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No monopoly this

ists, who are by definition advo- They are neutral. the public interest.

their editors espouse.

In Toronto the other day Hazen The Southam chain has been long

he suggested, was dangerous. The im-certainly at no time right-wing. plication of his remarks was that a lit's a pity that politicians like Mr.

cusation will sound convincing; but as tions, but have no sinister designs and a practical matter-of-fact in Canada it are just as public-spirited as anybody

country by Roy Thomson (who has country. acquired British dailies will be Tory not, as a rule, members of the CCF. or Labor as the local editor thinks —The Financial Post.

ONE of the odd things about social-best) take no discernible political line.

cates of total monopoly under bureau- The Bell-Sifton chain includes the cratic control, is their belief than any Ottawa Journal, Conservative, and the business combination organized by Calgary Albertan, Liberal, equally private persons is necessarily against militant for the opinions and causes

Argue, leader of the CCF in the House noted for the freedom of opinion it alof Commons, complained about the ex-lows to editors in different parts of the pansion of newspaper chains in country. It-includes Conservative Canada. Of 92 dailies published in the coun- Citizen, at one time an advocate of the try, he noted, 37 now belong to three Douglas theory of Social Credit, now chains. This "concentration of power", probably classifiable as "Liberal" but

publisher owning several papers will Argue can't take a realistic view and impose a uniform editorial policy and recognize that publishers, like other deprive the public of the benefit of free businessmen, are in business to serve discussion. the public, can and often do improve To the doctrinaire Marxist this ac-this service by expanding their operais nonsense. The newspapers published in this of discussion is necessary in a free

publicly announced that his recently. But people who grasp this fact are

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

U.S. cannot ignore South American problems

By HAROLD MORRISON

Canadian Press Staff Writer

20 Latin American countries is not likely—by Indeed it may be a question of whether

itself—to overcome gargantuan problems. It the U.S. is not already too late. It may be of

will have to be followed by tremendous econ- little use to preach freedom, justice and peace

President Eisenhower's jaunt to four of the creasing opportunities for Communists.

omic contributions not only by the U.S. but to empty stomachs,

An American judge recently sentenced sev- law be brushed aside as nuisances, because

All of them were known hoods. They were presumed to be members of a sinister group called the Mafia. But nobody could prove that they had committed any crime.

at the home of one Joe Barbara at Apalachin, as a grand council of crime, called to divide

the spoils and to lay further plans for looting the country. The state couldn't prove this claim. Two years of investigation failed to link the men

with any offence. But the court sentenced them to jail any-

way, for something called "conspiracy." Some people cheered the American court for having the strength and courage to put those dangerous men behind bars.

For myself, I didn't join the cheering. (Nobody south of the border would have heard. me, if I had done.) But I couldn't agree that sending men to jail without evidence was a good thing, no matter how evil they were.

It was a pleasant surprise to read an article by Anthony West in the Current Saturday Night magazine, hotly attacking the court's

West saw the Apalachin conspiracy trial as a crucial episode marking an important social

"The United States," he wrote, "is rapidly ceasing to be a society of law, and becoming one of expediency." Should individual rights and the rule of in Canada.

The major problem Eisenhower faces is how

to areconcile the tremendous economic needs

of the 188,000,000 Latins with his own desire

to balance the United States budget—indeed.

ferment. In many areas conditions have been

complicated by the lack of diversified economics

and technical skills. The struggle for survival

has given way to corruption, greed, bloodshed

of dollars worth of investment and loans into

the area but, as some U.S. newspapers suggest,

much of this investment may have been poured

in simply because of the possibility of large

profits rather than from the possibility of in-

creased living standards and internal strength

government aid rather than private-is seen

in the growing awareness of U.S. industry that

their Latin American investments involve tre-

mendous risk. Would investors ever again dare

invost'in Cuba after the confiscation of in-

dustry, by Fidel Castro in return for agrarian.

and South America. Russia was quick to move

into Cuba with a big augar-and-loan pact,

The spread of communism in Latin America

would pose a tromondous military threat to

And it isn't a question of time solving the

But the U.S. cannot afford to Ignore Contral,

The great need of American aid—that is

It is true that the U.S. has poured billions

For decades Latin America has been in

to bring in a surplus in the next fiscal year

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

by other countries too.

and dictatorshrip.

in the local area.

honds of questionable value?",

tha northern hemisphere.

eral men to jail although he had no evidence they get in the way of society's house-cleaning? A leading figure in the prosecution of the Apalachin case said this: "Sure I believe in civil rights. But you don't seem to understand. These people are anti-social. They've put themselves outside society. They've given up All these men did, outwardly, was to meet their rights. They don't have any."

The popular mistrust of professionals and experts began under Andrew Jackson, says The law and some newspapers described this. West. Senator McCarthy didn't start anything. He only rode a trend.

"Plain common men do not like subtleties and complexities. They want simple routes to desirable results. These are the bad guys, let's get them, is the spirit of the popular approach of the law.

"In this spirit the public have stood by while the enforcement agencies, glamorously attacking organized crime and the menace of international Communism, have whittled away, one by one all the legal protections of individual freedom which had been built up in centuries of struggle to make the common

"The real tragedy (of the Apalachin episode) is ... that the American press has so failed its public-that not one American in a on his fundamental rights and liberties has been successfully carried to a conclusion."

I am convinced that West is right, and that the decision of the court against the Apalachin hoods (unsavory men though they might have been) was a refined modern version of lynch law.

Let's hope nothing of this kind ever happens

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down on penny pools then the legal

authorities should handle the job not

the Post Office. The Post Office has a

sufficiently difficult job to get the

mails through expeditiously without

being saddled by the task of playing

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letter from a couple to whom its billing de-

partment had written, requesting payment of

of the 23rd and would like you to know we.

have divided our creditors into three groups:

Those who will never be paid.

promoted you from Group 3 to Group 2."

Those who will be paid promptly.

Those who will be paid sometime.

"You will be happy to know that because

the friendly tone of your letter, we have

A department store received the following

"Contlomen: We have received your letter

-The Vernon News.

policeman to the public morals.

If the government is going to crack

VAST WATERFRONT of Vancouver's harbor stretches to left in background of picture above with Coal Harbor, in North Vancouver in foreground. Lions Gate bridge connects downtown area with north shore of Second Narrows. At right is 1,000-acre peninsula of Stanley Park.

ESALSOITIANA BY FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

abolition of Capital Punishment will do more than merely promote additional discussion in the country. It could well serve as the beginning of a different type of debate in the House of Commons. This is one of the few issues that are in the cabinet. has been discussed on the Bill and not from a partisar political point of view.

The development of political and parliamentary, activities over the years has resulted in political parties having too much say and sway on matters affecting the general public. As a result of this type of to individual members. growth the individual M.P., especially those in the government party, have tended to become automatons or "trained seals." Because party discipline is needed to keep the government in office its party supporters lose their identity as individuals. They become blind supporters of each and every government measure, with few exceptions. Their sole function is that of being an apologist for governmental action when that action does not have general acceptance in the country. Whether the issue is one of national portance or relates only to a

constituency matter. There is a tremendous need for a revision of this practice. The cabinet does not contain all of the brains in the House. There are a number of backbencher Conservatives, whom I know, who are exceptionally apable. Unfortunately their intellect is going to waste. This

Perhaps the debate on the would not be the case if certain types of legislation were allowed to come to a free discussion and a free vote. By arranging a system such as this we would be drawing upon all of the members of parliament instead of the chosen few that

We should also revise the merits of the proposals in the committee structure and operation so that more authority is given to committees to consider and propose Bills to the House. A committee allows for all interested people in the country to appear and present deas, which they cannot do to Parliament itself, except in a written way to the cabinet or

The debate on capital punishment is a step in this direction. Other steps should be taken. Other matters, be they government sponsored or upon the initiative of a private member, should be given the same treatment. Perhaps if this were done we would be able to water down the control that political parties now have on Parliament and upon your

Too many people are thinking of security instead of opportunity. They seem more afraid of life than death. -James F. Byrnes.

Who keeps the Truth from people stands in the way of God.—Leonard H. Robbins.

There's no fool like an old fool. You just cannot beat ex-

The Packsack One of my friends who uses

liquor the way he uses Worcestershire sauce or ketchup, which is to add fillip to his days as to his meals, was lately ordered by his doctor to cut out liquor entirely. He was gaining weight to a point his doctor thought was dangerous to his heart.

"Your drinks, though mod-

erate," said the doctor, "increase your appetite. It is what you eat that is fattening you.' So my friend, a most moderate drinker for more than 30 years, proceeded to go wagon. a curious

thing happened. He would go for a week or 10 days

Sanibel Island

Here marvels from the marvelous sea Arrange their beauty on the

Like coinage from a treasury The treasures lie at either

An intricate geometry Is taught for those who understand

The theorem of a mystery Designed in water for the

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without the couple of snorts he had been accustomed, for years, to imbibe before dinner. And then, all of a sudden, he would feel the need of a boost.

And thus, one day a week or so,

he would give himself a party.

On those occasions, he became

an immoderate drinker. ""Making up your mind," said the doctor, whom he went to see, "whether with regard to food, or drink, or smoking, or any of the things we medical men have to advise on, is like slamming a door. It is not like walking into an adjoining room, leaving the door open. No, sir. To quit cigarettes or whiskey or fat pork, you have to simply walk out and slam

the door, bang." My friend has now been on the wagon 40 days, and is

iax exemption

From The Victoria Colonist The provincial government may find neither the Union of B.C. Municipalities nor a preponderance of the municipalities at its back if it implements the suggestion made before a Victoria audience last week by Provincial Secretary Black. Mr. Black said seniorcitizen homes founded on a non-profit basis should be exempt from taxation, and that he would endeavor to initiate legislation to bring this about. The question is what taxation? And the answer in this instance is municipal.

The effect, of course, would be to place the remitted taxes on shoulders of other property owners; including homeowners, who likewise earn no profit, and further circumscribe the revenues of the munici-

Not through hardness of heart but from sheer necessity, the municipalities are pledged to resist any further encroachment on their tax revenues through the piecemeal process of exemption. They have memorialized provincial governments through the years on the mounting additions to civil. rolls of assessments which cannot be taxed. Federal and provincial governments occupy the major existing fields of exemptions; churches have had their place in it from the start; but special appeals to add to the list, for this good cause or that, have been forthcoming every year. Meanwhile the cities have to provide the services and carry these costs unsupported.

Did the provincial government remit the sales tax on the material which went into ... pensioners housing projects?

The lighter side Teacher: "What is the difference between results and

consequences?" Bright Pupil: "Results are what you expect; consequen-

ces are what you get." Inquiring Schoolboy: "Dad. what effect does the have on the tide?"

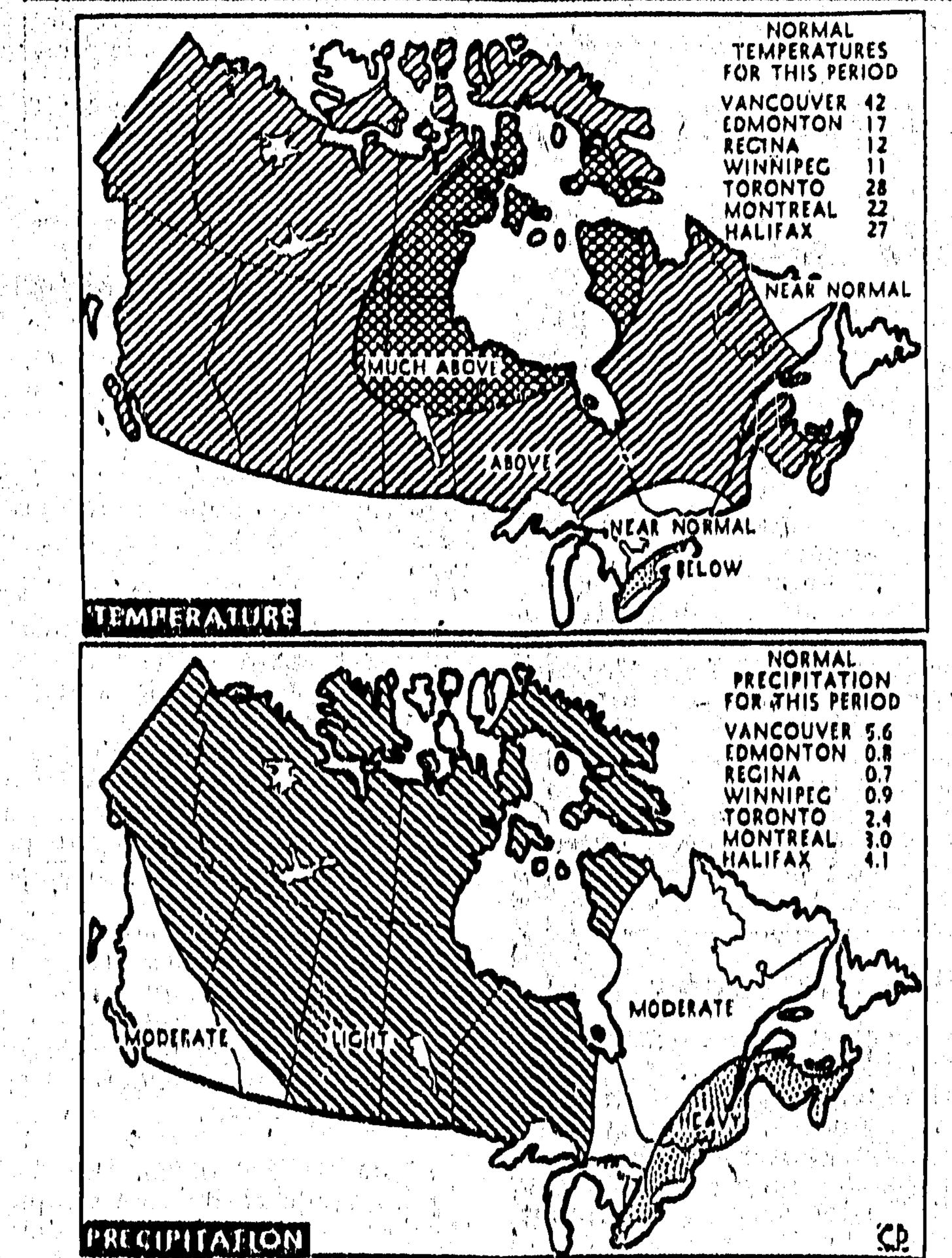
Dad (from the depths of his newspaper): "Not any, son. Only on the untied." Mary: "So you bought a new

fur coat after all. I thought you said your husband could not afford it this year." Jean: "So I did but we had a

stroke of luck, My husband broke his leg and the insurdown to 160, his legal weight. ance company paid him \$300."

Thursday, Feb. 25th - 8 p.m.

EVERYBODY WELCOME



ABOVE NORMAL temporatures and morerate precipitation are in store for Prince Ruport until mid-March according to the long-range forecast of the United States weather office. An aron of below normal temporatures are prodicted for southwestern Ontario, Light precipitation is expected across the rest of Canada. --- OF Newsmap.



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problem. At the present birth rate. Latin Amoriga's population may double to some 000,000 in 40 years. The problems that linvo their primary roots in poverty may grow, in-

down from hence. Luke 4:0.

If thou he the son of God east thyself