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Three kinds of towns

ONE HUNDRED years ago the villages and smaller towns of Canada west all seemed to be poured in the same mold. Most of them had been located where water power was available. They depended on the farms around and used local raw materials. Their industries included flour mills, saw mills, tanneries, foundries making farm implements, distilleries or breweries, stove factories and sometimes, companies that made carpets, furniture and shoes. Their markets were limited because deliveries were by horse and wagon.

Railways brought changes. Steam engines and electricity eliminated the need for water power. Raw materials became scarce. Widespread distribution by rail killed many small factories.

Now the smaller towns and villages seem to fall into three categories.

Many of them still follow the century-old pattern except that they no longer have many industries. Their population has remained stationary for decades. They still depend on rural trade. Their young people migrate. They are not close enough to the larger cities to be affected byq the rapid growth of population, which has not yet spilled over into their districts.

The second group contains the industrial towns. There is always a scramble for industries and a few towns seem able to get the plums. These towns benefit from the wages paid to citizens. Young people can remain at home. Population increases steadily. They need housing, schools, sewage disposal and other things that keep the tax rate going up.

The third group contains the "dormitory towns," a fairly recent development in Ontario. They are close to growing cities and some of them have doubled or tripled in population in ten years. So have their problems because industrial assessment has not kept pace. For some reason industries do not seem to go to these towns. Residents drive to the cities to work. There are a dozen examples close to Toronto.

—Fergus (Ont.) News-Record.

SWING TO EAST

Russia pushing efforts to aid Africans

By JOHN EARLE

LONDON (Reuters)—Western policy-makers, diplomats here believe, from now on will have to reckon with increasing Soviet efforts to enlist the sympathies of the millions inhabiting the rapidly-developing continent of Africa.

Attacks on the Western powers for allegedly seeking to perpetuate economic colonialism occupy a prominent place in Soviet propaganda, including the speeches of Premier Nikita Khrushchev. This is seen here as an integral part of a policy designed to ensure that the swing shall be to the East.

Diplomats here have noted a growing Soviet interest in Africa since the beginning of 1960—a year in which the nine independent African countries are being joined by five more.

The five new states attaining independence are: Cameroon, which became independent January 1; Togoland, April 27; Belgian Congo, June 30; Somalia, July 1, and Nigeria, with its 35,000,000 inhabitants, October 1.

While headlines were captured here by Prime Minister Macmillan's visit to Africa in January, the Soviet Union also has sent several important visitors to the continent since the beginning of the year.

FINANCED DAM

The most spectacular was the visit to Cairo in January of the Soviet minister of power station construction, Ignat Novikov, who attended the inauguration of work on the first stage of the Aswan High Dam. While he was there, the Soviet Union agreed to finance the second stage of the dam, granting total credits equivalent to some $380,000,000 for the whole scheme.

Other evidence of Soviet interest noted here include the following:

1. A Soviet deputy foreign minister, Nikolai Firyubin, was sent to attend the independence of Cameroon January 1. After Firyubin's visit, Cameroonian Premier Ahmadou Ahidjo said that he had received an offer of aid from the Soviet Union.

2. Nuritdin Mukhitdinov, chairman of the Supreme Soviet's foreign affairs committee and a member of the praesidium of the Soviet Communist party, attended celebrations in Monrovia at the beginning of the year for the reinauguration of President William Tubman of Liberia. He headed a 14-man Soviet delegation.

3. Khrushchev is to pay an official visit at a date yet to be arranged to Guinea, the West African state which broke away from the French union. Sekou Toure, the president of Guinea, was in the Soviet Union in November last year and had talks with Khrushchev.

4. Africans will be among students from underdeveloped areas who will receive free technical training and education at a new "university of friendship for the people" opening in Moscow in the fall. They will follow courses in engineering, agriculture, medicine, economics, pedagogy and other subjects. Later, it is hoped to increase the number of these students to 3,000 or 4,000.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Primary adds confusion to election picture

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP) — The much-publicized Wisconsin primary may have cast more confusion than clarity on the U.S. presidential election fight.

Despite the Wisconsin vote victory for Senator John F. Kennedy, his score—in the eyes of many observers and politicians — wasn't decisive enough to create a sure-fire Democratic bandwagon that could lead him to a convention nomination victory.

Kennedy, handsome Massachusetts legislator, is a Roman Catholic. In the first two 1960 primaries—New Hampshire and Wisconsin—Kennedy encountered more Protestants than Catholics but the Catholic populations in these two states are higher than the national average.

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Kennedy may be able to provide a more convincing demonstration of his vote-getting ability in the West Virginia May 10 primary, for in West Virginia Catholics total only about five per cent of the population compared with about 30 per cent in Wisconsin and about 40 per cent in New Hampshire.

In presidential primaries, U.S. voters elect the delegates who will represent them in the party presidential nominating conventions to be held this summer. By pledging their delegate votes to one candidate or another, they indicate their preference for their party's candidate in the presidential elections this fall.

This demonstration of vote-getting ability is crucial. The last time the Democrats took a chance on a Catholic was in 1928 when Al Smith was swamped by Republican Herbert Hoover. Neither party has been led by a Catholic since then.

Vice-President Richard Nixon, as heir-apparent to President Eisenhower, has no visible opposition in his own party and therefore doesn't have to put up much of a fight before the Republican nominating convention July 25 next.

Kennedy's major opponent for the Democratic nomination is Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, an energetic scrapper but still a lightweight as presidential timber. Wisconsin borders on Minnesota and therefore Humphrey expected some support in the April 5 Wisconsin primary.

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He got 10½ votes, compared with 20½ for Kennedy, of the total 31 delegate votes Wisconsin will cast at the Democratic nominating convention at Los Angeles. Humphrey also got 44 per cent of the total Democratic primary vote, compared with 56 for Kennedy. All in all, Humphrey was pleased. He got more than the advance pool-takers that pundits had predicted he would get.

Humphrey will again oppose Kennedy in the West Virginia primary where the battle will be for 25 of the state votes at the Los Angeles convention.

Even if Kennedy won all of the primaries, he would enter the convention with a total of only 577 votes out of an over-all 1,521 to be cast. The winning candidate needs a clear majority: 761 out of the 1,521 votes.

Boundless opportunity

"An educated man stands, as it were, in the midst of a boundless arsenal and magazine, filled with all the weapons and engines which man's skill has been able to devise from the earliest time."

—Thomas Carlyle.

Time

"Time is capital, so, invest it wisely!
To-morrow's a myth—
Get busy forthwith!
To-day is a fact—
Act man, act!"

—Anonymous.

Mobile population

One of the most important social developments in Canada in recent years has been the increased mobility of families. Time was when the vast majority of families settled in one area or community and remained there for years. A majority still remain relatively fixed, at least once they have become established, but each year since 1951 25 per cent or more of Canada's young families move from one location to another — across the street, to another neighborhood, to another community or another province.

—The Saskatoon Star Phoenix.

All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Now Montreal is just an afternoon away from Vancouver.

A party of newspaper and radio men dreamed their way across the 2,500-mile distance in five hours' flying, aboard an air - conditioned magic carpet called a DC-8 jetliner.

They were guests of Trans-Canada Air Lines on the first flight of a service which is now carrying people both ways across the continent at a nine-mile-a-minute clip.

The same jetliner spans the distance from Vancouver to London in just 13 hours.

First-flight Montreal passengers travelled from the cherry blossoms and daffodils of the Pacific Coast to the ice-flecked St. Lawrence in the time it took to read a small pocket book.

Thirty-three thousand feet above the mountains, prairies and lakes that the pioneers traversed slowly with canoes and wagons, the modern Overlanders leaned on soft upholstery, heard music and admired the pretty legs of the hostess who brought them steak on a tray.

I went to Montreal and back with the group. Or did I? Sometimes I wonder if I only fell asleep loking at a movie of an airplane on somebody's television.

"We have just passed over Regina. We will be over Winnipeg in 30 minutes from now. Our ground speed is 610 miles an hour."

That was the voice of the captain, addressing us over the speaker from the cabin up front where he sat with two other pilots, a radio officer and an engineer, surrounded by a dizzy assortment of dials and electronic gadgets.

An air-conditioning nozzle, controllable by thumb and forefinger, blew a spring breeze in my face. The below-zero air outside the window was too thin to support life. Pumps compressed it into an island of ground level air that travelled with the 127 passengers.

There was no vibration from the four Rolls-Conway bypass jet engines, worth $250,000 each, which spun a faint smoke-trail as they whistled our $6,000,000 airplane toward Toronto and Montreal.

This 150-foot giant, as long as a train, longer than the distance that the Wright Brothers flew at Kitty Hawk, travelled so smoothly that a baby girl in the seat next to mine stayed quiet and good in her mother's arms, all the way to Toronto.

"The last time I flew from Vancouver to Toronto, I started at 8 in the morning and didn't get there until 11:30 at night," said the baby's mother.

When she got off at Toronto, four hours and 13 minutes after the Fraser River had slid under the wing, the baby was still smiling.

New passengers came aboard. Thousands of colored lights flashed past us. "Fasten your seat belts. No smoking." A farewell message from the hostess in English and French, and we were stepping down the long steps from the DC-8 at Dorval.

For us, it was only 8:30 p.m., but for the people in Montreal it was 11:30. Our plane had carried us away from the sun in a rush.

With the classics

Some for the Glories of This World; and some
Sigh for the Prophet's Paradise to come;
Ah, take the Cash, and let the Credit go,
Nor heed the rumble of a distant Drum!
Look to the blowing Rose about us—"Lo,
Laughing," she says, "into the world I blow,
At once the silken tassel of my Purse
Tear, and its Treasure on the Garden throw."
And those who husbanded the Golden Grain,
And those who flung it to the winds like Rain,
Alike to no such aureate Earth are turn'd
As, buried once, Men want dug up again.

—Edward Fitzgerald.

Lighter side

The sports car owner was giving his friend the first ride in a new foreign import which was low-slung. After they had been driving a while the friend appeared to be puzzled, so the driver asked him what was wrong.

"I can't figure out what that long wall is we've been passing."

"That's no wall," snapped the driver. "That's the curb."

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"You told me how good you were when I hired you three months ago," said the boss to the new typist. "Now, tell me again. I'm getting discouraged."

WHITE MASTS and spars of British Columbia Packers Limited Fishing fleet form tangle against mountain in background as fishing boats prepare for coming season. Fishermen have been busy painting, checking and renewing gear for past weeks. In foreground, stillness of water in which outline of boats are reflected contrasts with harbor beyond breakwater.
—Staff photo by Gary Oakes.

SIU making last-ditch battle this month to regain good standing in Canadian labor

OTAWA — The belligerent Seafarers' International Union will make a last-ditch effort this month to regain good standing in Canadian labor.

If it loses—as the record indicates it may well do—its expulsion from the Canadian Labor Congress is generally anticipated. If it does scrape up a pardon, there may be serious ructions within the CLC.

The Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers, which has been jousting bitterly with the SIU the last few years, might feel it had no alternative but to leave the CLC if the SIU is readmitted. The SIU was suspended last June for raiding.

The SIU question is one of several major ones to be discussed at a CLC convention starting in Montreal April 25. About 2,000 delegates are expected to attend to discuss the question of support for the new political party and an increase in the per capita contribution of CLC members.

BANKS WILL APPEAR

Hal Banks, the burly United States citizen who heads the SIU's 10,000-member Canadian segment, plans to make the appeal himself to the CLC convention. He has few firm friends to back him.

As a suspended union, the SIU can send no delegates to the convention. An appeal to the CLC executive council last January was rejected.

The suspension last June was based primarily on raiding charges filed by the 40,000-member brotherhood, which has been expanding operations the last few years.

It beat out the SIU for bargaining rights among personnel operating the St. Lawrence Seaway. On the West coast, it claims to have backed the SIU into a corner with a series of certification-rights victories.

LOSS QUASHED

One of the few Western losses to the SIU was before the British Columbia labor relations board and this was quashed recently by the provincial supreme court.

The SIU got into most of its trouble with the brotherhood for raiding the National Association of Marine Engineers, a small faction-ridden union which eventually came under the wing of the brotherhood.

Currently, Mr. Banks has bargaining problems with the Lake Carriers Association representing Great Lakes ship owners. SIU demands have been carried to a conciliation board—higher wages, shorter hours and improved working conditions being sought for about 1,600 inland sailors.

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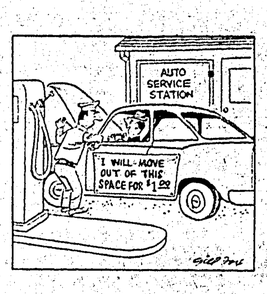
I MAKE MY LIVING FINDING EMPTY PARKING SPACES IN TOWN.



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Do people with sneery, contemptuous expressions develop the expression through being sneery and contemptuous? Or are they born with a sneery and contemptuous expression and are sneery and contemptuous as a consequence?

This is a question that ha[illegible] troubled me al[illegible] my life, and so fa[illegible] nobody has eve[illegible] given me a reasonable answer. I[illegible] each of us borr[illegible] to be what we are? Or are we free to be what we choose?

Yet . . . .

When I was a small boy at school, there was a girl in another class who caught my attention because of the quizzical smile that adorned her face at all times. Whether marching in file into class, or romping about the schoolyard, or on the street and from school, there was that unfailing, fixed smile on her freckled face. At that stage, I thought she was seeing something absurd about me.

At Varsity, she turned up again, still with the quizzical smile and the half-shut eyes; and though I never met her, I confess I often wondered what she found so interminably amusing in life, and I envied her tireless good humor.

Last week, I met her, now an elderly woman still smiling.

She was utterly without humor. She was a dull, stern-minded, puritanical lady with sharply critical opinions on all subjects, a bigoted soul, without compassion.

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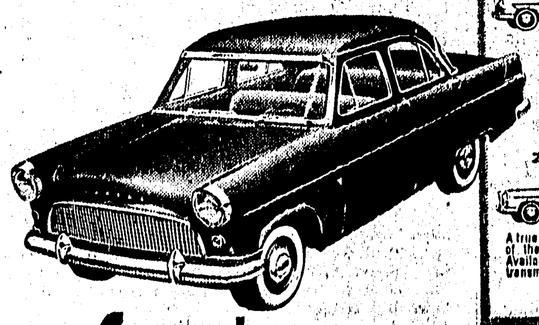

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