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His Honor's successor

COINCIDENT with the annual Government House garden party this week came a renewal of the speculations that Defence Minister Pearkes will succeed His Honor when the latter retires at the end of his term this fall. The farewell aspect of the event, also, added to the social warmth of the occasion, to which as hosts Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross contributed the charm and grace that has distinguished them all during their stay at Cary Castle. Theirs has been a notably successful incumbency.

The personal demands made on the Queen's representative in this area—much more compelling than in other provinces—are such that invariably the office seeks the man rather than the other way round. Men of quality and other requisites are not always readily available for this gubernatorial post, which in B.C. carries with it obligations of a special nature. This province has usually been fortunate in the calibre of its lieutenant-governors.

The name of General Pearkes has been cited frequently of late in this connection, and such intimations have grown in weight. The press gallery in Ottawa seems convinced he will be B.C.'s next lieutenant-governor, and in service and parliamentary circles it is believed that the Minister of National Defence will cap what has been an outstanding career by presiding at Cary Castle.

Assuming him to be available and willing, one cannot think of a better successor to Mr. Ross. General Pearkes' life story has been remarkable, and invested with a romance that would adorn this office with unusual flair. From trooper to general to defence minister, the recipient of the VC, DSO, MC—the three highest awards for military valor—longtime membership in the House of Commons; these bespeak a progression to eminence few men have equalled.

It is not appropriate that confirmation of His Honor's successor should be prematurely announced, but if the current speculation proves to be well founded B.C. will have cause to applaud the final accolade bestowed on Major-General George Pearkes.

—The Victoria Colonist

Integrity at Prince George

According to one classical allusion, messengers bearing ill tidings were put to death. That didn't change the facts of the message they brought. It merely proved that the recipients who ordered the execution were not very bright and not very realistic.

A 33-member rump of the 220-member Prince George Board of Trade seems to be reviving the practice in modified form when it tells the Prince George Citizen it "should only print stories that are optimistic or reflect credit on the city."

The Citizen has informed the public that only 10 men have been employed on the Pacific Northern Railway project since construction of the marshalling yards started at the end of last month. It has added that unemployed are attracted to Prince George by PNR publicity and find no work there (a point made by the Prince George city council which escapes Board of Trade criticism) and that the crime rate is increasing.

In the light of these disclosures, says one board member, Prince George can do without The Citizen, which made them.

Certainly it can, but at a price. The price of ignorance due to lack of information could be high.

The Citizen has apparently performed the service of presenting the facts—and has thereby honored the traditions of a reputable and upright newspaper.

Someone should tell the critical members of the Prince George Board of Trade that there is a place for fairy tales, but that news is news, and an intelligent public must be kept informed. That public will not even know what time it is if the Board of Trade, in cloudy weather, forces it to depend on a sundial which records only the sunny hours.

—The Victoria Times.

Agreed!

Canada and the United States, as represented in the International Joint Commission, have now come to an agreement regarding the Columbia River.

That agreement opens the way to a doubling of the hydroelectric output from dams on the River of the West which flows across the boundaries of the two nations.

There are of course many complicated details yet to be worked out among British Columbia, Oregon and Washington. But the Economist, published in London (a metropolis historically aware of the importance of the Columbia), says that "the highest hurdle to cooperative development has been cleared."

The two nations will share the advantages of better flood control and more power. Says the London Economist further: "Additional electricity should be available in 1968, soon after the target date for the beginning of hydroelectric output from the huge development being planned on the Peace River in far Northeastern British Columbia."

The combination of the Canadian-U.S. agreement and the go-ahead on the Peace River project means that there will be no power shortage in the Pacific Northwest for many long years to come.

Moreover, the agreement between Canada and the United States involving the international waterway is a hopeful example of mutual trust for the greatest good of the greatest numbers in both nations.

—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Eisenhower 'wisdom' embarrasses policy makers

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

In the heat of political debate words are sometimes uttered that go beyond the intent of the speaker. But they can prove embarrassing when they are uttered by a national leader and seem to criticize the philosophy and operations of a friendly power.

So President Eisenhower may have embarrassed his own foreign policy administrators by using socialism as an argument that governmental paternalism can lead to large-scale suicides, national laziness and drunkenness.

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The argument which surprised some foreign observers came as Eisenhower delivered an off-the-cuff rallying call to Republican leaders at a breakfast meeting at the party's convention in Chicago Wednesday. It was attended by most of his cabinet, Republican governors and many other high party officers.

He did not mention any country by name but he made a statistical reference to a "very friendly European country" which "has a tremendous record for socialistic operations and the following of socialistic philosophy. The record shows there that the rate of suicides have gone up almost unbelievably."

"Drunkenness has gone up and the lack of ambition is discernible on all sides."

While Eisenhower did not mention any country specifically, Norway, Denmark and Sweden as well as Britain have highly-developed socialistic welfare states.

Eisenhower argued that years ago, before this friendly power really got deeply involved in socialism, its suicide rate was below that of the U.S. Now it was more than double the U.S. rate.

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With that kind of example, he argued, Republicans should make voters understand it is best to follow the credo of Abraham Lincoln who maintained that government should only do those things for people that the people could not do for themselves.

Undoubtedly Eisenhower was phrasing his words merely to attack the Democrats and not embarrass his allies. But several countries may not relish apparent criticism of their way of life offered gratuitously by the free world's leader.

Eisenhower is not the only one to have stumbled in diplomatic niceties. John F. Kennedy, Democratic leader, argued that a Tory government is a tired government when he blasted the Republicans in his acceptance speech at Los Angeles earlier this month.

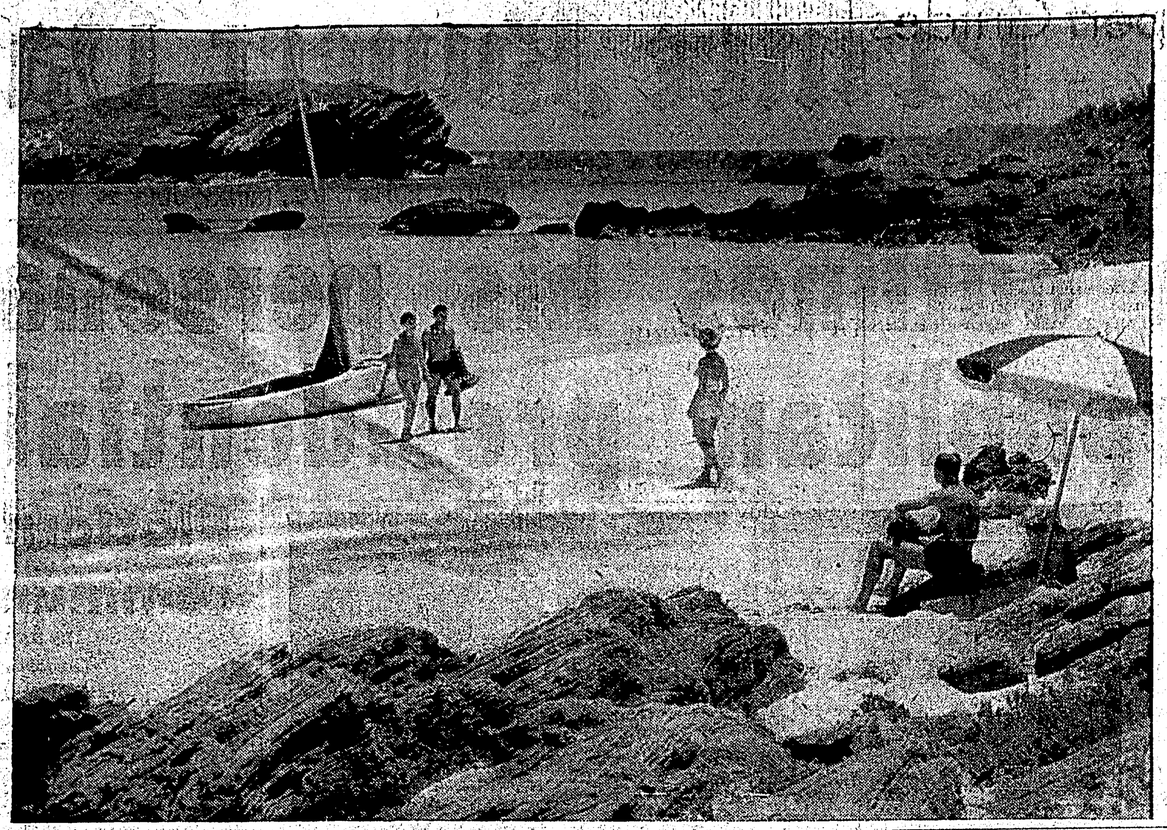
He seemed to have forgotten for the moment that Britain has a Tory administration.

A British correspondent immediately demanded to know whether Kennedy felt that Prime Minister Macmillan was a tired Tory. Kennedy had to reflect only for a moment before replying he did not.

Postal note

To say that one opposes unnecessary federal spending is to repeat a cliche. To do so when it means turning away a federal expenditure in one's own community is unusual enough to be recorded for posterity. We so do, here and now, in reporting the rejection of Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield's offer to give Mount Tabor, N.J., a new $10,000 post office. By way of documentation, we offer the item that 264 of the 365 families which use the old post office petitioned their opposition. This was indeed a rare day in June.

—Rochester (N.Y.) Democrat and Chronicle.



BERMUDA BEACHTIME—Rivalling Prince Rupert's sunny weather is this sunny stretch of tawny sand on a beach on one of the many small coves around Bermuda. They can be reached by quaint, winding roads which meander through the island or, if you have a neat sailboat, over the sea through coral reefs that are a skindiver's dream come true. Either way fun in the sun by the sea is a sure way to beat the heat. —Bermuda News Bureau photo.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

When you order half a grapefruit, even at the swishest hotels, what do you get? A public nuisance.

A half grapefruit that somebody low down in the hierarchy of the kitchen has taken a sharp knief to, jabbed in a haphazard fashion, cutting it into ill-arranged section, most of them with the bitter skin of the grapefruit sections fair in the middle. And there you have to spool it out, in these various sized hunks, each with a tough partition of bitter skin in it, which you have to get rid of, as best you can, with everybody in the restaurant observing your sneaky effort to spoon the offending fibres from your mouth.

A great many years ago, when grapefruit first dawned upon the market, somebody designed a grapefruit spoon, a perfectly adapted instrument for eating grapefruit in propriety and comfort. A narrow, pointed spoon, with shoulders on it, it enabled you to liberate each natural bite of the fruit neatly and completely, with no help from some stumble-fingered varlet in the kitchen.

But apparently it became too much of a problem for the restaurant industry to provide grapefruit spoons for the customers. You see them only in the most thoughtful restaurants. It was simpler and cheaper just to instruct some boy, maybe seventeen, a beginner at the kitchen trade, with big feet and hands to match, to take a knife and blob the fruit into random gobs.

Blows his horn

(From the New York Herald-Tribune)

Frederick The Great was an expert flutist, a creditable composer and with the help of some musically kindred souls often filled the evenings at Sans Souci wiht a little light music. It's a long way from Potsdam, which was Frederick's capital, to Bangkok, which is that of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand. But the young Siamese monarch maintains the traditions of Frederick II, at least in a musical way.

Back home, the King plays saxophone and trumpet in a jazz band that gives weekly concerts over the Thai radio. And on his current visit to New York City, he was prompt to renew his old acquaintanceship with Benny Goodman, with whom he had once played in a jam session in Thailand.

Musical aptitude in a national leader is no guaranty of anything. There are obvious dissimilarities between Frederick the Great playing a flute sonata nad King Bhumibol Adulyadej swinging a saxophone, not to mention Harry Truman beating out the "Missouri Waltz." Still, considering the sounds emanating from some heads of state these days, it's far from unpleasant to contemplate the spectacle of the King of Thailand leading a few choruses of "Sweet Georgia Brown."

It suggests, at the very least, that the evicted Newport Jazz Festival may have very little trouble finding a new home, provided it is willing to travel.

With the classics

Give a man a pipe he can
smoke,
Give a man a book he can
read;
And his home is bright with
calm delight,
Though the room be poor
indeed.

—James Thomason.

Value of profits

(Vancouver Province)

Maybe it is time we took another look at the dictionary about the word "profit". It is not, after all, a nasty word.

M. J. Foley, president of MacMillan Bloedel and Powell River Company, reminded businessmen of this recently. Mr. Foley was disturbed about the "misunderstanding" between big corporations and the growing section of the public which regards profits as something not quite nice. He felt it is "dangerous folklore" to distruct big-corporations just because they are big.

Where would our standard of living be if it were not for profits in our industry? Where would the money come from for industrial expansion to meet the needs of an increasing labor force?

How many jobs do unprofitable businesses offer? How much in the way of investment possibilities? How much in the way of purchasing power?

Even the biggest corporation in the world, the state-operated monolith of Russian trade and industry, must exact its profit in the form of taxes. Only in that case, the rewards to those who produce the profit are considerably less than those enjoyed by our people.

It seems to us that critics of "profit" would benefit from a clearer understanding of our dependence on it, and of how business operations must produce it to sustain us.

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The lighter side

"How did you get here?" a prison visitor asked an old lag.

"Burglary—and it was all my own fault. I spent three months and ten pounds of horsemeat making friends with the dog, and then in the dark I trod on the cat."

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The major looked up from his desk to the private and snapped: "Now, really! In civilian life would you come to me with a puny complaint like this?"

"No, sir," was the reply. "I'd send for you."

It seemed to us the censor division of California's Chamber of Commerce were lax in failing to screen the many comments on the clogged condition of its famous throughways.

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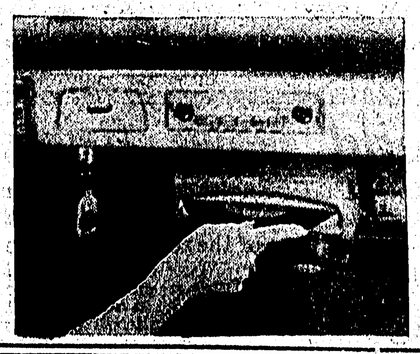

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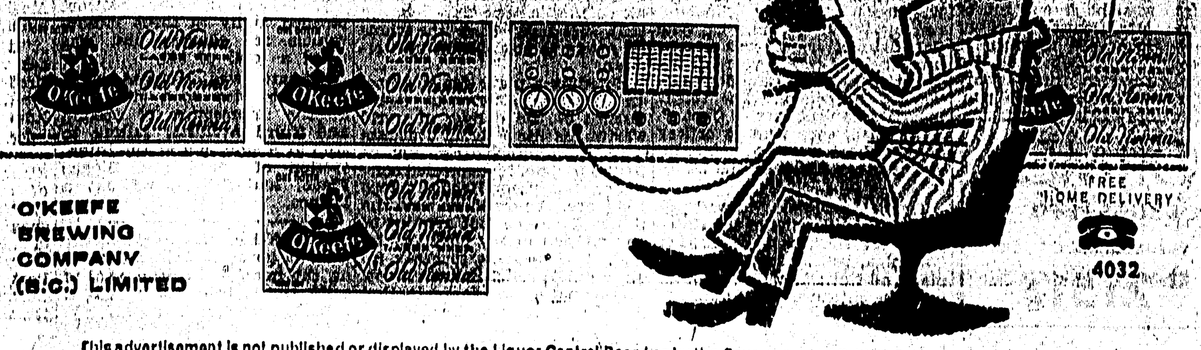

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