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The Land of Pakistan

"WHAT is Pakistan?"
This question is being asked more and more frequently, as one of the world's youngest nations plays a steadily greater role in international affairs. The visit this month of its Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, to the United States and Canada, has underlined the question for North Americans.

"Canada has a special interest, not only because Pakistan is a sister Dominion within the Commonwealth, but for at least two other important considerations: (1) the excellent possibilities for development of profitable trade relations; and (2) the firm assurance from its leaders that Pakistan will stand with the free nations in the struggle for world peace.

Geographically, Pakistan is unique as a nation. It consists of two distinct physical units, separated by 1,000 miles of foreign territory. The two units, West and East Pakistan, are situated respectively north-west and north-east of the Republic of Bharat (India). Karachi, the modern capital and main port, is in West Pakistan.

West Pakistan, with its 307,000 square miles, is nearly as large as Saskatchewan, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia combined. East Pakistan's 54,000-square miles top the total area of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Most of the new nation's people, however, are located in the smaller segment of the Dominion. East Pakistan contains more than 45,000,000 of the country's total population of some 77,000,000.

With respect to its political birth, Pakistan is unique. It is a nation which was deliberately created not on a racial, linguistic or economic basis, but on that of religious unity. It is the world's dominant Moslem state.

Economically, Pakistan is essentially agricultural. Its largely agrarian population produces plenty of raw materials. The trouble is, however, there is little industry yet to turn these raw materials into consumer goods.

Pakistan today, with a good balance of foreign trade, wants to change this picture in order to raise the standard of living of its people. To this end, Pakistani leaders realize they must (1) import more machinery, steel, coal, oil and fewer manufactured goods; (2) with these capital goods build up an indigenous industry; and (3) export the products of this industry after meeting domestic needs, and cease to export raw materials except when surplus to the needs of its own factories.

Agriculture, for the immediate future, remains the new nation's mainstay. The government attaches the greatest importance to its 26 agricultural development schemes, covering such fields as research, marketing, forestry, animal husbandry and technical training, all to be completed by 1953.

Some day Pakistan hopes to export—instead of raw jute—twine, yarn, rugs, tarpaulins, upholstery and the countless other articles which can be made from jute. For the Pakistanis this would mean increased employment, higher wages and better living.

Historically, the new nation dates its record from 712 A.D., when Arabs, led by Mohammed Bin Qasim, settled in Sind, a province of what is now West Pakistan. About 200 years later, large numbers of Moslems poured into the country through the Khyber Pass.

These new settlers, Turks, Afghans, Persians and Turkomans, brought them the faith of Islam, a religion closely akin in its basic tenets to Judaism and Christianity. Except for the extreme south, most of the Indian sub-continent came under Moslem government and until the middle of the 18th century was ruled by the Sultans and Emperors of Delhi, now the capital of independent India.

Clashes between Moslem and Hindu, out of which grew division of the sub-continent into two independent dominions drawn on religious lines, persisted for centuries. Many attempts aimed at a synthesis of the Moslem and Hindu faiths proved unsuccessful.

Establishment of an independent Pakistan and an independent India was to the Moslem minority the only logical answer.

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

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edge and remedies we have.

Famous Quints Are 16 Years Old

CALLANDER, Ont. (C)—The Dionne quintuplets, 16 Sunday, aren't interested in boys—so their dad says, anyway. As far as he's concerned, that's as it should be.

"Some people think I should give the girls more freedom," Oliva Dionne said in an interview, "but I feel it is my duty to keep a close check on them, and I intend to do so, until they have finished school at least." That means not for a couple of years. The quintuplets are in grade 10 and shooting for high school education.

Each of the girls received a birthstone ring as a family gift. Now that they are 16 years old, Papa Dionne is teaching them to drive a car.

David McCullough returned to the city on the Coquitlam yesterday afternoon from a holiday trip to Vancouver.

or homebound with rheumatism. ALMOST EVERY DAY COMES word of new hope for sufferers from rheumatism. All the world has heard of Cortisone, ACTH. I wrote last summer of remarkable improvements secured by new treatment in Europe.

The Chemical and Engineering News for January 2, 1950, tells of hopeful results obtained by use of glucuronic acid.

Artisone is a new steroid hormone, derived from vegetable sources in Mexico. Reputable scientists claim to have achieved benefit in checking acute rheumatic cases with this substance.

But most of the interest in recent months has centred around a treatment developed in Sweden. This combines injections of Percorten with almost-simultaneous injections of vitamin C.

Percorten is a hormone secreted by the adrenal glands. It can be produced for a small fraction of the present cost of Cortisone or ACTH.

THE POINT IS THAT NO matter how many or how miraculous the remedies discovered for arthritis, Canada will require the machine we already have set up in C.A.R.S.

Indeed only by extension of such machinery will we be able to make full use of the knowledge and remedies we have.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

What's the weight of that monster halibut we're all guessing at? Some dark night, out in the harbor catch another, the bigger the better. And it would be a simple matter to reckon from there.

Of course, being a beaver, he knew how to use his head. This one, swept into Winnipeg by the flood, found he had to find a new home and dug in, under the residence of Arnold Davey, chief game guardian of the Manitoba Dept. of Game and Fisheries. Not minding water in the least, he fashioned himself a cozy retreat. Even Mr. Davey could not say that much.

The printing of menus appears to be a favourite space-filler with many a newspaper: and this gives opportunity to ask questions. Why should stewed prunes be at the head of so many breakfasts? Far be it from us to slight or debase the gentle and nutritious prune. It's an old, old friend. But, for Pete's sake, why this hopeless lack of vision? Why not a change of name or something. Stewed prunes! Alas. Why not call it prunella, and throw in a shot of lemon. It would at least be a refreshing touch of novelty.

Twenty pounds of chlorine are being mixed with every million gallons of Winnipeg's drinking water. But that unhappy city has a real reason.

"Children now love luxury. They have bad manners and show contempt for authority.

They show disrespect for elders and love chatter in place of exercise. They no longer rise when elders enter a room. They contradict their parents, gobble dainties at table, cross their legs and tyrannize over their teachers." Sounds modern, but was really spoken by Socrates two thousand years ago.

British Columbia's Sons of Freedom question, aired in the Federal parliament recently, recalled an incident there in 1928. Then all three major parties were led by bachelors. Mackenzie King was Prime Minister, and R. B. Bennett and Robt. Gardiner headed the official Opposition and Progressives. One day a serious speaker asked King what he would do if, some morning, he stepped into his garden to find there six naked women. King, promptly and with unsmiling face, said he would at once send for his honorable friends, the leaders of the Opposition and Progressive parties.

It looks like a deep slash in the Federal Government publicity output. Once the cost barely exceeded a couple of million. Today, it's six times that. Parliamentarians are becoming restless and supercritical. Beautiful work is turned out. Skilled labor gives employment to thousands. But, cry those who have the floor, is it all worth the money? Is it actually needed? Plenty of janitors might be able to give a revealing opinion.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Seaman and daughter, after spending the past month holidaying at Massett on the Queen Charlotte Islands, arrived in the city on the Camosun yesterday afternoon on their way back to Terrace where they now make their home.

LETTERBOX

HELPING FLOOD RELIEF

Editor, Daily News:

I see in the paper about my friends, Mr. Thain and Ald. George Casey, as well as the Daily News, are going to take up a collection for the people of Winnipeg. I wish you good luck and trust to God you will have it.

There are a lot of good people in Prince Rupert and I have experienced their generosity. Not long ago I came home after being sick and the first day friends called to ask how I was getting along. The next day a load of coal came along. Then there was a roast of beef, a big pie and a loaf of bread.

We hope that the \$5 in which my boy, Paul, and I have shared in giving the flood relief will do some good. If it helps the old people like myself and the young, we will feel it is the best \$5 we ever spent.

I also want to thank my good neighbors and friends for all the kind things they have done for us.

I have found that if you are honest and always do good things you will get along all right.

FRED OLSEN.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Fraser, having spent the week-end in the city to visit Mr. Fraser's mother, Mrs. R. McCook, who is a patient in the Prince Rupert General Hospital, returned to Terrace yesterday.

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