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An absurd situation

ALL the signs point to a change in would be unduly well rewarded. the old-age pension regulations. The situation is compounded when Sentiment has grown in favor of per- it is realized no compulsion about mitting the security allowance to be citizenship is involved in old-age paid no matter where the recipient security payments. There is sound lives, and reports suggest that at the reason why every new settler in Canhext session of parliament the present ada should be compelled to take out restriction will be removed. If con-citizenship paper after the probationfirmed this will be only just. Pension-ary period of five years, apart ers have earned this pension and it altogether from the old-age pension should be freed of any strings. It aspect. If a new settler is not prewould mean much to persons on small pared to do so and assume all the obtotal incomes who might get along ligations of citizenship he should much easier by living elsewhere. have no place in Canada. When he

There are anomalies with respect can stay here and after 10 years claim to old-age pensions, however, and freeing the payment will highlight these afresh. The government made a miswould be able to return to his native changed. land while drawing the pension he

a pension without swearing allegiance, nowever, something is patently wrong.

Once the strings were taken off the security pension it would be postake two years ago when it reduced sible for an individual to come here the residence qualification from 20 from Europe, reside a brief 10 years, years to 10. This was over-generous. neglect or refuse to become a citizen, It means that a person could come to and then return from whence he came this country at the age of 60 and gain with a pension for the rest of his life. a pension 10 years later, when ob- He might even be a person who fought viously his contribution to the life and against this country in either of the strength of the country would be com- two world wars. That is obviously an paratively meagre. If in future he absurd situation and it should be

—The Victoria Colonist.

CCF on wrong road

A number of impartial observers of Canadian politics believe the CCF is making a serious mistake in endeavoring to fuse with the labor unions and that the unions risk paying dearly for such an official alliance. At the present time the British Labor party. somewhat equivalent to our CCF, is adopting attitudes entirely opposite to those of our Socialists. Among the British laborites there is less and less talk about socialization and nationalization. There is an attempt to avoid using these words because the public has shown that it is bitterly disappointed by these policies. Also, while Chartrand, Jodoin and others

is announcing that it will take steps so that the labor unions can no longer influence it as they have done.

These are some of the lessons that the Socialists of Britain have learned from the last general election. The public no longer wants indue intervention by the state in its affairs and intends to vote for a political party rather than an alliance between politics and trade

are asking for a politico-union within the

framework of the CCF, the British Labor party

Our CCF people, more than ever, are on the wrong end. —Le Matin, Montreal.

Language links

Whatever failings Mr. Diefenbaker may have, lack of persistence or courage is not among them. We can remember his first feeble venture into the French language. It was one sentence and his French Canadian election campaign audience clapped politely. His friends shivered. No one had ever committed linuistic murder so completely.

The next attempt was a little more ambitious but the ambition was not fulfilled. The third try was halting but showed definite improvement. That was all in 1957. The 1958 campaign showed that the Prime Minister had

been doing some work but we would still guess that his surprising sweep of the province of Quebec had little relationship to his prowess

in the French language. Speaking at Mont Tremblant to the annual convention of the French language weekly newspapers recently, Mr. Diefenbaker delivered nearly half his prepared speech in the French language. We do not believe the Prime Minister will ever become bilingual. That is a handicap he shares with too many of his predecessors. But his efforts to master the other Canadian language will not be lost.

—The Hamilton Spectator.

The cranberry bungle

The case of the poisoned cranberries has been badly bungled. It was not necessary to scare the population half to death, to spoil a good turkey dinner or to wreck the cranberrygrowing industry.

does induce cancer, a person would have to eat tons of cranberries, it is calculated on the basis of experiments with rats, to get into any trouble.

In the second place, if it was felt that the weed-killer was a hazard to health, much earlier and quieter steps could have been taken to remove the hazard.

And in the third place, what about other In the first place, if the chemical actually products obtainable in any store which also induce cancer Shouldn't they too be taken off the market if treated cranberries are We refer to eigarets and tobacco tars.

-The Calgary Albertan.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Moral, practical help pledged India by U.S.

By KEN SMITH

Canadian Press Staff Writer President Eisenhower has made it amply Since gaining its independence in 1047, India

was hardly needed, Eisenhower left no doubts zation, about the U.S. stand when he told the Indian 👉

Parliament that the "great military might" of the U.S. is ready to help "our friends and allies and has planned a third. . . . for defensive purposes only," Since he started his 11-country tour in Italy, Eisenhower has said repeatedly and emphatically that international disputes should

be settled around conference tables—the same thing Prime Minister Nehru has been saying of \$22,000,000,000...U.S. aid will have to be since the Chinese border crisis crupted. Thus, in one neat diplomatic package, Eis-

enhower has wrapped up moral support for Nehru's persistent Pacific policies and promiso of more practical support—should it be needed ---to Nehru and those Indians who are calling for a tougher approach to Red China.

But having accomplished that, there appears to be little else Eisenhower can do in the dispute as long as the status quo is main-

There is plenty of room, however, for both Elsenhower and Nehru to manocuvre around what observers have rated as the second most important problem the two leaders will discuss during their private talks-India's economic keep pace with new production techniques.

in this sphere that Eisenhower has his bestchance to win India's friendship on a longtorm basis.

clear that the United States is ready to give—has undertaken one of the most remarkable military aid to India should that country need economic struggles of modern times, that of any in its border dispute with Communist raising the standard of living of 400,000,000 people from near-starvation wretchedness to Although official confirmation of that point—that associated with any modern Western civili-

To do this, India has finished one five-year development plan, is nearly through a second

To help India's ambitious program, the U.S. has committed nearly \$2,000,000,000 in economic aid of one type or another. With the third fiveyear plan to start in 1061—at an expected cost stepped up, as will other aid under the Colombo Plan and from Europe.

For if the program were to fail, India would plunge back into the deepest economic and social depression.

While Nehru's program is giving India its first, modernized industry and is slowly improving farming methods, it has brought with it the usual woes that come with a suddenly expanding economy—inflation and lagging

Although production has climbed steadily, so have costs. And if the standard of living is to make any real improvement. India needs schools, hospitals and indeed whole towns to

Elsenhower, by assuring Nehru of continued And second-most important or not, it is U.S. support-without attaching any conditions to it other than wanting to help out a struggling country—can tako a big stop toward winning lasting gratitude from all Indians.

The West is inhabited by lost people. They have full stomachs and empty hearts. Many of them have fallen away from religious faith and found nothing to replace it, but the pursuit of money, sex and power.

All those are selfish goals. At the best, the pursuit and capture of them may give satisfaction to the hunter and one other, or a limited group of others. At the worst, it may bring death to millions o people, as Hitler's pursuit of

I don't think a grown human being can be happy unless he has something outside himself to work for. That "something" does not include the people he loves, or those to whom he has a direct personal obligation. They are only extensions of the self.

The human being must build a kind of bridge from himself to the universe. The bridge may be art, religion, material service to other people, or structure woven from all three

are stranded on islands o selfishness. We need bridges. The crowded, miserable countries in the world, and some pockets of misery in our own country, provide our hope

So many of us in the West

and challenge. I think the young people of the West—and middle-aged people, too-should feel an obligation to fight against world poverty, as knights felt bound to go out and slay dragons, or Christian disciples

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spread the gospel. Under the flag of the United Nations, a brotherhood of engineers, economists, farm experts, research scientists, doctors," nurses, teachers, social workers, technicians and clerks should go forward to raise the living standards of Asia, as a means to check the popula-

tion growth that threatens to smother the world in human The job (in a material sense) is to save the world. It fits into the Christian idea of spiritual salvation, because Christians are directed to help their fellow-men. It is also ready-made to suit those who believe only n a better life on earth. There is no reason why the

them both busy. The fight to save the world must be shown in its true light, as something urgent and honorable. Those who take part must be accorded something like the prestige of sol-

two groups should quarrel. The

task is big enough to keep

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A Canadian who has spent most of his life in Britain and acquired some distinction there has a great gift of rubbing people the wrong way. I was telling a group at the press club the other day that I have met the gentleman several times both at home and

abroad, but I appear to be the sort of person who does not register with him, since he makes it perfectly evident that he has not met me before. And when he asks what I do for a living, and I tell him my business, he exclaims

with warm interest: "Ah, I know your employer very well, very well indeed." Out of the gang to whom I

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told this anecdote, two im-

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mediately declared that the gent had pulled the same remark on them.

"It is part of his stock in trade," one of them explained.-'If you had talked for any length of time to him. he would have lightly referred to some eminent peer by his last name, leaving the title off, which is the acme of cosy familiarity; and would have assured you, out of his affection for your employer, that he would be glad to help you in

in case you needed assistance.' Dear old Winston once said that no man added to this stature by standing on his dignity. But some men manage nicely to elevate themselves in their own esteem with such simple gimmicks as this. And self-esteem, by all that's holy, sometimes works wonders.

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Green, Secretary for External

Affairs of the Ottawa govern-

ment. "When we think you're

wrong," he said, "we will say

in this attitude. Canada is

fast' becoming a major world

power. She hopes to have

some 50,000,000 inhabitants in

the not too distant future. But

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