

Should Be Clarified

Government legislation to set up a 12-mile offshore fishing limit has been introduced in the Canadian Senate, and will be debated next week during second reading of the bill. Meanwhile, it will be noted that although the measure is scheduled to go into effect on May 15, negotiations with the United States, France and other countries are not yet completed.

It is to be hoped that these negotiations will be concluded satisfactorily. For much will depend upon the cooperation of foreign powers—especially the United States—in making the enactment work effectively. At the time of Prime Minister Pearson's meeting with President Kennedy it was understood that this proposal was discussed and a generally favorably understanding reached.

As recently as March 13 last, Fisheries Minister Robichaud told the Commons that there was "no indication whatsoever that any measure of retaliation will be taken by the U.S." Since then, however, some Washington officials have expressed concern that the proposed Canadian base-line of measuring the 12-mile limit from headland to headland could restrict U.S. military operation on the high seas, especially if other countries follow Canada's example.

There is an unpleasant hint now that the U.S. annual imports of about \$110 million worth of Canadian fish and fish products may be affected. This issue was raised last week by U.S. Congressman Tollefson of Washington state, in introducing a measure to ban fish imported from countries which interfere with U.S. fisheries on what are considered the high seas. He said he did not favor precipitous action but he was in doubt as to how far Canadians were willing to concede U.S. fishing rights in this case. "There appears," he said, "to be good reason to believe that the normal process of negotiation has not been successful in resolving the problem."

This difficulty should be ironed out before the new measure becomes law. The time to discuss its implications will be during committee readings of the bill, when a full statement on the subject from Mr. Robichaud is expected.

Battle Of The Atlantic

A decisive factor in terminating the Second World War was the successful efforts of Britain, Canada and the United States in keeping open the shipping lanes of the North Atlantic. It was a long and costly struggle, involving innumerable sacrifices and acts of heroism, which we commemorate tomorrow in naval turnouts and solemn religious services. It is well that our younger citizens be encouraged to participate in these activities, for they have a very real meaning for us today.

Let us remember how that Battle of the Atlantic was won. Britain, when it started, had lost French naval support at the very moment when its own sea power was seriously crippled by losses incurred in the retreat from Narvik and evacuation of Dunkirk. The air and sea power of Italy, reinforced by German units, imperilled and eventually barred the direct route to Suez, forcing British shipping to use the long alternative route around the Cape of Good Hope. This cut the

total cargo-carrying capacity of the British merchant marine almost in half at the very moment when German acquisition of naval and air bases on the west coast of France foredoomed more destructive attacks on shipping in northern waters.

It was at this critical juncture that the United States, though still technically a nonbelligerent, assumed a more positive role by turning over 50 destroyers to Britain. Early in 1942, the U.S. became a full belligerent, and the Axis opened up a large-scale submarine offensive against coastal shipping in North American waters. German U-boats operated with deadly force along the south Atlantic shipping lanes as well to India and the Middle East.

Slowly, and with many setbacks, Allied naval power was strengthened. The convoy system was tightened. The Axis effort to halt the passage of armies and material from this continent to Europe and North Africa, to starve Britain into submission, to prevent supplies reaching the USSR and to break up the blockade of Axis Europe, was thwarted.

A long and costly struggle, as we have said; but victory in the Atlantic was achieved, and it was a victory on which all our hopes and fortunes depended at that time. Let us observe the anniversary worthily, in memory of those who gave their lives to make it possible.

Uncertainty In Britain

When the British Labor Party won its big majority in 1945, everyone had a clear idea of what to expect. It set up one of the world's most complete and advanced social-welfare states. It also nationalized coal, railways, steel, and highway transport. Today, with prospects of another Labor victory at the polls, no one seems to know definitely what the party stands for.

The welfare exists; but nationalization as a remedy for economic ills has lost some of its political glamor. To find today any abuses or needs comparable to those of 1945 it is necessary to look outside of Western Europe. What further reforms can Labor put through if and when it sits in the House of Commons at Westminster with a majority of perhaps a hundred seats or more?

On its left fringe, reportedly, are those who still believe passionately in nationalization; but in the Centre and Right are many more who notice that wages and working conditions tend to be better in profitable private corporations than in nationalized industries.

The biggest single cause of current complaint among doctrinaire British socialists is the school system. They urge the total abolition of the public (actually private) schools. And yet some of those most vehement in this cause manage to send their own children to the most exclusive and expensive of the public schools.

This may account for the fact that Labor Leader Harold Wilson has geared his campaign to emphasis on Tory shortcomings rather than on Labor promises. This will leave him with a comparatively free hand if he becomes Britain's next prime minister. But for the electorate it means that no one today can be sure what the anticipated victory would bring.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An Irishman can take in 300 calories more per day than his blood brother in Boston, and yet weigh less, according to a study made by a Harvard professor. After reading details of the professor's findings, the Canadian Health League concludes that the answer lies in the choice of food that contains the calories and in the kind of exercise performed by the eater.

Fred A. Wilson, vice-president of the Ontario Pharmacists' Association, is authority for the statement that every 15 minutes, somewhere in Canada a child is rushed to hospital after swallowing poison. Usually, it is something the child found lying about the house such as nail polish, aspirins, detergents, floor stain, lyse or liquor. These accidental poisonings, Mr. Wilson maintains, kill more children than rheumatic fever, polio, whooping cough, diphtheria, strep throat and scarlet fever combined.



THE WHITE HOUSE DANCER

ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Nothing New About Obstruction Tactics

Richard Jackson in the Fort William Times Journal

Don't buy that political jargon about "obstruction" in Parliament. Suppose the Government is having a difficult time—and it is—so what else is new? Only the bright-eyed visionaries, the political dreamers, the new boys in the Parliamentary League, call it "obstruction."

To the old hands, and these include the veterans among the Parliamentarians themselves—people like External Affairs Minister Paul Martin and Transport Minister Pickersall who have been around Parliament Hill longer than they probably care to remember—this so-called "obstruction" is simply the Opposition busy doing its assigned job of opposing.

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Clear back, likely, to Confederation itself. Prime Ministers always talk about "obstruction."

MacKenzie King did. So did St. Laurent and John Diefenbaker and now Lester Pearson.

But it's nothing more than a tried, true and trusted trick of the Prime Ministerial trade.

If things aren't coming easily in the Commons—and no Prime Minister ever has found the House a bed of pillowed roses—the gambler, then, routinely, is to charge it all up to Opposition "obstruction."

POLICY INFRINGEMENT NEVER, INDEED, if you're Prime Minister, think for a moment—especially out loud where you might be overheard—of all some of your troubles just might be a little of your own making.

As were MacKenzie King's with conscription. Or St. Laurent's with the pipeline. And Diefenbaker's with defence.

So now Pearson's with Quebec and bicameralism. Always blame it on the stubborn, obstinate, unreasonable, intransigent Opposition. Maybe that way you'll be able to do your political enemy a good deed and prevent him damaging and even destroying you.

For the peaceful political overthrow of the Government

is the business of the Opposition. If you're Prime Minister, you're the bull's eye in the Opposition target and its aim is your destruction.

It was only in the last nine years that the discovery was made of it being possible to destroy the Government in Parliament, right there on the floor of the Commons.

The Conservatives—Leader George Drew and his

lieutenants, John Diefenbaker, Donald Fleming, Douglas Harkness, George Holes, David Fulton, George Nowlan, Jay Waldo, Monteith and even Elin Fairclough—simply clubbed it to death, beating it into the ground with the pipeline.

SAME TACTICS They so harassed poor kindly old "Uncle Louis," who sat there in all but silent helplessness, that there was nothing left for him to do but call an election and appeal to the people.

The Conservatives filibustered, held up the Government's Estimates interminably, stalled the business of the Commons, and brought Parliament to a grinding halt.

Deliberately they did it, sensing the weak eye of a precavious so-firmly entrenched Liberals, and moving in with cold calculation for the kill.

Nothing in the contrived death of the St. Laurent Government escaped p'd Paul Martin's sharp political eye.

And after the '62 election, when the Diefenbaker Conservatives were returned, unceremoniously, with a minority mandate, to Parliament, Paul Martin saw a similar pattern repeated.

With equally icy calculation, but as deliberately as they had been destroyed back in '56, the Liberals set about to destroy the Conservatives in late '62 and early '63.

They used the same political bloodied strategy and tactics. And Paul Martin was the leader of the demolition of the Diefenbaker regime.

Of our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 1, 1939) Miss Norma Calbeck arrived at Quebec on the Duchess of Richmond enroute home to Summerside from a delightful two month visit to friends in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mr. Eric F. Coffin, theological student of Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, after spending a few days at his home in Montague, leaves to take a mission field at Harrington Harbor, Labrador.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 2, 1954) "This Province is the most prosperous looking of the Atlantic Provinces from the air" in the opinion of Dr. Martha Law, who has just touring this part of Canada in the interest of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

A most enjoyable and successful reunion of Air Force personnel was held at the Air Force Club to commemorate the third anniversary of the formation of 201 Wing, RCAF, Association. Stewart Chang Presided.

12 FIRMS INDICTED WASHINGTON (AP)—Twelve firms were indicted Tuesday on charges of conspiring during the last six years to fix prices. A federal grand jury in Buffalo, N.Y., handed down the indictment against the companies, which produce 65 per cent of the bakery flour sold east of the Rocky Mountains. The indictments also names as defendants six officers of the firms.

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I am, Sir, etc. T.H.M. Charlottetown.

UP IN THE AIR Sir—We are all up in the air, and shouting a host of new assessments 't and subsequent taxes, but no one has mentioned or made any move towards the solution of the problem. Bring the level of the new and staggering cost of living (including taxes) and proper balance would be restored. If we eat and refuse to pay taxes we use our place in society. If we pay our taxes and can't eat the result is about the same. Raise wages and we might do both.

And those arches. If we don't need them, let's save \$30,000; but if we do need them, let's make them in a shed in Charlottetown. Not wooden ones with spruce boughs as one writer suggested. Just how corsey can we get?

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Sympathetic Physicians By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen readers recently asked if I had ever been ill and had surgery. I don't know why she wanted this information, and so my reply included all the details.

Kenington, Md., woman wrote: "In a reply a short time ago you expressed 'puzzlement' upon being asked whether you ever had been ill or operated upon. What kind of person would ask such a question? After mulling this over, I came to the conclusion that they have seen ill, and usually, you answer must be brief, and, as a result, sound curt. People are emotionally involved with their aches and pains and are easily hurt.

"My unhappy moment when I was spent in the offices of doctors who never smiled. Relating your troubles to these fellows was like inserting symptoms into a Univac. The machine creaked and groaned as you got a terse diagnosis tailored to your age, sex, and weight.

"Medicine doled out via newspaper column falls into the same unhappy category. The patient can't see your smile, and feel your warm interest. The woman who wrote you may have been reacting in her own way to the image of cold humanity you often present."

I was about to throw in the towel at this point but there was one more sentence on the next page: "However, since you often print adverse criticism of your column, this proves to my satisfaction that you are not an authoritarian megalomaniac." Bless you, dear.

A 74-year-old Chicagoan who cured himself of aneurysm by sleeping without a pillow writes: "I am sending this information along for what it is worth. It seems to me a person gets more air and breathes easier without a pillow."

We are happy to hear that one person has cured himself of aneurysm. This method is easy and costs nothing. However, since you often print adverse criticism of your column, this proves to my satisfaction that you are not an authoritarian megalomaniac. Bless you, dear.

INFLAMED DIVERTICULITIS W.C.R. writes: Can chronic diverticulitis be cured by one's own diet? Is surgery needed?

REPLY: Most attacks of diverticulitis respond to rest, heat, antibiotics, relaxants, and a bland diet. The involved part of the colon is removed only when the condition becomes disabling.

CARE AFTER SURGERY K.B. writes: After a hernia operation, what is the post-operative care?

REPLY: Following herniotomy, gradual resumption of activity is encouraged without abjecting the individual to undue strain. Detailed orders include a pain killer, a sedative, and a light diet until nausea subsides.

MEX AND WOMEN TOPERS O.P. writes: Are there as many women alcoholics as men alcoholics?

REPLY: No. In the United States, the ratio is 7 to 1 in England, 2 to 1. Of course this does not take into account the secret drinkers.

One minute you're pacing the floor at night with a baby and before you know it you're pacing the floor waiting for her to come home—Door County Advocates. A professor of education says children should be taught at school how to behave at home. The old belief was that children should be taught at home how to behave at school.—Sarnia Observer. A Chippewa Indian who has died at the age of 105 remembers being eating fried muskrat and beer 100 years ago. Who said there are no truly Canadian foods?—Windsor Star. A fat person is a calorie fighter who spends too much energy with the enemy.—Galt Reporter. Leo Krulter of the Times-Journal found his wife in tears when he arrived home after a busy day. "This has been a terrible day," Janice sobbed. "The baby cut his first tooth, and then he took his first step and fell against a chair and knocked out the tooth." "But worst of all, added, "he then said his first word, and you should have heard it!"—Chilton Times-Journal.

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