too many patients begin such treatment in their own homes with perfectly good intentions, then gradually forget about it. Heat, as I have previously explained, helps relax the muscles and soothes painful joints. Most doctors, I am sure, would recommend it for patients with rheumatoid arthritis. While I cannot prescribe for individual cases, of course, I think it advisable for all of you who have a victim of this disease in the home to know how to apply heat.

I'll discuss some of the various methods of doing this, but I want to emphasize that none of them should be employed without specific instructions from your physician. If and when he does order it, maybe the following instructions will make it a little easier for you to apply.

HOT PACKS EFFECTIVE

Hot packs are a relatively simple and effective way of heating just about any portion of the body. Woolen cloths probably are best. Soak them thoroughly in water heated to about 120 degrees and then wring them out. Permit them to remain over the affected joints for 10 minutes, or so, and then dunk them again.

You can use hot packs once or twice a day from half an hour to 45 minutes each time. Contrast baths are useful for stricken hands or feet. Heat some water until it is about 110 degrees. Beside the pot or pan containing this water, place another holding cold water of about 65 degrees.

HOT AND COLD

Plunge hands or feet into the hot water and hold them there for 10 minutes. Then, place them in the cold water for one minute. Next, whisk them back to the hot water, again, for four minutes this time. And then back to the cold water for one minute again. You can keep up this alternating procedure for half an hour, but always remember to end it with your hands in the hot water. If the water is too hot or too cold for comfort, you can cool or warm it a bit.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

L. B. What foods can a diabetic eat? A. A diabetic diet varies in kind and amount with each patient. In general, the daily diet should include a generous supply of vegetables, an egg, a dish of cereal, fruit, a pint or more of milk, a moderate amount of meat, fish, or cheese, slice of bread and a little butter.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO... OCT. 22, 1933... Mr. Arthur Perry, Tignish, left on Thursday for Montreal to accept a position there in the Provincial Bank. He was a prominent member of the Tignish orchestra, and was the guest of honour at a social gathering given by Claude Kinch and Alex MacDonald at their dance hall on the eve of his departure.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

You can't take it with you and you can't get very far with it here unless you are unusually good at dodging tax collectors and creditors.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The Poet's Corner

LET ME TAKE TIME Let me stand in abeyance when I meet The welcome in the greeting of a friend; Let me forget that I am busy, Lord, Lest I should miss a living dividend.

Let me reach down to dry a childish tear And watch the miracle of faith's rebirth; Let me take up such moments, every one, And share the blessings of their priceless worth.

Let me fret not when sunny moments flee While someone in the shadows would reward A friendly word, an understanding smile; Lay bare the lie: I am too busy, Lord.

Let me cast off the chains of frenzied toil And find the luxury of a sun-warmed mouse Where I may lose the tension of the day And count the many joys my heart has found.

When I am absent from the House of Prayer, Let not my false, my baser instincts speak The shaming words, the ugly, worn excuse That I am tired when I am only weak.

I would not have my hands know idleness, The discontent that chafes 'til they are sore, But let me take the time to turn them to The gleaming of life's nobler, richer store.

—S. Barlow Bird. Freetown, P.E.I.

The Age Old Story

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

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