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not seem quite right for powerful nations to threaten force against a little country like Iceland, whose government, after all, is only trying to protect the people from what they believe to be unfair competition from outside. If, say, the Soviet Union or the United States, or even Canada, were to take the same action that Iceland is taking, we do not think there would be any threat of force on the part of Britain, West Germany or France.

The fact of the matter is that Iceland is being browbeaten not because it has changed its fishery limits but because it has not the armed strength with which to ensure success of its action. It is to be hoped that Canada will not lend any support to this "gun-boat" diplomacy.

Railway Problems

In his testimony before the Senate Railway Committee the other day, Donald Gordon, President of the Canadian National Railway stated that he saw no "future" in cross-country rail service and that the company is studying the possibility of "abandoning its transcontinental service and substituting individual inter-city trains".

This, if it became general, would mean abandonment of such fast trains as the Super-Continental which runs Westward from Montreal and the Ocean Limited which runs between Montreal and Halifax with side connections to other areas including this Province.

Mr. Gordon blamed the railways' financial misfortunes on the coming of jet aircraft which, in his rather inelegant words, "can lick the pants off us".

There is no doubt that air travel has created a serious financial problem for the railways in some parts of the country. We fancy, however, that the Federal Government and Parliament will consider the situation from all angles and with due regard to regional needs before paying any attention to Mr. Gordon's proposal. It seems out of the question that a country the size of Canada could get along without major rail connections from coast to coast.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A new breed of cattle has been developed in Australia, according to the Australian News and Information Bureau. A cross between the Brahmin and red English beef breed, it is a large, heavy animal with a short red coat. It is called the "Droughtmaster" and is resistant to both heat and ticks.

A prisoner in England has been returned to jail after he had escaped 15 times. It is right, no doubt, that the man should pay for his misdeeds, including escaping from custody. For all that, it is a pity that his undoubted ingenuity cannot be put to work in some useful way. Any man who can escape from jail 15 times is no dullard.

Perhaps Nikita Khrushchev is not as expert in the propaganda field as he has been considered by Western diplomats. At any rate, by not attending the special session of the U.N. General Assembly he missed an opportunity to display his forensic talent. It is reported in New York that, already, some of the delegates from the smaller nations are whispering that the Soviet leader was afraid to cross swords with President Eisenhower in open forum.

St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in New York recently observed its 100th anniversary. It is interesting to note that a time the church was built the general view was that it should be located in the "Bowery", the then fashionable part of the city. However, the then head of the Archdiocese, the Most Rev. John Hughes, insisted that it should be on 5th Avenue and 50th Street, an area which he predicted would become the heart of the city in due course. Events proved him to be a man of considerable vision.

A member of the U.S. House of Representatives, deploring the decrease in American-owned shipping, said that "history points out quite vividly the need for maintaining a strong American merchant marine to serve as a fourth arm of defence in time of war and to carry out cargoes in time of peace". History points out the same need for Canada. Unfortunately, it does not seem to be supported by Government authorities. If things keep on as they are going, Canada won't have a ship to call its own a few years from now.



HISTORY REPEATS

OTTAWA REPORT

Hunting An Ogo Pogo

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Summer has come to Ottawa, late but in its full humid fury. Through these dog days, Parliament has unaccountably been sitting, and for unusually protracted hours.

Pity the poor newspaperman, who traditionally regards summertime August as the "silly season", yet who this year has here had to report serious politics rather than the fictitious Ogo-Pogo and similar light-hearted vacation-time frivolities.

But suddenly a civil service breach of confidence, coupled with some muddled Liberal thinking, set the stage. And some Press Gallery reporters pulled off the double-act which kept Parliament abuzz for three days: it was Ogo-Pogo reporting about Politics.

The trail goes back to last year's budget, introduced by Liberal Finance Minister Walter Harris. On that election eve, the Liberal Government approved the description of Canada's economic prospects as rosy and untroubled. Subsequent events proved that forecast to have been wildly inaccurate. The even later discovery of the famous "hidden report" on "Canada's Economic Prospects for 1957" revealed, as Prime Minister John Diefenbaker told Canadians earlier this year, that the Liberals had been warned of the imminent recession by their civil service advisers, but had deliberately gone counter to that warning.

BAD NEWS HIDDEN
Further, the Liberals had made no emergency plans to remedy the predicted rise in unemployment. Worse, when the Conservative Government took office, neither the outgoing Liberal Government nor the senior civil servants told the new government about this warning flag and what it portended.

The important economic forecast was in fact, as Mr. Diefenbaker correctly charged, "hidden"—both by the Liberals and by presumably Liberal-learning civil service advisers.
This column has previously drawn attention to the improper political partisanship in certain very high offices within the civil service. Those bureaucrats should of course show no such partisanship, and should work their best as ordered, by whatever political party is elected to form the government. If they feel unable to perform that basic requirement of their jobs, they should immediately resign from the public service.

Further corroboration of this column's charge was supplied last month by the improper disclosure by a civil servant to a newspaperman of the confidential report on "Canada's Economic Prospects for 1958".

At this stage the Ogo-Pogo came onto the Parliamentary scene.

Newspapers in many cities published stories by their Ottawa correspondents, describing interviews with Trade Minister Gordon Churchill about this civil service leak.

THE FOUR HORSEMEN

This started a proper hoo-ha in Parliament. The Liberal M.P.s—or rather "the four horsemen of the what-an-epidemic" surrounded by almost empty Liberal benches—cried tally-ho and spurred their chargers in pursuit of a red herring.

Messrs Pearson, Martin, Chevrier and Pickersgill demanded that Prime Minister Diefenbaker should now table the 1958 Economic Forecast, just as last January he had tabled the 1957 Economic Forecast. The Prime Minister properly replied that it would be improper to make public such a confidential document during its topicality; but he offered to table it early next year, just as he had tabled the 1957 report early this year.

The U.N. And The Middle East

By W. N. Ewer
United Kingdom Information Service

The Middle Eastern problems are being discussed where they should be discussed by the United Nations.

The Assembly could have met three weeks earlier than it has done. When the use of the Soviet veto had prevented the Security Council from coming to any decision or making any recommendation the United States representative, on July 19, tabled a resolution asking the Council to call a special Assembly session. The Soviet representative had already approved the idea. Given the deadlock in the Council, it was, by all the rules, the correct procedure.

But then came Mr. Khrushchev's sudden personal intervention. He proposed, instead, a meeting of Heads of Governments. The idea was accepted and the American resolution was held in abeyance. By July 23, it all seemed settled. There was to be a special meeting of the Security Council attended by Heads of Governments, who would be able, also, to meet each other in private talks outside the Council Chamber. Mr. Khrushchev had agreed. Nothing remained but for the United Nations Headquarters to meet to arrange the necessary procedural details.

Then came that astonishing series of manoeuvres, including the hurried visit to Peking, by which Mr. Khrushchev extricated himself from his position of July 23, dismissed all thought of a special Security Council meeting, and brought everything back to where it had stood on July 19 to a special session of the Assembly.

PROVOCATIVE TONE

But back with a difference. Mr. Khrushchev's letter of July 23 to Mr. Macmillan had been moderate, restrained, almost friendly in tone and language. So, incidentally, were Mr. Gromyko's remarks to the Press when he landed in New York. But the Khrushchev letter, published on the eve of the Assembly debate, is in complete contrast. It uses language which is not merely polemical but provocative. It speaks of British and American "aggression" against the Arab countries, which it is the duty of the Assembly to "stop". It accuses Britain and United States of "bringing the world to the brink of a world war".

Moscow, in fact, has not for the first time, been speaking with two voices—which must reflect two different lines of thought in its inner Councils. The outcome of this Assembly meeting will inevitably depend largely upon which prevails in the course of the session.
The objective of the British Government is that the Assembly debates shall, if at all possible, have a calming influence

Tranquilizers & Car Driving

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
THROUGHOUT America people are taking tranquilizers, some on the advice of their doctors, some on their own initiative.

Many of these people, probably most of them, drive cars. Some of them—again probably a sizable portion—will drive their autos while under the influence of these anxiety-reducing drugs.

TEST MADE

About the best information thus far has come from the University of Michigan where a test on the problem was conducted.

A control group was given driving tests 30 minutes after taking tranquilizers. No significant changes were noted.

But more studies are advocated to determine what, if anything, happens over a longer period of time following ingestion of the pills.

Not all tranquilizers are alike, you know. They have different chemical makeup and act on different parts of the brain and nervous system.

Meprobamate and chlorpromazine are the most common types available to the general public. Studies of chlorpromazine indicate that it has some effects on human behavior which could influence driving safety. Studies of meprobamate have not revealed the same characteristics.

The Safety Council emphasizes, however, that comparisons of dissimilar studies are not necessarily conclusive.

SHOULD WARN PATIENTS

The Council and most physicians recommend, and I certainly agree, that physicians should advise patients of the possible effect on driving ability when prescribing tranquilizers.

The Council also recommends: "Public officials, while waiting more conclusive evidence from the scientists, should stay alert to this new influence on the American scene, observe very carefully any apparent relationship to accidents or violations, and take whatever medico-legal steps are finally indicated to control any harmful influence on the accident rate."

QUESTION AND ANSWER

L. Q.: What are the symptoms of asthma?

Answer: The symptoms are shortness of breath, with wheezing and coughing. A person with this disorder coughs strenuously in order to expel the thick plugs that may be present in tubes leading to the lungs.



ATLANTIS

Was it water's swelling wave That doomed Atlantis to the grave? Was it the groaning earth that heaved And left astonished seas bereaved, With white gulls circling in search Of vanished nest and wanted perch?

Could we but see behind the veil Of ancient myth and fabled tale, Might we not hear the white birds crying Grief eternal for the dying Of a fair land and a brave, Drowned beneath an evil wave, Not of rivers nor of sea, But of inhumanity?
S. Omar Barker
In the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(August 20, 1933)
The following Islanders shooting as a team from P.E.I. Highlanders secured fourth place in the City of Ottawa team shoot: Capt. A.W. Allan, Capt. James Coles, Sgt. P. Hooper, Sgt. G.G. McLennan Two members of the same team representing P.E.I. on the Maritime team in the Michael Faraday Match were Capt. Allan and Sgt. Hooper. The team won second place.

Fire which broke out in the marsh and spread to Harry Waugh's woods in Wilmot Valley caused considerable damage last week to wood lots in that vicinity. The fire was brought under control in the early part of the evening but broke out again during the night. A heavy rain which fell in the early hours of Saturday morning subdued it again.

TEN YEARS AGO

(August 20, 1948)

Hundreds of Charlottetown residents were on hand yesterday evening to witness the laying of the corner stone of the new Y.M.C.A. building at the corner of Prince and Euston Streets, by His Excellency Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Governor General of Canada. Accompanying his party were Government and Civic officials, and officers of the Y.M.C.A.

A resolution requesting the Department of fisheries to bring into force compulsory grading, was passed at the annual meeting of the P.E.I. Oyster Growers Association held at the biological station, Bideford, on Wednesday. It was stated that at present un-

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The average cloud weighs 300,000 pounds and you'll find out what it holds as the summer rolls along.—Winnipeg Tribune

Many hubbies tell a lot of lies because the plain truth sounds like a poor excuse.—London Free Press

The two major strikes in steel and in beer offer an intriguing study in contrasts. We have no doubt which one is worrying the most people.—Ottawa Journal.

The Little Rock school integration case is again in the hands of the federal courts. Whatever the decision, Little Rock is certain to be back in the news again some school opening time. As Arkansas Negroes await the decision, they must see a cruel irony in the slogan on Arkansas auto license plates. We noticed one on the other day. It proclaims: "Land of Opportunity."—Milwaukee Journal

Last year Italy bought goods to the value of \$62.8 million from Canada. Its sales in our market were only \$33 millions. Thus we enjoyed a favorable trade balance in the Italian market of nearly a hundred percent. The Italians are large customers for Canadian rape and flax seed, wheat and fish from the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia. Their purchases keep some 20,000 Canadians employed.—Victoria Times

Travellers on Prince Edward Island are periodically greeted by huge road signs proclaiming "Another Sign of Progress". For the motorist the sign of progress is a sign to slow down because the pavement ends where "progress" begins. The signs, despite the oddly humorous reaction they produce, are the province's boast of its road-building progress. In Ontario, if "progress" is marked by torn-up roads, we're a million times ahead of Prince Edward Island. But our signs are quite a bit behind. They say simply that the road ahead is under construction and list the number of the contract.—Sudbury Star

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