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Need of dentists province-wide problem

With only a little over two months before our top senior high school students complete their formal education, many of them are still turning over in their minds a choice of career. Young men particularly, have a great challenge facing them in this highly-competitive era in which education plays so great a part and highly-technical fields are vying for fully-trained recruits.

Among one of the fields wide open to young men in British Columbia, is dentistry. Right now, this province needs 200 new dentists and they are needed right away. The shortage of qualified men is so acute that many areas have no readily available dental service at all.

A few years ago, Prince Rupert was faced with a critical shortage of dentists, but thanks to far-sighted young men who saw a future in the city, the situation was remedied. Other centres in B.C., however, haven't been so fortunate. Young men from this city who are ready to embark on a career would do well to think of serving elsewhere in the province when their training is complete.

Mind you, it is not a profession that comes easily. Dentists are not trained overnight. It takes six years of intensive university study. Although the University of British Columbia has not, as yet, a dental faculty, there are several excellent schools in Canada to provide such training.

B.C. dentists have a big job on their hands. They need help. There are few professions which offer so great an opportunity for a young man to help his fellow man. There are few which are so vital to the community. Prospective high school graduates planning to attend university would do well to consider dentistry as a career.

Extremists of the right

"It is surprising and disturbing that a man of the church should appear to regard a good end as justifying evil means. Yet that is exactly what Richard Cardinal Cushing seems to do — although perhaps as the result of misinformation — in speaking up for Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society.

"Mr. Welch, the cardinal said at a college dinner, should be supported as a dedicated foe of Communism. But it is Mr. Welch's way and his society's way of fighting Communism htat is causing concern in the United States, and should cause some concern in Canada, for Canada is not without its extremists.

"Mr. Welch is the man who wrote that his belief that Dwight Eisenhower is a dedicated, conscious agent of the Communist conspiracy based on accumulation of detailed evidence so extensive and so palpable that it seems to put this conviction beyond any reasonable doubt."

No thinking man, of course, could begin to believe anything so patently absurd. The atrocious claim, made in his secretly circulated book "The Politician", serves only to create unreasoning suspicion and alarm.

Fear, hatred, suspicion, the big lie are the tools of the extreme-right radicals of the John Birch Society, Marquis Child's reported recently. For citizens with a conviction of their right to speak critical and unpopular views,he wrote, the society's technique "can mean community distrust, a small business harmed or even a job lost. The silence of fear is the alternate penalty the radicals of the right try to impose."

The technique, in other words, is the technique of totalitarianism; the way it leads is the way to the loss of liberty through fear. To fight Communism, Mr. Welch's large and growing society would destroy, their country's heritage of freedom.

— The Victoria Colonist

Bible anniversary

There have been both good and poor Bible translations. Some have contained ludicrous errors which have marked them for posterity. But 350 years ago this year, in 1611, one of the recognizedly great translations was published the King James Version.

It isn't without its obscurities and its errors one whole chapter is used twice. But its language not only fitted its time but echoes until today. Probably most Bible quotations in English come from the King James Version because it is the most quotable.

It was written in the style born in the Elizabethan Age. It is filled with passages stated so memorably that they have become a part of the thinking of every English-speaking person. Modern versions may set forth in simpler words such utterances as Ruth's to Naomi — "whither thou goest, I will go" — or Paul's injunction to the Hebrews that it is better "to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season". But no translation is ever likely to capture the imagination of the faithful as has the King James Version.

It had a number of things in its favor from the start. It came at a time when English-speaking Christians were hungry for a Bible of their own. It gave its readers mind-filling phraseology which has endured through 3½ centuries. It had the name and the blessing of King James, "the most high and mighty prince". It was accomplished by indubitable scholars who went at their task humbly, "supported within by the innocency and truth of a good conscience".

This is not to detract from the Revised Standard Version or any of the other translations of the Protestant Bible, nor from the Douay Version of the Catholic Bible. But it is to agree with Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, the Archbishop of Canterbury, that the band of scholars who put together the King James Version produced "a version of such superb merit that it (has) entered imperishably into the language thoughts and lives of English-speaking peoples ever since."

— Arizona Daily Star (Tuscon)

A readiness to mistrust

What should be an important contribution to Canadian-American relations is provided by the report of a research group composed of representatives of business, labor, agriculture and the professions of both countries. The report is based on a study of the policies and practices of United States Industrial subsidiaries in Canada, over which considerable controversy has arisen.

The report notes a "remarkable readiness" on the part of Canadians to fear and mistrust American penetration of the Canadian economy and an inadequate awareness on the part of American businessmen of the intensity of Canadian nationalism.

It finds the problem of the effect the policies of United States subsidiaries have on Canadian-American relations is "indeed a serious one", but adds that Canadian criticism of American enterprises is in some respects unreasonable.

— The Buffalo Courier-Express

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Kennedy engaged in political, military gamble

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Just three months in office, President Kennedy has embarked on a great political and military gamble to risk engagement of the Communists on two fronts with no indication of major support by his Western allies.

Fully realizing that every American move in Asia will likely be more than matched by the Communists, Kennedy has decided to answer the appeal of the Royal Laotian government and provide between 200 and 300 military advisers in the fight against the advancing pro-Communist Pathet Lao.

And while he said there will be no military intervention by the U.S. in Cuba, reports indicated intervention was taking place in civilian form on the side of anti-Castro rebels. The Cubans claimed Wednesday to have shot down a military plane piloted by an American.

In ascending to the presidency, Kennedy declared a willingness to seek peaceful solutions with Premier Khrushchev. Khrushchev instead sought to test him in a number of irritating situations.

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Kennedy's resolution to risk a military decision if necessary can be seen in the way the U.S. handled Prince Souvanna Phouma, the former neutralist premier of Laos.

Kennedy was prepared to grant the prince a one-day audience. Souvanna agreed to take time out from a lengthy Moscow visit. But when Souvanna delayed his Russian departure by one day in order to confer with Khrushchev on the Black Sea, State Secretary Rusk said he couldn't see him because of a previous engagement. He suggested another date. Souvanna declined.

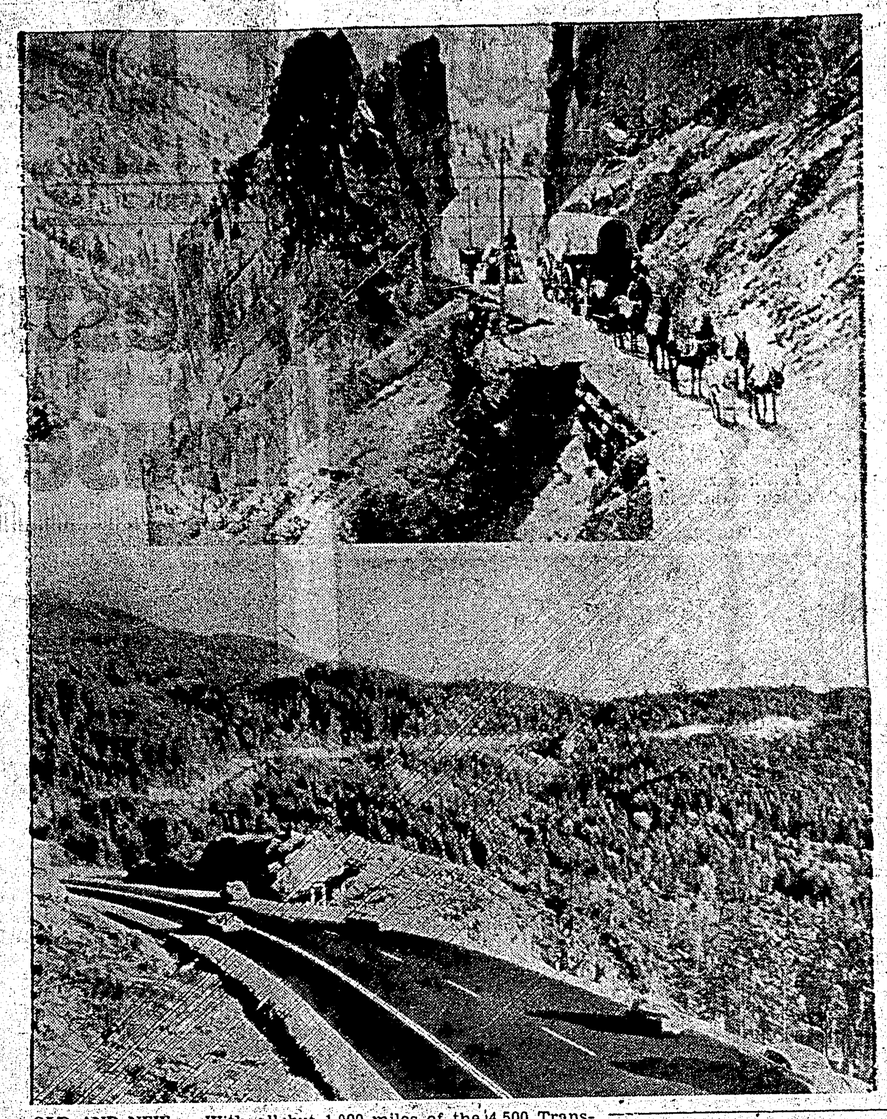
Any hope of establishing a friendly relationship between Kennedy and Souvanna was dropped. British diplomats say Souvanna is the only man capable of controlling a neutral coalition government in Laos but apparently Kennedy is not putting much faith in Souvanna.

By swinging more firmly to the side of the presiding Boun Oum government, Kennedy has taken a position that might change only with a military showdown or a decision by Khrushchev to case off and agree to shift the test of strength to the conference table.

A Bible Thought for Today

Be not among wine bibbers, Proverbs 23:20.

But there are many ways of being intemperate. Guard against all excess, all injurious practices.



OLD AND NEW — With all but 1,000 miles of the 4,500 Trans-Canada Highway paved to standards set for the national project, a spectacular transformation has tapen place, in parts of the country. Top photo shows the Fraser Canyon highway in British Columbia 100 years ago. A recently completed section of the same highway, now part of the Trans-Canada route, is shown in the bottom photo. Construction cost about $200,000 a mile, twice the national average, because of mountainous terrain.

— CP Photo

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

The Sasquatch is a giant hairy monster who lives in the hills around Harrison Lake, 80 miles east of Vancouver. Some people think he is just one of the B.C. Lions' football players who has escaped and gone wild.

Others think he is a bear. There are some crass sceptics who say that he does not exist.

Is there a Sasquatch? Many residents of the Harrison Lake area profess to believe so. Admittedly, it is hard to get a straight answer from some people. They whisper "Aha! That would be telling", and they give you a fey look — the sort of look that grandparents direct upon simple-minded grandchildren to humor them.

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Eye-witnesses are elusive, too, but they do exist. I have the word of John Green, publisher of the Agassiz-Harrison Advance, for that.

The other day I ran into John and his wife June in the Harrison Hot Springs Hotel, at a party to celebrate the opening of the hotel's new wing. We were in Caesar's Forum, a spacious new convention room where manager Max Nargil's men were pouring cocktails.

John, as always, was sober. He looked around at the other party-goers with some amusement. Busts of ancient Romans gazed down sternly on all of us from niches in the walls.

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"What news of the Sasquatch?" I asked.

"I'm going to investigate a report that a number of good Sasquatch footprints have been found — but I won't tell you where," he said.

It's not the first time that gigantic human-like tracks have been found — near Harrison and in the area of California where another monster called "Big Foot" is said to prowl.

It's easy to believe in strange monsters, at Harrison, because Harrison is a spooky place, with the high, dark forested hills towering around, the steam rising from the hot springs up the slope, and the lake stretching away into the distance.

To add to the sense of unreality, here is a great, lavish hotel planted in the Thousand and One Nights that are moved and rebuilt by the djinn — a palace with 700-acre grounds and golf course.

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Early in the evening, I swam in the warm outdoor pool and broiled myself gently in the hot mineral pool. A lighter-than-air feeling seeped into the flesh and bones. I was suffused from skin to backbone with an idiotic sense of well-being.

I found myself wringing out my rented bathing trunks the wrong way around, so that the water squeezed on the floor. A swimming pool attendant, who happened to see this, nearly tied herself in a knot with merriment.

After that I floated up the stairs like a balloon and drifted into the big convention room, where someone poured me an appetizer.

Drifting through this warm, luxurious, afterbath atmosphere, I was ready to believe in the Sasquatch, but I was not quite sure that I was real myself.

Watching all the girls go by

From The Financial Post

Observers back from the 1961 Easter parades assert that the arbiters of female fashion may have made a serious mistake.

The designers have introduced a new skirt. This some of the girls like. Some think it a public service to deliver flashes of knee-cap as they twinkle along.

But when they sit down, it's all too obvious that they do, in fact, have knees and all knees are ugly.

Cutting skirt material on the bias and skimping on the front hem is the reason. When a girl sits down these days, her dress has nowhere to go but up.

The Chinese have been smarter for centuries. They know knees are ugly. They know flashes of thigh are not, hence the long side slit which has for generations helped Chinese girls entrance mankind.

April Promise

Gold-throated meadow larks
will nest in April,
Roadsides go veiled in shadbush for a day,
Bells of wild-oats will swing
beneath the beeches,
Bird-on-the-wing flutter its
purple way.

Reluctant fiddleheads will be
uncurling,
Wrapped in their rags of
tawny winter wool,
And grackle squadrons, flying
in formation,
Skim the gray ripples of a
cloud-dimmed pool.

Quick wings will flash among
the reddened elm-tops,
Shake down a drift of crimson
petal-rain,
And we will walk a half-forgotten wood road
To see pink lady-slippers dance
again.

—Mary Billings.

Quote, unquote

Postmaster General Hamilton:

"About 150 copies of U.S. publications come to Canada for every copy of a Canadian publication going to the U.S."

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Hollinger Miner:

"Among unclaimed items which may be claimed at 11 Shaft Dry are 14 lighters, wrist watch, prescription glasses, ballpoint pen, car keys, pocket knife and an ear ring."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

With the growing sophistication of childhood it is understandable that many of the games that engrossed the interest of the outgoing generation, when it was young, should have died out.

It was the motor car usurping the streets that gradually put an end to the game of marbles. With cars parked heel and toe along all the curbs, how could the modern boy play marbles in the gutter all the way to school and all the way home? Run-sheep-run, hide and seek—how could you really go haring off in all directions when it is death to step off the curb? But mostly it has been sophistication that has been the death of most of the games of 40 years ago. Children don't want to be children any more. In what little time they have to spare from television, they want to be lawmen, gunslingers, spacemen, and above all, conversationalists. TV's greatest inspiration to the young is yak.

What we oldies miss most are the tops. Not a candy shop, toy shop, cigar store or hardware store in town but had a whole bin of painted wooden tops on display in its windows at this season of the year—for a cent you could get a dandy string and all. And for five cents you could get a varnished one, with an extra long sharp spike, which would spin five minutes and shoulder off the sidewalk or the schoolyard planks all competitors. There was a style and skill in spinning a top, a growing sense of mastery, and a respect for decent silence as you squatted down to admire the miracle.

Short sermons

The main obstacle in the way of peace is that the milk of human kindness won't satisfy a thirst for the cream of foreign trade.

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