

ance scheme. It the provincial premiums are set correctly, the amount paid by the provinces, over the years, should be enough to cover any amounts the federal treasury will be asked to pay out in bad years. Farmers would thus be given greater protection against crop loss and, if the premiums are soundly calculated, there should be no undue burden on federal taxpayers.

The assurance of federal backing should also enable those provinces that now have crop insurance plans on a partial basis. Prince Edward Island has on potatoes and grain—to apply them more extensively.

A Plea For Equity

It is to be hoped that Premier Shaw's address to the visiting Canadian managing editors at his conference here last week will have put the problems of this Province in clearer perspective for newspapers across the country. We are very small as Canadian provinces go, geographically and in population, and we can't expect the tail to wag the dog. But no one professes to question the need, in the Confederation family, of responsible equity in services and opportunity; and if all the Premier was pleading for...

Recently, as he pointed out, policies have been under consideration which place a tremendous financial power in certain areas of Canada. The larger provinces are "opting out" on shared cost programs and huge amounts of money will accrue to these provinces as a result. But what of the others, less fortunately situated? Shared cost programs were provided to assist the weaker members of the family to take care of their constitutional obligations. If this plan goes by the board, what is to take its place?

A vastly weakened federal government will no longer be in a position to apply principles of fairness and assistance in redressing the balance. Prince Edward Island has already experienced a taste of this in the pettifogging amount it received—less than \$900,000—of the \$187 million recently allocated for distribution, and the prospects for any better assistance are unpromising to say the least.

If there is need for a better understanding of the problems of bilingualism and biculturalism in Canada, there is surely equal need for broadening the concept of economic needs to include the weak as well as the strong.

Arsenal Of Chemicals

Country Guide, a farm magazine published in Winnipeg, reminds us that pesticides—about the misuse of which there is so much complaint today—must also be credited with having enabled agriculture to make tremendous strides in productivity. Insecticides, for example, are used to control some 3,000 species of insects today; fungicides control an equally serious threat; control of weeds, rodents and nematodes all rest on chemicals and good management; chemical feed additives, growth promoters and antibiotics have provided the basis for a revolutionary poultry industry; swine and cattle are becoming increasingly dependent on the success of the research chemist.

Pesticide sales in Canada alone amount to some forty million dollars in 1964. The list is endless, the implications staggering. But progress must go hand in hand with increased vigilance in the licensing of chemicals.

In addition, there will be renewed emphasis on biological control, a control that will become more and more effective as it is continued, even as the race between resistant strains and new chemicals remains unending. In fact, the fight against pestilence and disease will be a compromise between chemical and biological control.

No farmer, concludes the Winnipeg paper, would wish to struggle in an environment favorable to insects and disease. No one would wish to live in the sterile world envisioned in Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring." We have the wonderful and terrible arsenal and the means of its enjoyment will, in large measure, be determined by the enlightened use of that arsenal.



TWO BASKETS ON THAT MARKET CART

PLAYING FOR HIGH STAKES

President Nasser's Challenge In Yemen

New York Times

The ultimate purpose behind President Nasser's massive military intervention in Yemen was clarified by his belated speeches on his supposed motives. His purpose is nothing less than to drive the British out of the Arab world as a step toward his own control of the oil of the Persian Gulf area. The historic irony of his latest move is that, having been avowed in his campaign against Israel, he deems "so-called Great Britain" to be a more vulnerable target.

Weapon Of Laughter

Fort William Times-Journal

Sometimes laughter will defeat an idea or a proposal before it can get off the ground. Whether or not a Toronto lady has succeeded with her attempt to humorously reproduce an Ottawa symbol for a new Canadian flag remains to be seen. Here is her letter to the subject to a Toronto newspaper: "What is it so lovely when we have our new flag?"

Bare Heads Win

Globe and Mail, Toronto

It is reported that the Yonze Street hat merchants, L. J. Applebach and Son will have this summer to what Mr. Harold Applebach describes as "this hilarious craze." Bare heads and balding heads are already being advertised by the firm that the trend is irreversible and that the choice lies between going bald voluntarily and going bankrupt. The development has already been regarded by many men with considerable regret. A hat, after all, is the crowning glory of a man's fashion; an accessory more capable than any other of expressing his individual character. The Bohemian beret, the business bowler, the casual cap,

The Last Whaleback

Montreal Gazette

It is the passing of the last of the whalebacks. The Herby owners, Upper Lakes Shipping Ltd., are ready to give her away to a marine museum. Nobody will buy her. She will be broken up for scrap. The last of the whalebacks is the John Ericsson. She is a very old ship, one of about 40 built in the United States between 1886 and 1901. The very unusual design, low hull, was one of the things that they could not tip over or sink, but would rock in the water, like whales.

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Back To The Bay Of Pigs?

Montreal Gazette

The Cuban policy statement issued by the Republican Citizens' Critical Issues Council in the United States is a dismayingly accurate forecast of precisely the policy which seemed to be sunk before the Bay of Pigs in 1961. But this proposal that Cuba itself should be armed and organized for an American supported invasion cannot just be brushed aside.

The Republican Council is a prestigious body. It is not usually thought of as a Republican "establishment," the members of the Republican Council belong to it. When these people come forward with a policy that is completely at odds with the Republican leadership, the leading candidate for the Republican nomination, it is a sign that the policy has to be treated seriously.

It has become very likely that the Republican presidential nominee, whoever he may be, will enter the election advocating specific policies for the armed overthrow of Castro regime in Cuba. Few would contest the desirability of overthrowing Mr. Castro, but few would agree that it is so important as to justify, at worst, serious risk of war, and at best, heavy casualties. In view of the present calmness in Western-Soviet relations, the proposal of the Republican Council are highly irresponsible.

Indians Know Dangers

Windsor Star

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Toledo Blade

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NOTES BY THE WAY

What pride of workmanship can compare with that of one who's first attempt to build a birdhouse has been approved by a pair of birds? - Ottawa Journal.

It is reported that the latest computers are so human they blame their mistakes on others' stupidity. Herald.

As part of their war in China, the Russians have sent to the Mediterranean a cruise ship laden with 250 journalists.

Mr. Wang Chung is a Chinese television star who has become fashionable to worry about. A few months ago, the big thing to worry about was poverty. Before that, Berlin. These were the days when you could still get away with it. Now, it is so intense that nobody can get away with it. They are very clearly about them very clearly because they can't do anything that goes on. - New York Times.

Changing Power Patterns

By Carman Cummings, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Few things are certain in the tangled affairs of Southeast Asia. But one indisputable fact has emerged from developments in Laos and South Vietnam in recent weeks: The Communist position has strengthened and the U.S. position has proportionately weakened. It is not surprising that Washington finds its freedom of action badly circumscribed just when that freedom is most needed to support in the South Vietnamese the military campaign against the border in which the U.S.-backed rightist faction of the South Vietnamese government is struggling against the leftist Pathet Lao. The Americans are working to restore the military coalition of rightists, neutralists and Pathet Lao.

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