

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew
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A Man Of Action

Britain's Labor government has more than its share of domestic problems to cope with, but it is not forgetting that it has overseas obligations as well. Prime Minister Wilson has announced his intention of visiting Moscow prior to a conference with President Johnson in Washington this month, in the hope of establishing a new line of communication on Viet Nam between the Kremlin and the White House.

One cannot but admire the tenacity with which the prime minister pursues his aims, especially when they are concerned with Britain's responsibilities as a world power. Only recently, in a significant showdown with disident elements of his own party, he won a victory for his "east of Suez" policy which takes cognizance of the changing picture of the world but recognizes that Britain still has vital commitments in the Far East.

Britain is withdrawing from Aden but is remaining in Singapore for the present because to do otherwise, in Wilson's view, would leave Asia to three main powers—China, the U.S. and the Soviet Union—with a small peripheral influence exerted by Australia and New Zealand, and with "Japan coming up fast on the rails."

In the present state of Britain's international finances, it would be tempting to forget "east of Suez" entirely. Such a withdrawal could produce a saving of some £250 million annually, but it would mean cutting vital and historic links with Australia and New Zealand. It would mean leaving the United States alone, adding to its military and financial burdens in the Indian ocean as well as the Pacific. It could, as Mr. Wilson argued to the party conference, create a grave threat to peace in those areas where British presence constitutes the only deterrent.

His policy, however, involves a steady shift of British bases away from the Asian mainland to a chain of Indian ocean islands, and this should bring some defense economies. The new emphasis on strike reconnaissance planes backed up by troop carrying transport aircraft will mean greater mobility and flexibility in helping, as he says, to "neutralize trouble spots." It is also less expensive than maintaining a large naval task force. The policy is based on full support for the United Nations. This support rests not just on words but on the ability to act for and with the U.N., and this means, in Wilson's words, "being there or being able to get there."

The Pension Saga

A columnist in the Toronto Telegram remarks that "if we had the British genius for film-making, we would be shooting a remarkable saga of Prince Edward Island—its tight-fitting electoral contests, and that as of this day, every old age pensioner on the Island receives \$100 a month—\$75 of it from the embarrassingly rich federal Liberal government, and \$25 from the modest means of the Conservative government of Walter Shaw."

The writer goes on to say that Ottawa has barely been able to mask its annoyance and chagrin over this horrendous act of the Island administration. When the latter decided to render simple justice to the forgotten people in this age of growing affluence and galloping inflation, it requested the federal government to provide the names of citizens of the Island now receiving the old age pension. But what happened?

The answer was evasive. The Shaw government verbally asked, then telephoned, and finally drafted a formal request to the federal minister of health and welfare. Would the federal government cooperate with the provincial government by providing the names of those Islanders receiving the federal old age pension so that the Shaw government could add its own contribution?

There has been no answer from the federal minister—but Premier Shaw, wise in the ways of bureaucracy, embarked on a crash program of his own. Overnight, provincial offices were opened throughout the province and senior citizens were requested to visit and apply for their supplementary pensions. Provincial Liberals, in unbecoming pique, advised Islanders to boycott the offices. It would be something of an understatement to say that their advice was ignored. With the names in hand, the government turned to filling out and mailing the cheques.

There was one last gasp from the retreating forces of federal authority. The department of veterans affairs mailed out a stern warning to veteran pensioners, thereby earning the Ebenezer Scrooge award of the year. Veterans who applied for and accepted the Shaw government's supplementary pension will have the equivalent amount deducted from their federal pensions from the DVA, said the department in an icy epistle to our war heroes.

The federal posture, notes The Telegram commentator, "has not impressed the folk in Prince Edward Island. If Lester Pearson were running in the First Kings deferred election, he would lose his deposit. In any event, Islanders are telling themselves that they have merely reinforced a 100-year-old tradition for common sense and reason. With an assist from Walter Shaw, this little island has been the first to break the sound barrier of politicians arguing and pontificating on the \$75 pension, and doing nothing about it."

Something Gained

Not everyone snubbed King Feisal of Saudi Arabia in New York, it seems. Indeed, one of his meetings there may turn out to be the most satisfying of his two weeks visit to the United States. Feisal met with President Nathan Bussey of Harvard university and John Snyder, dean of the Harvard school of public health. Pusey agreed to have Harvard help the Saudi Arabians attack two diseases which are so widespread as to affect the new economic development program. They are bilharziasis and trachoma.

The first is a disease caused by a parasite in snails. It is found in many parts of the world, is highly debilitating and has been traced back as far as 5000 B.C. Trachoma is an eye disease that can lead to blindness. The World Health Organization estimates that 400 million people are affected by it.

Snyder has been working on a research program in Saudi Arabia financed by the Arabian American Oil Company. Vaccines have been developed to fight the diseases. If, through massive inoculations, they can wipe out these two endemic curses, King Feisal's visit will have lasting results.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An astronomer believes a faintly red spot seen recently on the moon was due to volcanic activity. Another theory, suggests an exchange, is that the moon is allergic to spacecraft landed there.

Less than four months after commissioning, Canada's newest submarine—HMCS Ojibwa—crossed the Atlantic from Britain to Nova Scotia without once coming to the surface. "A feat that would do credit to any well-seasoned submarine and crew," comments Sentinel, the Canadian Armed Forces journal. Reliability of the craft, its machinery and systems were such that the underwater passage and accurate landfall proved to be "completely routine."

When the Bethlehem Copper Corporation in British Columbia sought the help of the National Employment Service, it stipulated that "no one under 40 years of age" was wanted. As a company representative explained, the age requirement was not prompted by any humanitarian feelings. Rather, the corporation had found that older men were adaptable to training and that the labor turnover was not nearly as high among the over-40 group as it was with younger men. How long can they work? The company, bless it! has no compulsory retirement age.



THE CADDY

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Liberal To Unveil Meighen Portrait

The little town of St. Marys, Ontario, which was the birthplace of the former Conservative leader Arthur Meighen, has delicately snubbed the hierarchy of that party.

A portrait of Meighen, painted from photographs by the well known artist Clare Byce, is to be unveiled in St. Marys Collegiate Institute, in memory of its most famous pupil. SMCI did not invite the leader of the Conservative party to perform the ceremonial unveiling of that portrait; nor did it invite the local M.P. former Conservative leader Arthur Meighen, which meant that it did not invite the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, former Conservative cabinet minister Earl Rowe, who is a long-time admirer of Meighen. Instead, it invited Liberal Prime Minister Lester Pearson, but unable to fit in that function himself, he deputized Brantford's Liberal M.P. James Brown, to unveil that portrait of the great Conservative leader.

INSTANT FRENCH
E. M. Klink, of Kamloops, writes to ask particulars of the book, "Instant French," which is recently mentioned in this column. This useful book was compiled by Mrs. Jo Ouellet, daughter of Senator Josie Quart, and was published by the Swan Publishing Company, 96 Portland Street, Toronto. Mrs. Ouellet's address is 1244 Avenue William, Silverton, Quebec S. P. Q.

COSTLY AND NECESSARY
This column recently drew attention to the huge number of trivial questions being posed to the government by M.P.s. I asked "Is your question really necessary?" Such needless questions were included in the unprecedented total of 1,788 written questions asked in the first 100 days of this session. Typical of the less necessary questions might be this one, asked by Robert Coates, M.P. for Cumberland, Nova Scotia: "On what public wharves in Nova Scotia has the federal government installed toilet facilities? What is the annual revenue available to the federal government for these toilet facilities? Which of the wharves make payments and in what amount to each case?"

DOMINION DAY DRAMA
Even if they themselves are prodigal with the taxpayers money...

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(July 8, 1941)
The Red army announced it had launched a series of counter-attacks against German forces at many points along a 1,000-mile front stretching almost from the Black Sea to the Baltic, successfully driving the invaders back in disorder in big tanks, artillery and airplane battles.

TEN YEARS AGO
(July 8, 1956)
Large congregations greeted Rev. HED Ashford, M.B.E., D.D. General Secretary of the United Church of Canada when he preached morning and evening in the pulpit of Trinity Church which he occupied from 1949 until 1952.

The future Speakership of the House of Commons, one of the highest posts of honor in the land, hangs in doubt as the Commons opens one of its most momentous weeks of its sixty sessions.

Liberal To Unveil Meighen Portrait

new politicians don't like to see others wasting it. Many M.P.s and Senators made caustic comments as they watched, for over a week an elaborate complex of stages and a swimming pool being erected on the lawn in front of the Parliament Building. This high-tiered stands three-quarter acre was erected that performing area. When finally Canada's 99th Birthday was celebrated in that arena by song-and-dance ethnic groups gathered from across the nation, the crowd of some 15,000 spectators was for the most part able to see only the backs of those towering stands.

Exhausting Campaigns

It is a sad commentary on our electoral process that Liberal Leader Jean Lesage has exhausted in a Quebec hospital after his recent seven-week campaign. His opponent, Premier Daniel Johnson, said he is not surprised, since Mr. Lesage "ran a campaign that could have killed a healthy 30-year-old."

While we can only respect Mr. Lesage's energy and zeal, we must question the Canadian practice—in both federal and provincial elections—of holding marathon campaigns that exhaust not only the politicians, but also the people. The Quebec campaign was far from unique. Federal politicians spent two months on the hustings last autumn; and in 1963, the Ontario provincial campaign lasted for nearly six weeks.

There may have been sound reasons for such marathons in the horse-and-buggy days of the last century, when a candidate might take several weeks to reach every corner of his constituency. But with the development of air travel, radio and television, a politician has the means to reach most of the people in a matter of days.

Honey-Sweet July

You can smell the season now, a special sweetness that marks the mists of dawn and the cool of dusk and is even there in the heat of a July afternoon. It is a reminder of honey, that is no illusion, for it is the fragrance of clover and milkweed in bloom, and the essence of both is being stowed in the waxen comb. You smell it now on the summer air. You will taste it next winter on the breakfast plate.

The clovers are both wild and tame and range from the smudged white clover of suburban lawns to the big red clover of the hayfield and the fall sweet clover, both white and yellow, of the rural roadside. All are sweet of blossom. But clover fragrance makes no demands. It is a presence in the air, a gentle sweetness, faintly scented.

Milkweed, however, cannot be ignored. Its fragrance is like the essence of honeysuckle added to the heavy scent of the tuberoses. It is almost too sweet, too insistent. Come on a patch of milkweed in full flower and you first wonder what careless perfumer has been at work. The warm summer air becomes almost heavy with milkweed aroma. Few other blossoms, wild or tame, are so full of such fragrance, and few flowers bloom more generously in July.

Intestinal Gas Causes

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
Most abdominal gas comes from swallowing air during eating and drinking. The rest comes from fermentation during the digestive processes and from gases in the blood that diffuse into the stomach and intestines. More enters when liquids are swallowed and when lying down than when in the upright position. The latter is of practical value when nursing babies.

The abdomen of newborn infants is free of gas, but not for long. According to Dr. J. H. Hood of the University of Queensland, the stomach begins to distend within a minute after birth and within six to 12 hours the entire gastrointestinal tract is outlined with gas when viewed under the X-ray. Filling is more rapid with lusty crying. In other words, crying not only helps to expand the lungs, but also the intestines.

Infants ingest three to four times more air than milk and have a lot of gas during the first six months. There is a gradual reduction until a age 3 when it is confined mainly to the stomach and large intestine. Posture may play a role, because infants spend most of the time recumbent.

The stomach in both adults and infants empties faster when sitting or standing. Gravity favors the downward passage. There is less gas because the stomach sacs creating a fluid-trap similar to the U-shaped drain of a sink.

Between meals most of us swallow a mixture of saliva and air repeatedly (dry swallowing). Increased salivation, such as when chewing gum, also increases the amount of gas. The same occurs when nauseated. Too much air in the stomach elevates the diaphragm and creates an ill-defined feeling of fullness. A quick burp brings relief. This is a common problem among the obese.

congratulating Charlottetown in Souffles, omelets, cakes, and fresh bread contain more air than do other edibles. The same can be said of malted milk, carbonated drinks, and beaten egg whites. Other foods such as cabbage, cauliflower, lima beans, sweet corn, and Brussels sprouts produce more fermentation and increase flatulence.

REST NEEDED
J. B. M. writes: Whenever I become tense or upset I develop pain in the chest and shoulder blades. Is there any exercise that would relieve this pain?

REPLY
Yes, but confine the exercise to walking to the couch or bed. Then lie down and relax. Exercise is an excellent antidote for ordinary anxiety and tension. We suggest this: if your chest pain is not of cardiac origin.

ACID SHORTAGE
N. F. writes: What causes loss of hydrochloric acid in the stomach that results in pernicious anemia?

REPLY
This is one of the many unknown facets of pernicious anemia. We are not too worried, however, because good treatments are available.

EGG PRODUCTION
M. S. writes: Is there a chance of curing lack of ovulation?

REPLY
To my knowledge there is no way to stimulate the ovaries to manufacture ova when they refuse to do so. Discuss with your physician the idea of trying hormones.

WORMS
M. V. writes: Is it possible for a person to contract worms from a dog?

REPLY
Yes, and several tape, round, and hookworms are involved. Today's Health Hint—Report defective equipment to the plant supervisor. (Note: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

AIRMEN ON DISPLAY
HONG KONG (Reuters)—Dozens of captured American airmen were paraded through the streets of Hong Kong Wednesday to shouts of "death to the American air pirates." The North Vietnamese news agency reported: Tens of thousands of people poured into the streets of the capital to watch the captured flyers being marched under escort to a place of interrogation, the agency said.

BEFORE COLUMBUS?
Stclair, the Earl of Orkney, is believed to have explored the Atlantic coasts of Canada as early as 1398.

KON-TIKI
Golden Fruit from MALAYA

KON-TIKI
VOICE OF PINEAPPLE

DELICIOUS!

Friendly Relations Chilled

By Arch MacKenzie
London Free Press

WASHINGTON (CP)—Some skill seems to be descending on Canada-United States relations over differences in foreign policy.

The same is true of the Anglo-American relationship despite the close contacts that have been maintained by President Johnson and Prime Minister Wilson, two tough political pragmatists.

Canadian foreign policy is diverging in three important areas from that of the U.S. Canada has publicly expressed regret at the expanded bombing operations over North Viet Nam.

Canada is planning to advance recognition to China in 1968. It appears, if China is willing, U.S. State Secretary Dean Rusk, on a Southeast Asian tour to shore up relations among allies actively supporting the war in Viet Nam, made plain to Nationalist China that "we opposed the seating of the Peiping Peking regime in the United Nations and it has no doubt that that will be the basis of our relationship in weeks and months and years to come."

U.S. LIP SERVICE
So much for the public debate about China that has occurred so swiftly here, with lip service by the government to the slogan of containment of China without isolation.

Finally, there was Prime Minister Pearson's recent Springfield, Ill. address, critical of the U.S. attitude to a NATO without France. If the U.S. policy has changed as a result, the change remains invisible.

Syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft accused Rusk subsequently of a "futile and self-serving diagnosis" that put Quebec as the cause both of the Pearson speech and Canadian efforts to slow down the process of kicking France right out of the Atlantic alliance.

Wilson, due here July 29 for a meeting with Johnson may get his coldest reception yet. It is being speculated.

Viet Nam is a root cause despite the fact the president is

known to appreciate Wilson's problems. In placating his left wing, now increasingly restive about supporting U.S. policy there.

But says a report by the London Observer correspondent here, Wilson seems likely to get a welcome sharply contrasting with the lavish hospitality just showered on Prime Minister Harold Holt—because Australia has troops in Viet Nam.

AMERICANS UNHAPPY
Britain, like Sweden, also now declines to sell arms to the U.S. for use in Viet Nam on grounds it and the Soviet Union are co-chairmen of the Geneva conference machinery which some day may be used to settle the Viet Nam question. This had not pleased the U.S.

Canada, while on the three-nation International Control Commission in Southeast Asia as a referee, feels compelled to continue selling arms to the U.S. although it refuses to ship directly to Viet Nam.

The fact that neither country is helping directly in Viet Nam draws brisk criticism from the magazine U.S. News and World Report, a journal of right-wing views.

It says Washington "would like British help in Viet Nam now that war between Indonesia and Malaysia is fading away, and British troops are available. Instead, the Wilson government will not help with troops, is not even willing to sell arms to the U.S. for use in Viet Nam."

The magazine charges Canada for the fact "much criticism is heard, even in official circles, of U.S. policy."

It adds: "Critical the Canadians may be, but they are not averse to cashing in on the war in a big way. Canadian firms have received more than a billion dollars' worth of U.S. contracts since 1959—\$260,000,000 worth just last year."

Canadian and U.S. firms bid on equal terms, tariffs are wiped out. The Pentagon helps Canadian companies prepare bids. Canadian mines and lumbering firms also benefit from the demands of the Viet Nam war.

"Canadians don't like the war but make a lot of money out of it."

Civilization Needs Trees

Windsor Star

Varied explanations have been given for the decline and fall of the great civilizations of the past, that of Babylon, Byzantium, Athens, Carthage, etc. Some have attributed it to the people getting soft through luxury, spending their time on fun and games, and loose living, instead of tending to their business.

A French parliamentarian, Col. Pierre Bougoin, has a much simpler explanation. It is that these civilizations declined when their lands were denuded of trees and became deserts or semi-deserts. He observed that the Phoenicians cut down most of the fine cedars of Lebanon to build ships, that Rome was built largely of terracotta obtained by the burning of forests, that in North Africa, once the granary of Imperial Rome, trees were

destroyed to leave a desert for the Arab invaders who were chased to the south of France and the Iberian peninsula. This latter supported 30,000,000 people in Roman times.

Col. Bougoin asserts there is not enough rainfall in these areas than in the times when great civilizations flourished. But rain no longer lodges in the exhausted and denuded land, now deprived of humus and plant life. Instead it rushes down mountain slopes, creating gulches and carrying away the remaining vestiges of cultivable soil.

Surely there is a lesson for us on this continent, to protect and cherish our remaining forests, and to reforest all our wastelands. The civilization we save will be our own.

Too Early To Consider

Toronto Telegram

State secretary Judy LaMarsh has suggested that Canada celebrate an annual "flag day."

Flag days, where they occur, are usually occasions for the hanging of flags from windows and poles or any other devices that are handy. The idea is to make people proud of their country's flag, and by association, with the nation itself.

Generally, it is in democratic countries that go in for such things these days. On the other hand, the Communist countries have tended to depreciate their meaning by making virtually every day a flag day.

However, if Miss LaMarsh's suggestion is taken seriously by anybody, it would assure us of one day a year when we could brood over the great flag debate that gave us the maple leaf banner. For a single day, at least, old sores would be reopened.

But it's far too early even to consider such a holiday. A picture of Prime Minister Pearson at Elliot Lake over the week end showed him standing beneath a Canadian flag—hoisted upside down—and a Quebec Laurentian flag flying nearby. The PM appeared to find the incident very amusing.

A "MELTING POT"
Canada's coat of arms includes a shield displaying the arms of England, Scotland, Ireland and France.

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MASONIC NOTICE
A.F. & A.M.

The officers and brethren of Victoria Lodge No. 2, A.F. & A.M. and all visiting brethren are requested to meet at the Masonic Temple, 204 Hillsboro Street, Friday evening, July 8th, at 8:30 P.M. for the purpose of opening Lodge and attending a memorial service for our late Brother

Edward Campbell Black
at the MacLean Funeral Home at 9:00 P.M.
By order of the Worshipful Master,
Wendell W. Brown,
Secretary.