

ARDA & The Isolates

Out in Alberta, in the Edson area, a group of farm writers was recently treated to a preview of what was described as a pilot project under ARDA. The project had its good points, but the sociological jargon employed by officials in explaining it was enough to give jitters to any sensible farmer. Here is the impression left on the editors of The Country Guide after absorbing as much of the gobbledegook as their patience permitted:

People who have been unable to bring their incomes up high enough to conform to our modern living standards are classed as "Lower Regressives." These are the ones who have failed to reach their full potential as purchasers and taxpayers. They will be encouraged to do better by a "Change Agent" working through "Sanction Committees" who will act as "legitimizers." In other words, if you are a Lower Regressive and the "Power Structure" (bankers, industry leaders and people with lots of money) of your area have marked you for improvement, they will not make a move unless they get the go-ahead from your Sanction Committee. Presumably this is composed of your more successful neighbors.

But a paper on formation of rural development committees states that "sanctions induce conformity to the norm." A sanction committee would therefore be expected to INDUCE you to conform to what is considered a normal way of life in your area. The next question is: What form will these "inducements" take? There was talk of husbands being reached through their wives—or, in the case of both parents being difficult—influencing them through their children. (This latter was used with great success in Germany for many years.) Anybody who has no wife or children to prod him, and who spurns the best efforts of the organizers, is termed an "isolate."

"Make no mistake," adds The Country Guide in the editorial from which we have quoted. "We need organizers. It is the organizers who built this complex but highly functional society in which we live. But, in most cases, it is the 'isolates' or 'loners' who invented the builders' tools, for organizers are generally non-creative. If some isolates had not conceived the automobile, the organizer would be riding to work on a donkey. Ants were living in highly organized communities for millions of years before Man appeared—and still do—yet in all this time they have not progressed one step in intelligence. Perhaps what they need most of all is a few insects who will refuse to conform."

There is a good lesson here for ARDA planners everywhere to take to heart. The most efficient way to organize people is to use compulsion. The temptation to do so increases with the zeal of the organizers, and therein lies the danger of even the best-laid schemes for human betterment.

Justifiable Caution

Britain is tightening the economic screws on Rhodesia, but apparently not fast enough to suit the United Nations security council, which has called on all countries to institute an oil embargo against the white minority government there. Prime Minister Wilson, however, maintains that his government still considers the Rhodesian crisis to be primarily a British problem, and has warned that Britain must take action to avoid having "that responsibility taken out of our hands, by others, and possibly by methods which would involve lasting damage for Rhodesia, and indeed far beyond Rhodesia."

Britain has already acted in imposing sanctions on a limited scale. Tobacco, Rhodesia's principal export commodity, will be shut out of the

British market, resulting in an annual loss of \$95 million. Another \$20 million or so in sugar export earnings will slip away upon withdrawal of Commonwealth trade preferences. Zambia and Malawi, chief markets for Rhodesia's industrial and coal exports, will be sealed off. And with the London money market off limits, there could be a financial crisis.

As for imposing an oil and trade embargo, however, Mr. Wilson told the House of Commons on Tuesday that Britain will not act unless other countries join in making the measure effective. Evidently he has his reservations about the support the UN resolution will actually receive in this matter. He may indeed have in mind what happened to the 50-nation agreement to apply diplomatic and economic sanctions against Italy when it invaded Ethiopia in 1935. That program collapsed when country after country failed to carry out its pledges, particularly as they related to cutting off Italy's oil supply.

Canada played an inglorious part in that incident. It stood committed, through its League of Nations delegate Dr. Walter A. Riddell, to support a limited sanctions decision, and took the initiative in putting through a resolution adding coal, steel and oil to the catalogue of sanctioned goods. But Prime Minister Mackenzie King found the move was unpopular in Quebec, and soon reverted to his natural role of isolationist.

Less than a month after the oil embargo was endorsed by the League committee Mr. Lapointe, acting as Secretary of External Affairs and with Mr. King's full approval, disavowed all responsibility for it, leaving Dr. Riddell out on a limb. The oil embargo, bereft of its sponsor, died quickly. So did the whole scheme of curbing Mussolini's ambitions in this manner. After that, it wasn't long before the League of Nations itself collapsed ignominiously.

If Britain is proceeding with caution in applying economic boycotts in the present instance, it has ample justification for doing so.

U.S. & The Election

Commenting on the post-election situation, at Ottawa, a Washington commentator surmises that Mr. Pearson in essentials faces the same situation as confronts Prime Minister Wilson in the British House of Commons. Mr. Wilson is kept in office because Mr. Grimond, the Liberal leader, prefers him as prime minister to Mr. Heath, the Conservative leader. Similarly, in Ottawa it should be possible for Mr. Pearson to remain in power because Mr. Douglas, holding 21 votes as leader of the New Democratic Party, prefers him to Mr. Diefenbaker as national leader.

Mr. Douglas would probably find nothing to disagree with in this assessment of the situation. Mr. Pearson, however, is warned that the election has given him "a mocking mandate, instead of a decisive grant of authority," and that the Liberal government "must be less truculent and more cooperative if Parliament is not to degenerate into a ruinous and horrid stalemate."

This American commentator concludes by informing the U.S. administration that its course of action, in the circumstances, is clear. "It should deal at all times with the Pearson government as if it had a decisive mandate and a large majority. This course is sanctioned, by every precedent, and any other policy would amount to a gross, unnecessary and offensive interference in Canadian affairs."

Almost as objectionable, indeed, as its interference in Canadian affairs in the latter days of the Diefenbaker administration, which set a precedent of a different kind, and with results which have yet to be analyzed soberly by competent historians.

EDITORIAL NOTES

As of October 1 Canada's population stood at 19,705,000, an increase of 344,000 over October 1, 1964.

A pampered wife has won a divorce in Oakland, California, because her husband was too good to her. He wouldn't let her make the breakfast coffee, did all the washing and ironing, wouldn't let her wash the dishes, jumped up and took things out of the oven when she was baking so she wouldn't burn herself, and insisted on tucking her in bed each night. The wife became "nervous and upset" after 18 months of this treatment—said she couldn't stand it any longer. The judge granted her application on grounds of mental cruelty. "Some men," he clucked sympathetically, "just can't win."



END OF THE SANTA CLAUS PARADE

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Retains Powerful Voice In Liberal Caucus

Is the Liberal Party the political arm of French-Canada? French-Canada has supported the Liberal Party in federal politics virtually ever since the execution of Louis Riel on 16th November 1885. In the election two years later, the victorious Conservative Party won 33 of Quebec's 65 seats. But it was to be nearly three-quarters of a century before, in the Diefenbaker sweep of 1956, the Conservatives would win more Quebec seats than the Liberals. Quebec MP's have formed a majority of the Liberal caucus in four parliaments. The election of 1917 gave the defeated Laurier-Liberal party 62 Quebec seats, dominating its parliamentary strength of 82 MP's. In three elections in the 1920's, the Quebec MP's again accounted for more than half the parliamentary strength of the Liberals; but, although Mackenzie King formed Liberal governments in those years, he relied upon the Prairie Progressives for his parliamentary majority, and so Quebec did not dominate the government.

There are no ships flying a "Rhodesian flag," Nasser's purpose in making this futile gesture is apparently intended to impress black Africa and garner a few morsels of influence. He needs them. Nasser's star has faded sadly since the Suez Canal crisis nine years ago. He has fished in all kinds of Middle Eastern muddy waters from Algiers to Yemen, but all to no purpose. The dazzling role of Great Leader of Africa has eluded him.

Even so, it is instructive. The Suez Canal's original charter granted passage to all ships in peace and war. And this surely applies to the ships of Israel, long under a Nasser-edict, and even the phantom ships of rebellious Rhodesia.

In Five Million Years

National Geographic Society

The sun will eventually swell into a huge ball of red-hot gas large enough to engulf the earth, predicts the director of the nation's largest solar rocket-astrology program. Herbert Friedman, superintendent of the Atmosphere and Astrophysics Division of the Naval Research Laboratory, likens the sun to a slow-burning hydrogen bomb. In time, he says, the sun's core will deplete its hydrogen. With the core spent, the thermonuclear reactions will spread to unused hydrogen in the sun's outer portions.

Writing in the National Geographic's November issue, Dr. Friedman says "As the reaction zone moves closer to the surface of the sun, the tremendous nuclear heat at its core will also move outward, forcing the sun to expand, and the total amount of radiated heat and light will increase. The sun will then become a giant red star like Antares: It will blow up to a monstrous ball of extremely rarefied, red-hot gas large enough to engulf Mercury, Venus, the earth, and Mars, the four nearest planets."

Antares is 36 million times bigger than the sun. There is no cause for immediate alarm.

Bombs Everywhere

Montreal Gazette

The Institute of Strategic Studies' report on the atomic bomb production capacity of countries which have not yet entered the nuclear race is a grim document. It is grim not only because of the current situation, but even more, because of the implications for the future.

The report points out, for example, that today or in the near future, Canada could produce 60 atomic bombs a year, and India 40. This will soon be a common situation. What Canada is capable of doing now, most countries will be capable of doing in 10, 20 or 30 years from now. There are no longer any real secrets in this field. Any country which has the money can equip itself with a nuclear power plant that would produce the proper material as a by-product. China and India are both underdeveloped countries. But both now have bomb-making potential, which China is already putting to use.

Thanksgiving Calories Drop

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Thanksgiving became a legal annual holiday more than a century ago and 242 years after the Pilgrims first celebrated their autumn harvest by giving thanks to God. The long delay resulted from the belief that the day should be inspired by religion and not by politics. Prior to 1863 Thanksgiving was celebrated locally at different times of the year. It did not become a legal holiday until Mrs. Sarah Hale persuaded President Lincoln to issue his proclamation during the Civil war.

The modern Thanksgiving feast is likely to contain fewer calories. Changes in the American diet over the last 50 years have been as gradual as they escape detection. We are eating more processed food, and an ordinary turkey dinner is obtainable in a frozen package. The wild turkeys have been replaced with the domesticated variety which are more tender, leaner, and have more white meat. The young fowl are at least a year older when it comes to calories. Three large slices (about 3 ounces) contain 200 or more calories. Chicken is a little less but an equal portion of goose or duck raises the intake to more than 300. A dressing containing 1/2 cup of bread, giblets, and raisins yields approximately 285. Two tablespoonful of gravy adds 75 or more calories.

A bowl of clear soup supplies 37 and creamed soup, 157. If two soda crackers are eaten, another 34 calories must be added to the list. One-half of a candied sweet potato yields 180 calories; a serving of white (baked, mashed, or creamed) from 98 to 122, butter 30 per pat, rolls 88 to 122, salad dressing 118 to 268, and mince-meat or pumpkin pie with whipped cream 390.

The more abstemious eater can do quite nicely on approximately 700 calories. This includes a clear soup, turkey, two vegetables without butter, cranberry sauce, celery and radishes, a roll, one pat of butter, grapefruit salad (no dressing) ice cream, and black coffee. Good fellowship and relaxation will be the distinctive mechanism; being thankful brings peace of mind.

IT'S NOT PERMANENT Mrs. C. O. writes: I am taking cortisone and have sprouted coarse hairs on my upper lip. Will these disappear when I stop taking the medicine?

REPLY Yes. The same can be said of other side effects of this hormone, such as weight gain, puffiness of the face, and sugar in the urine.

BABY TEETH

Mrs. T. writes: Are all the first teeth lost? REPLY Yes, as a rule, all 20 of the first set are out by the age of 12. Occasionally a baby tooth remains because there is no second tooth below to take its place. When this occurs, the first tooth becomes permanent.

BLOOD THICKENER Mack writes: Does whiskey or wine thicken the blood and would three or four ounces a week of either beverage be harmful to someone with a coronary condition?

REPLY No to both of these questions provided the drinks are divided over the seven-day period. CULTURE AND MILK T. K. writes: What is meant by cultured milk?

REPLY It doesn't mean intellectual milk even though the product is made by well educated food chemists who culture the milk by adding harmless bacteria to make it more digestible. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Baby's toys should be large and washable.

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Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (November 25, 1940) The refugee steamship Patria, packed to the gunwales with 1,771 wandering, homeless Jews, exploded and capsized in Haifa harbor with an undetermined but possibly heavy loss of life.

With Nazi raiders held back by heavy mists in Northern France, London enjoyed one of its most restful nights since the Germans opened their intensive night raiding party in September.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 25, 1955) Word was received from Toronto that Dr. Lloyd Cox of Charlottetown has passed successfully the specialists examination in surgery set by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Prince Edward Island's portion of the Trans-Canada Highway will be completed in 1956 it was announced by Premier Matheson and Hon. George MacKay, Minister of Highways.

JOLTED WORKERS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Little or no damage was reported from two earthquakes which shook parts of Alaska Tuesday night. The quakes were recorded at the University of Alaska seismological observatory at College, Alaska, near Fairbanks, at 8 p.m. and 10:23 p.m. (5 p.m. and 7:23 p.m. AST). Alaska railway employees at Curry, almost directly at the reported epicentre, said they felt a "heavy jolt, lasting about 15 seconds."

Britain's Changing Role

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

Commonwealth membership. Well noted here was the recent speech by Enoch Powell, the Conservative shadow cabinet defence minister, in effect seeming to write off Britain's responsibilities east of Suez. U.S. OPPOSED

The U.S. does not relish that prospect, which would add to its military burdens abroad. So far, Wilson has managed to muffle the Labor party's criticism from the left of American policy in Viet Nam. He has continued to provide costly military help for Malaysia against Indonesian harassment.

The pound in turn has been generously bolstered by U.S. backing and firm if limited support given so far in the showdown with Rhodesia. But Britain's changing world role seems bound to alter the bonds with the U.S.

CARDIN RESTING

MONTREAL (CP)—Justice Minister Lucien Cardin said Saturday in a telephone interview from his home at Sorel, Que., that he has been resting following hard work that left him over-tired. He said a published report that a heart condition may force him to retire from the federal cabinet was news to him.

Increasingly, as well, Germany vies with Britain for special status, a process abetted by the hill between Paris and Washington.

The British Conservative party's leanings toward Europe are on record, persisting since the rebuff in 1962 given by de Gaulle to British aspirations for

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