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Education major factor in careers today

This is for high school students, specifically those in Grades 10, 11 and 12, who tonight will be attending various sessions connected with the Job Clinic Program being conducted at Prince Rupert Senior High school by local businessmen under the auspices of the National Employment Service. If you adults want something meatier or of sterner mien you can turn to the funnies or wait until tomorrow until we review the city budget.

Right now we're concerned with the job-seekers of tomorrow, next year or the year after. You grown-ups have had your chance. If you've goofed it, don't blame us.

One would think, in reading Monday's story on the job clinic, that because it said stress would be laid on encouraging students to stay in school and obtain higher grades, that we didn't want you out in the world earning your own living. You were never righter. We need you on the labor market now like we need holes in the head.

That may sound pretty cruel, but it's true. First of all, since there's unemployment within the city, the province, the whole country, most of the available jobs are filled. Secondly, when you assess yourselves, what are you fitted for? If you are a university program type and you're sure of passing then you can go on to university. If you're a general program type you can be a laborer, a truck driver, a clerk or a helper. You could be hired by a firm and, over a period of time, be trained at the company's time and expense to hold a position of some value.

Right now everybody's loaded with personnel. Even your 12 years of schooling has fitted you for nothing special. All the jobs you could take over, with your knowledge of English, mathematics and typing, are mostly filled by graduates from last year. So you are faced with a choice, stay in school or join the unemployed.

We suggest staying in school, particularly to those students in Grades 10 and 11. The Grade 12 students have little choice. They make or break this year, although even those who fail, would be well advised to try again.

Those who do make it, should plug for university or vocational school, even if they have to wait on tables, tend furnaces, scrub floors or take janitor's jobs while they're doing it.

This is the age of specialization, education, the push button, the mechanical brain. The top jobs and the top salaries are going to those with university degrees. On the big city newspapers you can't become a cub reporter anymore unless you are a university graduate. Even then, they start at low wages and have to gain years of experience and prove themselves before they reach up to the top salaries. The day of starting as a copy boy and working up is gone. The pace is such that no one has time to train juniors any more. If there's a job vacant, companies want a trained man to fill the spot, right away, with a minimum of training and as little effort as possible. It's the same with industry. Once upon a time, industry encouraged the apprentice system. Now, because youth was too impatient to put in time at apprentice wages, the movement has nearly died out. Now industry wants trained personnel to meet job requirements. If you're ready, the job's yours. If not, it's someone elses'.

So we say, not only stay in high school, but push for better grades so that you can go on to either university or trades school. You've got to learn something that will give you a bargaining point when you offer yourself as job material.

Take this year's Grade 12. Suppose there's 60 in the Class of 1961. We'll say four go to university, six go to the College of Education, five go nursing, five go to vocation school. That leaves 40 to go where? Just where are they going? Are we going to create jobs where there are none? That's something for the Grade 10 and 11 students to ponder for their future.

Tonight, think hard. Plan your career, stay in school, plan further education. You're going to need it.

Togetherheid at breakfast

"For company executives and supervisors", burbles Dun's Review, "the executive breakfast meeting scheduled from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. starts the day on a businesslike note. Briefed and breakfasted, staff members return to pass the word to their departments with a minimum of time lost from the corporate day."

This spectacle of communal and, no doubt, hideously convivial knocking back of orange juice is soul-shrivelling, ulcer-making and downright loathsome.

It is a denial of the fundamental right to every civilized man to munch his toast crossly or drink his coffee in blissful silence if he wants to. The corporate breakfast is a presumptuous and unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

This latest excess of "modern" management is just as soul-searing as the idea that company officials should inspect and pass upon employee wives to see if they are "suitable" mates. It is another aspect of the vicious idea that today's businessman should have no private life of his own whatsoever.

Laughing hollowly at an 8:30 a.m. presidential joke across the bacon and eggs is conformity at its worst. This kind of corporation organization man is just like the black slaves of old or the business executive of the communist world who must sell himself body and soul to the state machine.

The originators of this inhumanity to man should be strangled promptly — preferably with their corporate orange juice still in their grey flannel throats. — The Financial Post

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

NATO may be sceptical of U.S. repentance

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Somewhat like the boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar, the United States now pleads with its North Atlantic allies for greater candor and greater diplomatic consultation to avoid national policies which might wreck the 15-country alliance and scar the free world.

While the need for such consultation appears imperative to reduce political splits inside NATO, there may be little surprise if some Allies view the proposal with scepticism.

Twice in a period of 12 months, the U.S. has undertaken major secret decisions which affected the welfare of world peace and security without seeking the advice of NATO. Cuba was one. The other was the U-2 spy plane flight over Russia just before the 1960 summit conference was to begin.

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Even should the Allies now be convinced the U.S. has learned its lesson and will keep a pledge to consult with Europe on all major diplomatic moves, the question arises: Would the European Allies themselves be willing to bare their diplomatic secrets to each other.

Prime Minister Macmillan said at Cambridge, Mass., last month there is "a certain unease in the NATO alliance".

France wants independent nuclear control. The United States won't help France get it. France finds herself at odds with Britain over Portugal. Both don't see eye to eye on the future of European economic policy. The U.S. and Portugal. And there may be more than one ally which would find fault with Belgium policy in The Congo.

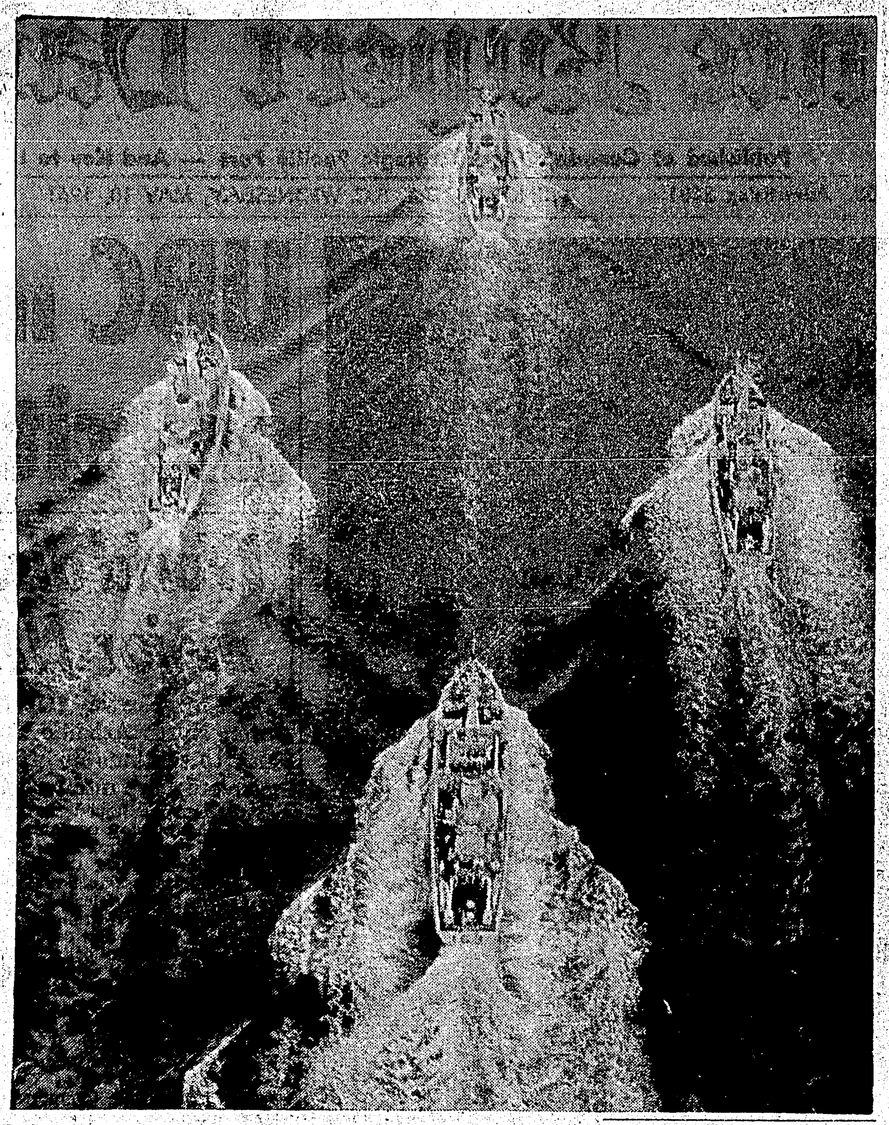
"History does not stand still", Macmillan said. "Unless we work for greater unity, we shall slide into division. The time is short. Let there be no delay."

Straight from jungle

Have you noticed that the fellow who laughs at the African natives for beating drums to scare off evil spirits is the same person who thinks he can break up a traffic jam by blowing his horn?

A Bible Thought for Today

One there is who is good. — Matthew 19:17.



PACIFIC PATTERN — Minesweepers of the Royal Canadian Navy's Pacific Command presented this interesting scene as they left Esquimalt on a six-week exercise in California waters. Shown are HMC Ships Fortune, James Bay, Cowichan and Miramichi. — CP Photo

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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The general impression seems to be that automation is going to make everything easier than ever for mankind. But now you take the telephone. It is one of the outstanding examples of automation. The first telephones I was acquainted with had a lot of manual labor about them. You had to lift down the receiver, which had red bands around it and weighed about a pound; then you had to fiddle around in the dark and find a little button to press while you reached up to the side and wound a handle. After winding it several times, a voice would finally answer saying "Number?"

The years passed, they worked out a telephone that all you had to do with was pick up the receiver and the girl answered.

Then they invented the dial. This was the first real step in automation. And do you know what automation meant? It meant "Do it yourself."

In the city in which I live, the telephone book weighs five pounds, has 1,064 pages, each with 450 tiny peewee names and numbers on it; and there are 804 yellow pages at the back. Each number consists of seven digits. If you want to call long distance, you have to add six digits before the number. That makes 13. You grope the big book up, you grope through a few thousand names, you try to memorize the number, repeating it anxiously to yourself. You put the book back mumbling. You dial. Thirteen times.

Line busy. Now you have forgotten the number! You grope for the big fat book. That is automation. It means easier for the other fella.

SIP BUT DON'T SWALLOW

Memorable wine, woman same asserts professor of enology

By HAL BOYLE
Associated Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK—Dr. Maynard Amerine, a distinguished scholar with sherry-colored hair and Madeira-colored eyes, has an unusual academic chore.

Each year he must taste—test some 1,500 different lots of wine.

But in the daytime—from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—I never swallow any," he said gravely.

The testing is one of the duties that falls to Dr. Amerine as director of the University of California's department of enology, or wine making.

The department operates its own small winery and 150 acres of vineyards stocked with more than 1,000 varieties of grapes. It also is pioneering in the development of automatic grape harvesting.

Its 50 students come from all parts of the world, including such famed wine centres as France, Germany and Portugal.

At the end of the year Dr. Amerine, who can easily identify 100 kinds of wine, expects his senior students to be able to classify by taste, color and aroma at least 25 of the popular wines of California and abroad.

NO SWALLOWING

The students don't get to drink the wine. They merely sit in cubicles and sniff and taste the samples—then expectorate them, as does a professional tester.

A course in wine making might sound like a collegiate boondoggle to the uninitiated. It isn't.

"We don't have the problem of the smart-alec student looking for a snap subject," said Dr. Amerine. "Before enrolling our students have to have 16 units of chemistry, eight units of physics and nine units of math, including calculus."

To Dr. Amerine, this is more than a mere academic pursuit. To him the lore of wine is full of both poetry and romance.

"A good wine must have a come-hither quality — something to remember," he remarked, and added learnedly:

"In this respect wine is like an attractive woman. It must have something to stimulate the imagination.

"A memorable woman or a memorable wine must have a special individual quality—if either is too transparent, how can either be really interesting?"

The lighter side

A wife complained bitterly to her pastor about her husband. "The fellow I married can't drink and can't play cards."

"Are these faults?" asked her pastor. "I wish more of our young men couldn't drink or play cards."

"You don't understand," continued the wife. "My husband can't but he does."

With the classics

And the Raven, never flitting,
still is sitting, still is sitting
On the pallid bust of Pallas
just above my chamber door;
And his eyes have all the
seeming of a demon's that
is dreaming,
And the lamp-light o'er him
streaming throws his shadow
on the floor;
And my soul from out that
shadow that lies floating on
the floor
Shall be lifted—nevermore
—Edgar Allan Poe.

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REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT

By FRANK HOWARD

Will there be a federal election this year? This question is being talked about daily here in Ottawa. It is the topic of conversation over coffee, in the offices, in the corridors, in the press gallery, and just about every place where one person meets another. The speculation is very high that there will be an election in the fall, perhaps in September or October.

There are a number of factors which could influence the decision of Prime Minister Diefenbaker in this regard, at least so say the pundits. Some of these factors are: the results of four by-elections on May 29, the predicted state of the economy, the contents of the budget, the present census, and the results of a current Tory public opinion poll in Quebec.

If the Tories win the four by-elections, or even make a good showing, this will bolster the Prime Minister's confidence at a general election. If the Tories make a poor showing the chances of an election become more remote.

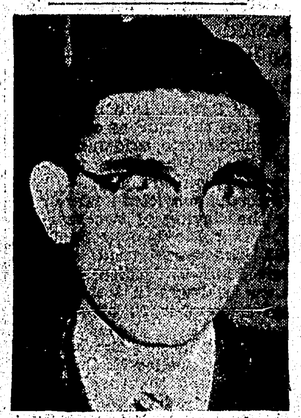
There are some economists, especially those in the government service, who are saying that there will be an upsurge in the economy this summer and into the fall, but that next winter things will be just as bad as, if not worse than, they were last winter. High unemployment again next winter will further injure the Tories' chances at an election in 1962 for the general public will become even more disillusioned than they are at the moment. The feeling is that the prime minister may want to take advantage of the usual summer increase in employment and paint that as an indication of better thisgs to come. All of this is predicted upon the fact that the longer the Tories wait before they call an election the worse off they will be.

The state of the economy, of course, will be reflected in the budget that should have been presented by now. The reasoning for the delay in the presentation of the budget is that the government wants to see the results of the by-elections first. If those results are good, the budget will be an election budget with tax and other gifts and bribes for the voters. This is a gimmick that the Liberals used for so many years and the prime minister thinks that it will work again.

Following on the census there will be a redistribution of seats in Parliament. Some provinces will gain seats, others will lose. It is expected that the prime minister's home province will lose two or three seats. The "crystal ball gazers" say that this will be damaging to the prime minister and that he will want to call an election before redistribution takes place.

The Tories stand to lose more seats in Quebec than in any other province. Right at the moment they are conducting a survey in Quebec to see just how many they will lose. If the poll shows that the losses will not be too great there will be a better chance of an election than if the poll showed that the Tories will be wiped out completely.

All of these factors, and others, will have a bearing on the calling of a fall election in 1961. But there is only one person who really knows and he isn't saying. That person is the prime minister.



AT INQUIRY — The Quebec government has appointed a commission to investigate the affairs of Montreal's Jean Talon Hospital. Vancouver-born Dr. George Hori, is president of the hospital. — CP Photo

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