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Unemployment Situation

There seems to be some difference of opinion among government officials and labour union leaders as to the measure of unemployment which can be expected this winter.

There is no point, however, in any political party's trying to make capital out of unemployment. That certainly would be of no benefit to the unemployed; and it is doubtful whether it would do the party itself a service.

Elsewhere appears an interesting story on the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, which is today observing the completion of half a century of activities in Charlottetown.

There is not much point, either, in blaming the former Liberal government, although its economic and social policies may have had something to do with building up conditions which create unemployment.

This would seem to indicate that some changes will be made in the Unemployment Insurance Act to make it more helpful to the jobless in any emergency that may arise.

Regrettable Friction

It seems that the nations cannot agree even on a program of action which takes the world into its concern. At the recent conference of the International Red Cross in New Delhi representatives of 17 countries walked out in a huff because the majority voted to accept the credentials of the delegates from the "Republic of China" (Formosa) instead of those from the Chinese mainland.

The disputed resolution was sponsored by the chief United States delegate who referred to it as "merely the reaffirmation of a principle". That, of course, was a reflection of the United States' refusal to recognize the Government of Communist China.

That aside, would not the interests of the International Red Cross be served if delegates at the

annual conference were chosen by Red Cross organizations in the various countries and not by the Governments? That would give representation by all countries where the organization is at work, regardless of their political systems; and at the same time it would help to keep political controversy from spoiling the deliberations.

1,000 Years Behind

A space traveller, we are told, might age only 10 years while the earth aged 1,000 years; so that on returning from a space voyage he would find all of his own generation long since dead and buried. This is accounted for in Einstein's theory of relativity which we make no pretense of understanding.

If a planet is 1,000 light-years away from earth, then the view of it that we see now has taken 1,000 years to reach our eyes. That, our view of that planet now is 1,000 years out of date. On that planet, the view of earth which is reaching its inhabitants (if any) today is our earth as it looked 1,000 years ago.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The United States is the world's leading "creditor" nation. Yet the interest on its national debt comes to nearly \$8 billion annually.

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A kindred spirit to our own "Dr. Roddy" has been discovered in Fort Worth, Texas. He is Dr. J. D. Cummings, a general practitioner who at 99 years of age works in his office daily from 7 to 7 and goes out on night calls when asked. His only concession to age is that he travels by bus instead of in his Model T.

The Government of Jamaica has decided to try Canadian codfish against their eroding over-prices. Under the new agreement Canadian exporters will receive a half cent per pound more than formerly. The Canadian Government will no doubt reciprocate by assuring the Jamaicans a fair market for their own products.

A night school for farmers which has opened in Edinburgh provides a course of 20 lectures on agricultural law and administration for a modest fee. It has attracted a number of students who receive instruction from lecturers of Edinburgh University and the East of Scotland College of Agriculture. The lectures, followed by questions and discussions, cover in outline recent agricultural law and state control over farming.

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SCANNING THE SKIES TODAY

OTTAWA REPORT

Malpeque Oysters

By Patrick Nicholson, Special Correspondent For The Guardian. Ottawa's best oysters in the world are back in Ottawa - but not yet in satisfactory quantities. But perhaps this is in keeping with their home, little Prince Edward Island, where these must necessarily be - and is - quality but in quantity.

There was an acute shortage and ultimately a total absence of oysters from Malpeque oysters here last winter. But now they have made a welcome return. Two dozen Malpeque oysters were presented to Prime Minister John Diefenbaker when he visited the dinner meeting of the Canadian Travel Association here.

FISHING PARADISE. Saskaatchewan's most famous fishing spot got a good plug for its sport at that C.T.A. gathering. Samples of the fish harvest at most of our provinces were presented to Prime Minister Diefenbaker. He gratefully received, and carefully examined, fifty of 25-pound salmon from B.C., 17-pound trout from Man., 60-pound cod from Newfoundland, 3-pound mackerel from Nova Scotia, and 100-pound New Brunswick Pickerel from Ontario, and those Malpeques from P.E.I.

After seeing these fine samples, the Prime Minister approved the sentiments which were embodied in the fisherman's feelings about his own catch of oysters. He said with a smile, "That North Saskatchewan produces pretty fine fish."

CANADA AIDS BRITAIN. There has been a nothing but halibut over the product fact that Canada has been able to come to the aid of Britain's plutonium industry. The Canadian Government is supplying fissionable material. We are rightly proud of our status as the world's leading atomic powers in the world, although we have so far made a point of applying our atomic knowledge to peaceful purposes only.

Recently there was a disastrous explosion at Britain's plutonium factory at Windscale in Cumberland County. Among the aftermaths were a shortage of fissionable raw material, and serious contamination of grassland over a wide adjoining area so that cows milk became unfit for human consumption.

The new seat for the Mounties in Ottawa is the official residence of the Prime Minister. The Mounties achieved their proud boast within 48 hours of mounting guard. The house next morning late and hurried to dress for the dinner party. He was the hostess of the evening. The ruffian then even tried the tale that was the brother of the Prime Minister. But that was even more obvious a lie. The Mountie took the trespasser into custody around to the domestic staff entrance to see whether they knew the man. He was at once recognized, and Mr. Elmer Diefenbaker, brother of the Prime Minister and house guest was permitted to enter by the back door. He changed into his formal attire.

The Zhukov Affair

Much of the mystery of the Zhukov affair is a ghost story. For years the Soviet Communist party has been haunted by the spectre of some latter-day Napoleon rising from within the armed forces to overthrow the military rule above the party dictatorship.

Which other factors probably were involved, the basis cause of the latest Kremlin upheaval probably lay long ago in the bitter conflict bred by the structure of the Soviet military system itself. The party leadership concentrated in a single man in a Kremlin circle demonstrated the possibility the Russian revolution - like the French a century and half ago - might have its Bonapartes.

Why did Khrushchev act just in this manner? The only answer which seems to have any logic is that the party and its leader, Nikita Khrushchev, had sudden fear. Perhaps they suspected Zhukov was ready to assert his authority. PROPHETIC MOMENT. With thousands of troops on the march in Red Square, and with the party leadership concentrated in one place atop the Lenin mausoleum, Nov. 7 could have been a prophetic moment. To understand the background of the Zhukov case, one must go back almost 40 years. In 1917, 1918, during the civil war following the revolution, Leon Trotsky persuaded Lenin to issue a decree creating political commissars. Trotsky, as chairman of the revolutionary military committee, feared czarist officers and he had to use as a nucleus for the Red Army. The commissar's job would be to watch them. After Lenin died and Stalin ousted Trotsky in a power duel, Mikhail V. Frunze became armed forces chief. Frunze became a nuisance to Stalin. At the dictator's insistence Frunze had to undergo a medical operation against his doctors' advice. He died. GREAT BLOODBATH. Kliment Voroshilov became armed forces chief. But the real army breaker was Marshal Mikhail Tuachevsky and Blucher fell in the great bloodbath period which thousands of army officers to their deaths. Stalin perfected a new system of commissars. A political general would match the commander of each army, each corps, each division. A political colonel would match a regimental commander. In the second World War Stalin assumed supreme command of the armed forces. In effect, Zhukov was the top soldier and coordinator, as first deputy defence minister and chief of the general staff. Zhukov protected the political commissar system, including the death of Marshal Voroshilov. But Communist leaders already were suspicious of the professional soldier.

NOTES BY THE WAY

By Herman N. Budness, M. D. Eyeballs about reading a newspaper from front page right through to back page? Most persons who purchase newspapers read the main news stories, and some of the features (this column among them, I hope!), the ads and the editorial page. Most people are not super or even average readers. For those who are really slow readers it would take an hour or more to read even an average newspaper. This brings up the particular point of making you sit down and read every word in this column. If you are a slow reader (150 words or less per minute) your eyes stop at almost every word and you will tire quickly. A faster reader takes in several words at each breath. Just about every eye could speed up its reading with the help of an eyesight specialist. In some instances, a visual defect might be one of the causes for slow reading ability. If you have any reading difficulty, better see an eye specialist.

For display on the front of the Peace Tower during the Royal visit, Canada's coat of arms was simplified by Mr. Alan B. Beddoe, heraldic adviser to the navy. The revision is so neat, clear and colorful that the federal government has authorized its use on stationary, medals, insignia and buildings. An innovation is the replacement of the Tudor Crown by the more graceful St. Edward's Crown, used by Queen Elizabeth at her coronation and preferred by her - Ottawa Citizen.

Who didn't you report the robbery at once? An insurance agent asked a woman claimant, "Didn't you suppose something when you came home and discovered all the drawers opened and the contents scattered?" "Not really," she replied. "I thought my husband has been looking for a clean shirt."

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