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Of Grave Concern

Premier Lesage and his justice minister, Mr. Wagner, have said they would be happy to go to court to fight any charges of libel or slander brought against them by Arthur Vachon, president of the Quebec Provincial Police Association...

Premier Lesage told his party followers that the RCMP "had a file" on Vachon and had handed this file over to Mr. Wagner and it was on this basis that his "security risk" accusation was made.

In the Commons on Thursday Mr. Pearson, queried on the Lesage statement, said he was anxious to appoint soon a three-man royal commission on national security procedure...

This is an extraordinary revelation, and a disturbing one as well. It goes to show that the public has good reason to be suspicious of these closed-door conferences.

As the Toronto Star points out in this connection, security files exist about many thousands of Canadians. They are necessary documents in any security system but they are not evidence, much less proof.

Bank Loan Ceiling

One of the recommendations of the Porter Royal Commission on Banking and Finance was for the removal of the present six per cent ceiling on bank loans. This was, indeed, the recommendation which the commission held to be its most important one.

The present ceiling has, of course, been regarded as a safeguard to the borrowing public; but it has been pointed out many times that it fails, in fact, to provide much protection.

more than 11 per cent. Moreover, when interest rates are low, the ceiling does not protect borrowers because the banks cannot get six per cent on their money anyway.

It would seem reasonable to argue that the true governor of interest rates should be competition. The present ceiling introduces rigidities into the banking system that inhibit the banks in competing for loans with other financial institutions.

The same difficulty arises with another of the proposed changes—that of dealing with "near banks," many of which for too long have been operating without effective federal regulation and safeguards.

Picking Up The Pieces

"Why," asks the Ottawa Journal, "should anyone be surprised at the Prince Edward Island stalemate? Uncertainty, minority government and political whimsies have become familiar enough on the national scene and why should the Island alone be expected to be a lighthouse of decision and stability?"

This is a consoling reflection, for those of us who feel that consolation is about the right word for what we need in facing the jigsaw puzzle that Monday's election has left in its wake.

"It will not be comfortable," it says, "for the politicians in Charlottetown to try to carry on with either a tie in the number of elected or with a razor's edge majority. But they must try. Last year's ill-starred national election showed that the electorate is not sympathetic when a minority government goes weeping and begging for more power."

Quite so. In this case, however, we feel that we are something of an exception because we got into this jam without the aid of third, fourth or fifth parties which have caused so much confusion in federal contests in late years, and in several provincial campaigns as well.

EDITORIAL NOTE

New Zealand has launched a big research program to boost its fishing industry, some details of which appear in "Forefront," a monthly survey of New Zealand affairs. The new research laboratories, opened in Wellington last November, have been equipped with a range of scientific instruments including the latest stereoscopic microscope, automatic balances, a centrifuge for cell separation and equipment for cutting microscopic sections of tissues.



IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME

OTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Canada Uncertain As To NATO Changes

This week the Foreign Ministers of the 15 NATO countries are meeting in Brussels, in what seems certain to be the most critical of their regular conferences. NATO has a three-line system in permanent session: it is the North Atlantic Council, called NAC, the political committee on which each member nation is represented by a permanent delegate with the rank of ambassador.

The death of an elderly Neapolitan known as "Carmine the Scrivener" is an interesting footnote to history. He was the last survivor in Naples, and perhaps in Italy, of an ancient and once very necessary profession—that of public letter-writer.

The Last Letter-Writer

The spread of schools and literacy inevitably doomed the letter-writer's art. It is sad to learn that modernity had crept up even on old Carmine. Not long before his death this month he bought a ball-point pen in place of his goose quill.

To Mark Centennial

Mayor Reid's plan to distribute crabapple trees for planting in centennial year was announced last summer, and now he has made public the details. A total of 12,000 trees will be distributed one to each homeowner, free of charge.

The city plans to plant 650 fully grown trees on civic property which will be an attractive addition to the landscaping. But the real pleasure will no doubt be to those 12,000 homeowners who get a tree of their own.

Spank Them And Love Them

Usually we are not much taken by these mother-of-the-year selections and other "related pastimes." However, our attention was attracted this year by the sound advice offered by Mrs. Bertha Holt of Creswell, Oregon, who recently was named Mother of the Year by the American Mothers Committee.

A Bit Too Far

The first crime many parents commit against their children is giving them fancy names; especially the girls. Rightly intrigued by the little darling, parents contact "auntie" names. In France the state looks after the young. Until recently, if the parents' choice did not fall within acceptable categories (names of saints or historical characters and the like), the child could not be registered at birth. Then as an adult it could well hope you are the same staff for your true scrivener.

MAKE RED DEALS

PARIS (AP)—Two nationalized French firms have made big business deals with the Soviet Union and China in recent days but officials deny any political implications. The deal with the Soviet Union gives Renault, France's largest auto maker, a free hand in revitalizing and expanding Russia's Moskvich auto plant.

WILL ATLANTICA UNITE?

Paul Martin, commenting on a possible move of NAC, told me: "We cannot make a stand on that yet. First we must have full discussion about the implications of the various changes in the organization for the functioning of NAC." Behind his

CHANGE PROCEDURE

OTTAWA (CP)—A procedure designed to improve membership standards was adopted Friday at the 18th annual convention of the Canadian Public Relations Society. Starting next year, applicants for membership will be required to sit for written and oral examinations. A written application is all that is required now for membership.

Food And Weight

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The best way to lose weight is to eat the amount of food that contains less calories than the body needs for energy. An easy way is to cut the caloric intake in half. In this way there is no radical change in the type of foods consumed and the individual remains on a nutritionally balanced menu.

Quickie and fad regimens should be limited to a week. A few days of starvation is a good beginning because the body uses its own fat for energy. In addition the appetite is not stimulated by teasing the palate with just a little food. Prolonged fasting has an adverse effect upon the body and is not recommended.

Fried foods, heavy gravies, candies, ice cream, whipped cream, whole milk, cream, carbonated sugar, and sweetened drinks are high in calories. Mayonnaise and other oily dressings, coffee cakes, sweet rolls, waffles, cakes, pastries, cookies, and puddings are packed with calories.

A normal person should eliminate approximately 3,500 calories to lose one pound. The dietary route is easier than exertion because it takes many push-ups to lose a pound. It is more practical to say no to a piece of pie with 350 calories than to work of the equivalent in physical activity.

Kidney Inflammation R. B. D. writes: My five-year-old daughter began running a temperature and urinalysis showed pus. The doctor says she has pyelitis. Is this disorder serious?

REPLY It is not so serious as ulcer or scarlet fever, but it is an infection that may lead to complications unless treated properly.

COLD ABSCESS V. E. M. writes: What is meant by a cold abscess in tuberculosis of the spine?

REPLY In tuberculosis of the spine the pus that accumulates may gravitate to a distant point in an attempt to escape from the body. The first indication that this has occurred comes when an abscess develops beneath the skin in the region of the groin. This is the cold abscess.

NORMAL GAIN Mrs. T. writes: Is a weight gain of 20 pounds normal during pregnancy?

REPLY Yes. The average gain is 22 pounds. Women who gain too much weight during pregnancy are flirting with trouble. More complications occur in this group and, after the baby is born, mama has a tendency to remain on the chubby side.

TIME CURE R. M. writes: Is there a two-week cure for arthritis in a 90 year old man?

REPLY Not a guaranteed cure. But why the impatience? TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Infected blisters require medical attention. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays

By land sea and air, a Nazi vanguard in French-mandated Syria was being steadily reinforced while in London British quarters declared the "necessary precautions" had been taken to deal with the MIDDLE East threat.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 4, 1956) Dr. T. B. Acker, noted orthopedic surgeon of Halifax, who for more than 30 years had been identified with the treatment of P.E.I. by the Red Cross Society and local surgeons, was the guest of honor at the weekly Rotary Luncheon at the Charlottetown Hotel.

SOME 1,000 churches in Britain had been destroyed or damaged seriously by Nazi bombs and many more had been slightly damaged. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, said in a broadcast in London.

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The National Hockey League's rules committee adopted a rule providing for return immediately to the ice of a player serving a minor penalty if the opposing team scores a goal.

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Time To Make Space Rules

The successful American soft-landing of a spaceship on the moon moved mankind another step into the space age and underlined the urgency of re-strengthening celestial bodies to peaceful uses. The U.S. space achievement, praised around the world, came two days after the Soviet Union issued a plea—similar to one made May 7 by President Johnson—for the preservation of the moon and other bodies in the universe for peaceful exploration.

The Soviet proposal was contained in a letter to United Nations Secretary-General U. Thant and called for action by the next session of the General Assembly to ban military weapons from outer space. The proposal, delivered Tuesday, would have the world organization bar all military installations or weapons of mass destruction on the moon and other celestial bodies.

Most points in the letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko already are contained in resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, but those resolutions merely were declarations of principle and unenforceable. Gromyko noted that the Soviet Union had succeeded in soft-landing Luna IX on the moon Feb. 3 and that it had called in 1958 and again in 1961 for the restriction of the use of outer space for peaceful uses.

Nature Knew It All Along

Modern technology has never surpassed Mother Nature as an engineer. Eons before human engineers appeared animals developed powered flight, underwater propulsion systems, electric circuitry, sonar, and countless other techniques. Today's engineers are turning to the animal world seeking solutions to many of their problems.

A notable example is the modern subsonic aircraft. Its wings preserve the characteristics of the highly efficient bird's wing, with maximum curvature on the upper surface near the front. Human divers scored a triumph in 1960 when the bathyscaphe Trieste descended to a record depth of 35,800 feet in the Pacific Ocean. But shrimp, fish and other animals were there to welcome the mechanical monster.

Man might also simulate bat sonar to control moths, which instinctively flee the sounds. With its counter-sonar devices, a moth detects a bat 130 feet away and promptly dives. Seagull mammals like whales and dolphins intrigue bioacoustics. A whale with only 60 horsepower available to propel itself swims as if it had seven times more.

Fireflies produce light without wasting a lot of energy as heat; electric companies have spent thousands of dollars to find out how the insects achieve their cold light. STAMPS BUY MINIBUS CAMBRIDGE, England (CP) Staff and 530 pupils at a convent school bought a 13-seat bus for school outings with trading stamps. They collected more than 1,000,000 stamps in 10 months.

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