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with the present support system and replace it by direct compensatory payments. Under this arrangement, the Government would guarantee and pay each farmer an amount of money equal to the difference between the price he receives in the open market and 100 per cent of parity.

The administration, however, is opposed to it, on the grounds that it would cost more than the present arrangement and, besides, would mean less freedom for producers.

Then And Now

"Russia is playing the most stupendous game that is now in progress on the map of the world. It is Russia now, as it was Russia in the past, that causes the greatest fears, despite her friendly protestations. She has a settled policy of Asiatic conquest. Steady, sometimes stealthy and sometimes ostentatious, but always certain in her advance.

Thus does history adhere to a continuous process. The above passage might have appeared in this morning's paper. Actually, it appeared in an American magazine in May, 1901. The main issue then was, curiously enough, a Middle East issue—Russia's threat to Persia, now Iran.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Russia is the only country that has expressed approval of the wholesale executions in Cuba. Whether this has any special significance, it is difficult to say; but it does look a little suspicious.

Henry Clarke, a 90-year-old Yorkshireman, advertised for a wife. He received 149 written offers and a number of telephone inquiries. For the time being at least, he knows that it pays to advertise.

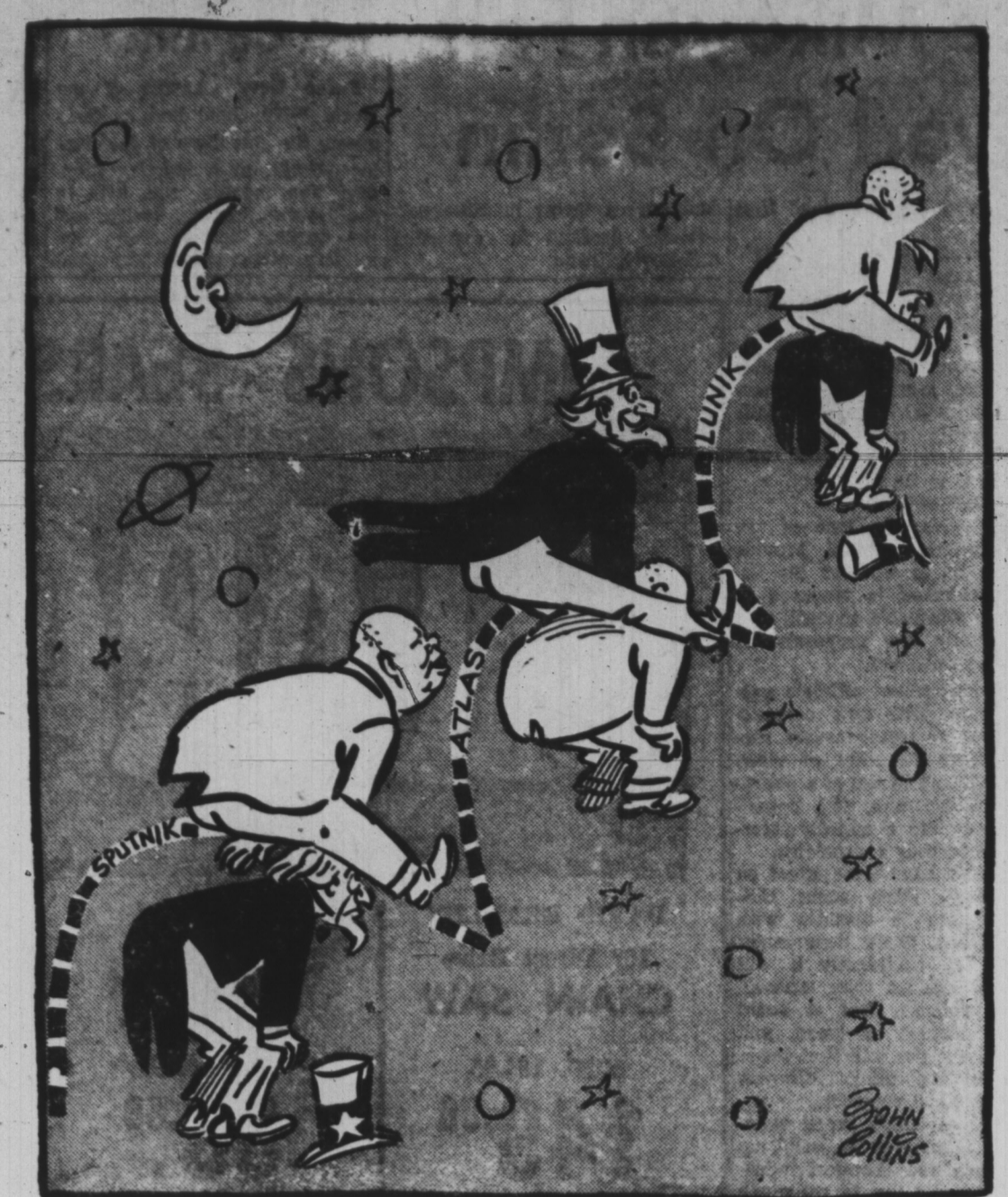
Commander Allan Noble has resigned from the British Cabinet because, as he puts it, "I don't want to spend the rest of my life in politics." He is a rare type of politician. Most of them stay in until the electors put them out.

U.S. Price Supports

Two new proposals respecting farm surpluses and price supports are being considered in the United States. One is sponsored by Secretary of Agriculture Benson, who has never been particularly enthusiastic about price supports in any form.

Mr. Diefenbaker says that it is not "fit and proper" for defence chiefs to comment publicly on Government policy. Perhaps not. Certainly, such comment, when critical, is embarrassing to the Government.

Randolph Churchill appears to be a thorn in the flesh of the British Conservative Party. He can take comfort in the knowledge that his distinguished father was one in a somewhat similar position.



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OTTAWA REPORT

Parliamentary Secretaries

By Patrick Nicholson Hope deferred has made the heart sick for many ambitious back-bench Conservative M.P.s. who for nearly a year have seen themselves as suitable candidates for one of the vacant posts as Parliamentary Assistants.

Over the previous fifteen years, promising supporters of the Government have been appointed to these posts. From ten to fourteen of the busiest Cabinet Ministers have each had a Parliamentary Assistant, whose duties are to assist a Minister of the Crown and to represent his Department in the House of Commons in such manner and to such extent as the Minister may determine.

Thus, at long last, that old irregularity was inherited by Prime Minister Diefenbaker, and he has taken steps to have it corrected. The significant phrase included in the Governor-General's Speech from the Throne last week: "You will be asked to approve a statute to authorize the appointment of Parliamentary Secretaries to Ministers of the Crown."

WAR EMERGENCY At that time, Mr. King appointed seven M.P.s to be the first occupants of those posts, and announced his act subsequently in Parliament. Among those first appointees were Mr. King's Three Bright Young Men, all of whom subsequently achieved Cabinet Rank under their benefactor: Paul Martin, Brooke Claxton and Doug Abbott.

U.S. And Latin America

By Ken Smith Canadian Press Staff Writer

Milton Eisenhower's recent recommendations to shore up sagging United States-Latin American friendships are getting a quick test with a visit to the U.S. from President Arturo Frondizi of Argentina.

The recommendations were made earlier this month by President Eisenhower's brother after a fact-finding trip to Central America to try to find the basis of a new U.S.-Latin American policy aimed at healing trouble spots.

Frondizi has come to the U.S. asking in effect that the U.S. put action to his words. Argentina is racked with labor and economic woes which already threaten violence. One of Frondizi's chief aims is to try to get closer economic ties with the U.S.

Milton Eisenhower's recommendations, if followed, could go a long way toward achieving that. Argentina and other South American countries have long claimed that their domestic life would disappear once their standard of living was improved and an assured market found for their products.

The U.S., occupied with the cold war and recurring crises in other parts of the world, shrank off repeated South American calls for such aids as better trade agreements, an inter-American bank that could finance development projects and commodity price agreements.

The U.S. pointed to the hundreds of millions of dollars poured into South America for years in public loans and private investments and said in effect it was doing as much as it could; the rest was up to South America itself.

RECESSION EFFECTS The business recession, with its resultant cutbacks in sales of commodities, had severe economic repercussions in several South American countries and led to an outburst of anti-American

Castro, who sharply attacked the U.S. for sending a military mission, guns and planes to deposed dictator Fulgencio Batista. Milton Eisenhower also proposed setting up as quickly as possible an inter-American bank—a move called for by Argentina, and rejected by the U.S. as recently as 1957.

Death Traps In The Home

By Herman N. Budeson, M. D. CHANCES are your home is filled with death traps for unsuspecting children. Oh, maybe you don't keep a loaded revolver lying around. Maybe you even erect a protective gate at the head of the basement stairs.

But what about the dozens of potential poisons which can be found in just about every room in your home? Inquisitive fingers can locate them in most homes without even half trying.

OVERDOSE OF ASPIRIN Of course you know the possible dangers of an overdose of aspirin, especially in children. Some 18 per cent of all accidental deaths of children under the age of five can be blamed on salicylates.

Because of the widespread use of candy and fruit-flavoured aspirin, youngsters have come to like to take this drug. Obviously, this is desirable if the drug is indicated. But it also means that it is doubly important to keep aspirin, and similar common pain-relieving drugs, out of the reach of all children.

ONE OF MANY Aspirin is only one of the numerous potentially-poisonous substances found in the average home. You probably don't even think of the others, as being dangerous.

Let's make a quick search of your home, room-by-room, and see what we find. The bathroom contains all sort of potential poisons. In addition to the ever-present aspirin bottle, we find candy laxatives, disinfectants, liniment, eye drops, boric acid and probably some barbiturates.

COMMON TRAPS In the bedroom there is nail polish remover, nitrobenzene shoe polish, hair dye, permanent wave solution, moth balls made of naphthalene and camphor and a cologne containing ethyl alcohol.

Now let's peek into the living room and the playroom-workshop. There we might find lead-painted surfaces, some chemical hobby fluids, model airplane glue, turpentine, typewriter cleaner and, of course, lighter fluid.

The kitchen undoubtedly contains furniture and metal polishers, detergent concentrates, ammonia, lye and insecticides. BASEMENT DANGERS In the basement we may find kerosene, bleaches, fabric dyes, carbon tetrachloride and perhaps some rat or ant poisons.

The garage contains gasoline, auto antifreeze, auto polish, benzene, naphtha and denatured alcohol. Every one of these items is a useful and helpful product. We need them in our daily tasks. But, for heaven's sake, keep them safely out of the reach of the children.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Shoes were not always lefts and rights? There were no lefts or rights until about 1860. Then the British and U.S. armies found soldiers were not as tired after long marches if shoes fitted feet, and civilians caught up the idea.—Toronto Telegram

Avalanche damage is from snow? Most of the damage is blamed, not on the snow, rocks, earth and water an avalanche may hold, but on the column of compressed air that rushes ahead of the thundering mass.—Toronto Telegram

The North American custom of driving vehicles on the right-hand side of the road seems at least partly due to the old Conestoga wagon. Conestoga teamsters usually rode the left wheel horse, walked at the left of the horses, or manned the "lazy board"—a sliding oak plank from which the brake could be operated between the left wheels. Other vehicles tended to follow the deep ruts of the heavy freight carriers. As by 1787 Pennsylvania legalized right-hand travel.—National Geographic News

The trailing edge of Alaska would be of great value to Canada, and it has very little value to the U.S. It is sterile and thinly populated. It is unlikely that Congress will ever consent to the giveaway of American territory but, in all good will there should be no insuperable obstacles to negotiating whatever access corridors to the open sea Canada needs for the development of its northern regions which have a future of incalculable promise.—Buffalo Evening News

Potato Shippers Advisory Association to the Board of Transport Commissioners of Canada for establishment of a one rate zone in P. E. I., it was learned yesterday. Island farmers may benefit materially in development of peat resources for soil improvement purposes as a result of a survey conducted last summer by Mr. A. A. Swinerton, Ottawa, in co-operation with the Provincial Government. The report notes the location of two commercial sized bogs in the province—at Black Banks and East Bideford.

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Loneliness is an old crowd. Peeking at mercies, so plain a thing. That bird fanciers ignore it. Because it was there long before their votive quest was courted. It caws there black with remorse though it is stout as a penguin; surely it never migrates away but thrives about in fruitless days. Eating of everyone's folly. In gaunt and bitter truth it must be the grimiest bird-guarding. Its rights without ceasing, even if beyond the next bend in the road. Whimsical thrushes sing favors. —David Cornel DeJong in the New York Herald-Tribune

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