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Undue delay

RITICISM is fairly consistent over the prime minister's delay in nam- that nowadays prime ministers take a ing a successor to the late Dr. Sidney leading part in foreign affairs in any Smith, who died almost two months case, and that it cannot be good for the ago. Undoubtedly had the portfolio external affairs department to have been any other than that of external a pro tem head, even if he is the prime affairs a new incumbent would have minister. Something in the day-to-day been appointed, even on an interim routine of office must suffer for want basis, right away. Mr. Diefenbaker of a designated minister in charge. häs said he will name the new minister as soon as possible, but the delay sug- opposition criticism in the House by gests either of two things.

It could mean that the prime minister is finding difficulty in determining who should be Canada's foreign af- however, when there was no recogfairs minister, which might suggest nized cold war and the world of exhis cabinet is short of the particular ternal relations bore small resemtalent for the post. Much more prob- blance to that of today. Whatever his able is the likelihood that with the im- reasons for hesitation Mr. Diefenbakminent big-four foreign ministers' con- er would do well to name a successor to ference next week, and a prospective Dr. Smith without much further delay. summit meeting to follow, he prefers Full justice cannot be done to both the meantime to hold the reins himself. tasks currently falling to him, and in Canada is not directly concerned with foreign chancellories there must be these gatherings, but as it is a leader some wonder that Canada can afford among the lesser powers Mr. Diefen- to go so long without a permanent exbaker may want to remain on hand ternal affairs minister. personally for any developments.

As against this there is the fact

Mr. Diefenbaker was able to rebut citing the case of Mackenzie King, who as prime minister also held the foreign affairs portfolio. This was in 1946,

—The Victoria Colonist.

Jail disqualified drivers

Penalties imposed by the courts generally won those who continue to drive in defiance of licence suspensions raise the question of whether a fine, no matter what the amount, *can ever be regarded as adequate punishment for one thing and adequate deterrent provided by the statutes, it amounts to defiance *for another. It is customary practice for the courts dealing with motorists who drive while adisqualified to let them off with fines for first and second offences and even in some scases after numerous convictions. There are con record instances of drivers with as many as four previous convictions receiving no more othan a fine for yet another. The fines themselves may range from a few dollars up to more salutary amounts.

The point—and it has been made many times—is that driving while under suspension is the one charge of all the many provided for errant motorists to which there can be no valid defence and for which there can be neither excuse nor extenuation, except in extremely rare instances of sudden emergency such as a dash to hospital. Many of the offences in the book may be committed uncon-

sciously, without guilty intent or through error of judgment; but driving after a licence has been revoked is a wilful, deliberate act.

In the case of suspension by the superintendent of motor vehicles under the authority of the law and of a direct order made under it. In the case of magisterial suspension it constitutes contempt of court as well. A licence is revoked because the accused has shown himself to be unfit to have one, either in the opinion of the court or because of a consistently bad record in the files of the licensing authorities. Such drivers in short are disqualified because they are a menace to public safety.

Both as deserved punishment and as a warning to others similarly inclined, this is an offence for which jail sentence is fully warranted. The large number of cases of driving while disqualified dealt with by the courts illustrates the ineffectiveness of fines. That type of driver may treat a fine as a risk worth taking but not a term in prison.

—The Victoria Colonist.

'Champagne flight'

I have often said kind words about the airlines, and I feel especially grateful now, having just returned from a 3,500-mile roundtrip by air to Nova Scotia on a lecture tour. Therefore, it is all the more incomprehensible to me that some of the airlines are cheapening their appeal by the "de luxe" offer of free champagne aboard certain flights. What sort of inducement is that?

When I take a plane, I am interested in safety, comfort, and pleasant service. I like to feel that the pilots are clear-headed, the plane is newly inspected, and the stewardesses are crisp and friendly.

I do not take a plane in order to eat a prime steak, or sip a glass of Cliquot '47, or walk to the ramp on a crimson carpet made of alpaca wool. . . .

Competition between the lines may be intense, but I see nothing to be gained and a great deal to be lost if "champagne flights" becomes a device to lure passengers onto a

Drinking aloft in the confines of a cabin is a risky proposition at best. True, a glass of champagne may hurt no one—but it seems to give sanction to more serious private drinking after dinner. And what can you do with a drunk who gets obnoxious at 19,000 feet?

Moreover, I think that airlines should base their appeal on tight schedules, not tight pas-

sengers. Let them compete, by all means; but on the basis of promptness and politeness, not to

the accompaniment of popping corks. -Sydney J. Harris in the Toledo Blade.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Nehru new foreign scapegoat for Red Chinese

Reports from Hong Kong that the Tibetan uprising sparked armed revolt in three neighboring provinces of western China go a long way toward explaining the apparent insistence of the Chinese Communists on blaming the Indian government for instigating the trouble.

The supporting evidence Peiping has to offer is based on two indisputable facts; That Britain sent an expeditionary force into Tibet half a century ago and that the Indian border town of Kalimpong includes a high percentage of spies in its population.

Therefore, the Chinese argue, it is evident that independent India has taken over from imperialist Britain as a trouble-maker in Tibet, and that Prime Minister Nehru is the instigator of the disturbances.

Even Nehru's Pakistini neighbors, who feel he is being unreasonable in his claims to the disputed territory of Kashmir, would have difficulty recognizing the portrait of India's prime minister as an empire-builder. To the neutralists of Asia and Africa, which look to Nohru for leadership, the Chinese charges must appear hopelessly implausible.

Obviously the Chinese leaders have temporarily sholved their efforts to wee their neighbors in favor of more pressing projects at home. They are reserting to the time-honored expedient of electing a foreign scapegoal to take responsibility for domestic troubles.

Their choice of Nohru in preference to the relatively remote whipping boys of Washington and London gives the new Communist campaign an element of novelty. The fact that India's renunciation of any claims on Tibet was almost the first not of her independent career is unlikely to be known by more than a handful of Chinoso.

Like the Russians at the time of the Hungarian uprising, the Chinese are prepared to risk some deterioration of their relations with the outside world. They presumably are satisfled that Nehru will be willing to forgive their insults in the interests of Asian harmony.

Nohru's restraint in dealing with the situation tends to confirm their belief. But it will take longer to overcome the effects, of the wave of anti-Chinese feeling that has arisen, despite the prime minister's protests, in many parts of India.

There is no evidence that the Chinese revolt poses a serious threat to the Peiping regime, or that resentment over Tibet is likely to stir neutralist Asians into active hostility toward their powerful neighbor. But China has some fences to mend in its campaign to make friends in the area.

Just streets

From the Ottawa Journal

Nobody of fashlon or ambition wants to live on a street. Avanues are more grand, drives more distinguished, reads more remantic, crescents more picturesque, and places more casual. But a street? Merely a paved read.

Bright side From the Calgary Herald

Canada has the raw materials. It has the knowledge. With these advantages it should not be too difficult a job to find the markets. Despite present short-run difficulties, the longrange prospect is tremendous and pessimism is most unwarranted.



Inferiority complex

From The Portland Oregonian Every once in a while a member of the U.S. house of representatives or of a state legislature will take umbrage at the designation of his chamber as the "lower house." Recently, Rep. Jessica Weis (R-N.Y.) referred on the house floor to the senate as the body "frequently and erroneously termed the upper house." Democratic leader John W. McCormack came gallantly to her support:

"I concur heartily," he said. "We cannot emphasize too" often that this is a congress of co-ordinated branches. If we keep repeating it, maybe some of the columnists and editorial writers will be inspired to reread the Constitution."

Ever alert to the whim of legislators, we took his advice. The Constitution gives each house of congress certain exclusive authority. The house of representatives alone can originate revenue bills; it chooses the president of the United, States in event one candidate does not get a clear majority in the elcetoral college; it has the power of impeachment, although the trial of the impeachment is in the senate. The senate ratifies treaties and presidential appointments.

Qualifications specified in the Constitution, however, leave no doubt as to the opinion of the founding fathers on the relative status of the two houses. A senator must be at least 30 years old and a citizen for at least nine years. A representative need be only 25 years old and only seven years a citizen. -A sepator's term is three times that of a representative, and on the average his constituency is at even a higher ratio in relation to that of a representative.

We doubt that either Mrs. Weis or Mr. McCormack have any doubts about which way — up or down — they would be moving if they should be elected to the senate. The compilers of Webster's dictionary wouldn't. The "upper house" of any legislature is defined as that with the "more restricted membership"; the "lower house" is "the popular, and usually larger and more representative, branch of a legislature having two chambers."

The fall, in this case, goeth before the pride.

TIME and PLACE.. ling snow to beat the band.

"Hello. Dave," said

is a hell of a cook."

umn. (Ed.)

thought you were down in New

Westminster. "Naw," answered

doan like shoved snow much,

but down Westminster dey

have good grub. Here I got to

eat old Dutch's cooking, and he

* P.S. The cook referred to is

Sperry "Dutch" Cline, a fre-

quent contributor to this col-

Dave, "Dey keep me here.

By Wiggs O'Neil

PLANNED ECONOMY Dave Wiggins, of Hazelton, a top-dog pack train hand, was always in demand by the various pack trains on account of his ability and knowledge of horses and mules. Dave conceived the idea of "Planned Economy."

He worked all summer on the pack train, until fall came and all the animals were turned out to winter quarters, and all equipment was stored away under cover pending the coming of the following packing. season. As there was no employment for Dave in the winter months, he thought out a plan. He would get himself pinched by the police for supplying "hootch" to Indians, be tried and given six months. which was the penalty for supplying, and be sent down to New Westminster to serve his time at the expense of the province. This arrangement worked out very well for a number of years until fall came early one year and the pack trains were late getting in from their last trips. Before the animals were all put away for the winter and the equipment stored, winter arrived and a big fall of snow came.

Dave knew he was late so he worked fast. He bought a bottle of rum, shoved it into his whoel horse pocket whore I could be seen, and headed for the reservation. In a very short time a number of the fair sex began to sing and make marry. The constable hrrived on the scone and took friend Dave down to the "skookum house." He was tried and given the usual six months. and he prepared to depart for Now Westminstor.

Owing to the early winter and a blg fall of snow, the police decided to keep. Dave. in IInxolton for the winter as he would be useful as the Departinent's shoveller. So Dave's "planned economy" was all shot to heck.

A townsman was passing

The property of the first of th

one day and saw Dave shovel-

who play, sleep, eat and do tricks together. The mouse seems uneasy away from its feline friend and its favorite resting spot it between the —CP photo. The gasoline used by a big

And scarves, too From the Edmonton Journal.

two natural enemies,

pets of 15-year-old Barbara

Smith of Fredericton, Penny

the cat and Lily the mouse

are inseparable companions

airliner in an hour would power four sports cars on a trip from Vancouver to Toronto. Of course, the drivers would have to provide their own berets.

Victoria Report by J. K. Nesbitt

Lieut. - governor and Mrs. Frank Mackenzie Ross are now in residence in British Columbia's new \$2,000,000 Government House—the most beautiful and the most expensive government house in Canada, as befitting a rich and growing province.

The Lieut.-governor and Mrs. Ross could hardly wait to get in, and who could blame them _after making-do in a hotel suite for two years. They moved in when the place was in a clutter of piled-up furniture and workmen banging and hammering. Mrs. Ross, up at 6 a.m.. often pitched in and helped move furniture and hang drapes.

There will be three 'housewarmings" in the new mansion—the first for the Premier, members of the cabinet and members of the Legislature and their wives. MLA's will come from all parts of the province—at their own exwarming will be for press. radio and television, and the third for the architects and contractors who worked nearly two years on the building, on exactly the same spot as old Cary Castle, which burned down in 18999, and the Government House that burned in

Then all will be quiet, as far as partying's concerned, until the arrival in mid-July of the Queen and Prince Philip, who will remain two nights in the gleaming new gubernatorial residence, and admitted a garden party in the Government House grounds. There will be thousands at that party, but Her Majesty will remain only an hour, so few will have a chance for conversation with

Last summer at a Government House garden party Princess Margaret was almost mobbed. Security officials are already taking precautions against any like event when the Queen is there.

There will be only family dinners at Government House when the Queen is in residence. Victoria's high society will not be invited to meet Her Majesty any more than will be Judy O'Grady.

The Queen will be the second reigning monarch to stay in British Columbia Government House. Her father, King George VI and her mother, Queen Elizabeth, in 1939. stay-

ed two nights in the Government House destroyed by fire

The Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, was in that Governor ment House in 1951, and so was her uncle, the Duke of Windsor, then Prince of Wales in 1919, and her two other uncles, the late Duke of Kent. and the Duke of Gloucester. and her aunt, the Princess

B.C. has long been a favor, ite with members of the British royal family. Her Majesty's great-grand aunt, the Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria and wife of the Marquis of Lorne, then Governor-general of Canada, came to Victoria in the 1870's for a few days and liked it so much. she remained for months.

The Queen's grandparents. King George V and Queen Mary, as Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York were here in 1901. Cary Castle had dis. appeared in flames, so they. stayed at the old Mount Baker Hotel on the Oak Bay waterfront, but had dinner with Leut-governor Sir Henri Joli. de Lotbiniere at the tempor-ary Government House, later the David Spencer mansion, and now part of the Victoria Art Gallery.

Working mothers

From the London Free Press. The regrettable mixture, or working mothers and leftalone children is one of ... the. social disasters of this time. If we permit it to continue shall have more young la breakers. Wives work in of di to increase the family income and are not likely to be persuaded to stay at home. The only other remedy is supervision of children by personnel provided by the community, a weak and never adequate substitute.

We can't wait

From the

Kitchener-Waterloo Record " With so much spare time on their hands the working class will become the new leisure class. Scientists see a great op portunity for a cultural renais sance, with more time for reading, sculpturing, painting, composing, discussion and h adult education.

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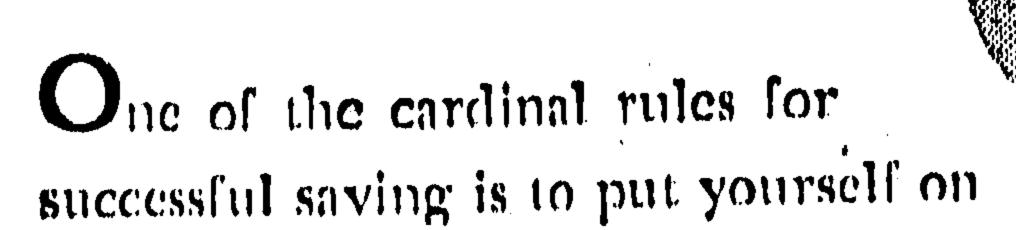
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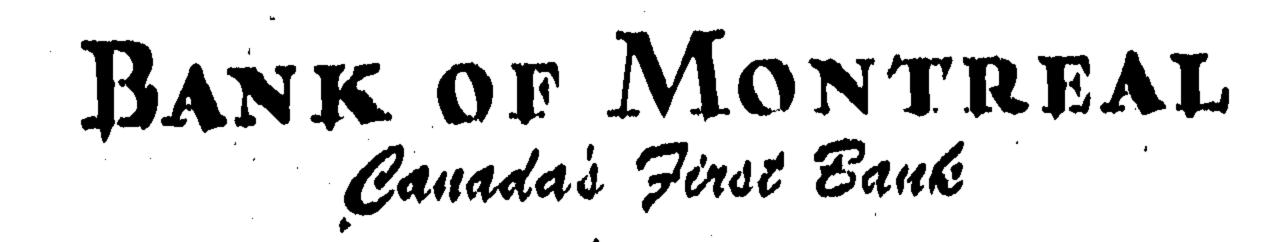
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