

Discomfited Labourites

British Labour Party propagandists are trying to create the impression that the Queen was "pressured" into appointing the Rt. Hon. Harold Macmillan as Prime Minister.

The Conservative Party, as such, had nothing whatever to do with Mr. Macmillan's appointment. By tradition and constitutional practice a retiring Prime Minister has the duty of recommending his successor to the Sovereign.

The truth is that the present leaders of the Labour Party are a discomfited lot these days; and evidently they are not particular about ways and means of expressing that discomfiture.

Election Signs

If any doubt existed all along that a Federal election will be held next summer the Throne Speech has dispelled it by forecasting increased federal grants to municipalities, organization of the Canada Council to provide \$50 million for cultural development, another \$50 millions for university construction and \$16 million a year in overall grants to universities, increased aid to expand technical school and vocational training.

It will be strange if some sort of National Health Insurance plan is not given consideration; and stranger still if between now and the end of the session some arrangement for tax reduction, or at least the promise of one for another year, is withheld.

Britain In The Lead

Britain is far ahead of any other nation in what is coming to be called the "Second Industrial Revolution," by which is meant the developing of atomic power for industrial uses.

One reason for this leading position can, of course, be traced to economic necessity. For a hundred

years or more domestic coal supplied all the energy which British industry needed. That, however, is not the case any longer. Today Britain must import vast quantities of coal; and to make matters worse many of her own mines are fast approaching the unproductive stage.

The British aim is to become independent of foreign oil and coal; and that is the chief incentive behind the atomic development. But, as the research organization pointed out, there is more than a sense of urgency involved in the building of atomic plants.

The Late Mr. Gordon

The late Mr. John P. Gordon was widely known and esteemed throughout the Province. As a member of the firm of Moore and McLeod he took for many years a leading part in the business interests of the community, and was also active in church and educational activities.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The English schoolboy who, when asked by his headmaster how he liked school, replied "closed" may meet with success in the station of life to which he is called. It is hardly likely, though, that he will ever enter the diplomatic service.

There must be a lot of frame buildings going up in this country, 284 board feet for every one of the population were used last year. This is the highest per capita rate in the world. The United States used 246 feet.

The Arab States are not too keen on President Eisenhower's proposed military policy for the Middle East. So far, however, none has objected to a share of the \$400 million the President wants to send into the area.

The execution of rebels for treason is nothing new. From Calcutta comes word of a sort of treason in reverse. The report says that 45 tribesmen who had been in rebellion were executed by their leaders because they had shown an inclination to support the Indian Government.

Britain is having her troubles; but in at least one of her big industries things were never better. At the present time, a report says, British shipyards have under construction more tonnage than that of any other nation.

Newfoundlanders are well supplied with public holidays. Under a recent proclamation issued by Lt. Gov. Sir Leonard Outerbridge 17 of them are set apart for 1957. Among them are Burns Day, St. Patrick's Day, St. George's Day and "the day set aside for the Annual Regatta."

Chinese Premier Chou En-Lai says that the new Eisenhower policy for the Middle East is proof that "the imperialists have not folded their arms." If "the Western powers" be substituted for "the imperialists" the statement is perfectly accurate.



GIVE THEM THE TOOLS

OTTAWA REPORT

Political Futures

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA: Political futures are a number one topic in M.P.s' offices here. Prime Minister St. Laurent appears to be in prime health, and there seems to be no doubt that he will be well enough to lead the Liberals through this summer's general election, although he will celebrate his 75th birthday on the first of next month.

Hon. George Drew has resigned from the House and will not be a candidate in the election. That will leave open his safe Conservative seat, Carleton County, comprising the west end of Ottawa and the adjoining suburbs and farmlands. Carleton has always returned Conservative M.P.s ever since Confederation. These have included two Prime Ministers, Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Robert Borden.

One possible Conservative candidate in Carleton is said to be Ottawa's late mayor, Dr. Charlotte Whitton. She did not contest the mayoralty in last month's election, after five and a half years in that office.

WORLD CAPTURE HEADLINES Charlotte is perhaps the most dynamic and compelling woman in public life in Canada today. She would brighten up Parliament Hill, and could capture the headline with her every utterance. She is a great admirer and long-time friend of the new Conservative leader, John Diefenbaker, and her friends expect her to work very actively in the Conservative cause in some role.

Meanwhile, she is taking a short holiday in the southern States. When she returns to Ottawa next month, she will resume one of her many former activities, and write a newspaper column. Just before her invasion of Ottawa's municipal politics, she used to write a column for the Thomson daily newspapers, a very lively, provoking and pertinent column which was very widely read. Now she plans to write for an Ottawa paper. She describes her intended column as "a high explosive" and welcomes the fact that the paper concerned will place "no restriction whatever upon topic or treatment provided only that I stay within the bounds of libel."

Ottawa's Press Gallery will welcome Charlotte and will welcome her challenge to timidity and dullness in journalism; but Ottawa's pressmen are expecting shortly to be writing about, not with, her.

A Great Canadian

Ottawa Journal

On Parliament Hill last week they unveiled a monument to Sir Robert Borden; it stands hard by the West Block overlooking the site of the old Supreme Court building where Sir Robert as a lawyer won fame, and in direct line with the monument of his great antagonist, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, overlooking Connaught Place.

It tells much of our political way that this monument to Sir Robert Borden, a Conservative Prime Minister, should have been proposed and executed by a Liberal Government; indeed The Journal is in a position to say happily that from the first moment the matter was broached to him Mr. St. Laurent gave to it his warm personal attention.

It was attention for a good end. Because unfortunately it is true that the present generation of Canadians, preoccupied with contemporary personalities and a dazed little aware of the role Sir Robert played in the critical days of World War I, and perhaps even less aware of his contribution to the constitutional growth of Canada.

And whether as Prime Minister or later Sir Robert was never the man to advertise his own achievements; he was in small sense a politician. Sir John MacDonald was cradled in politics, became a child of its storms. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the House of Commons as an arena designed and appointed to his taste; it was the home of his intel-

A familiar figure who will be welcomed back to Ottawa is Paul Martin, due back in Canada from his two months world tour tomorrow. I see that he and his attractive wife, Nell, have been featured in newspaper photographs wherever they go, and with the temperature around ten below here, I have noted with envy Paul's smart summer-weight suit and Nell's light dresses. When the full story of his ambassadorial tour is told, his success in building our stature in Asia will be revealed as a cause for Canadian pride in Asia, in a letter I have just received from him, written in India, he uses the phrase: "Asia is a continent where roughly one half of the world's population lives". The emphasis is mine; one perhaps overlooks this, and what it means in terms of the possibilities when Asia achieves greater scientific and industrial development.

Paul Martin has been visiting countries where the U.S.A. foreign policy has been singularly ill-starred recently, and this reminds me of the current joke about that, President Eisenhower, so the story alleges, finally got exasperated by the inefficiency of his Foreign Secretary, John Foster Dulles. "Don't just stand around, Foster," he cried, "Do nothing."

REAL IMPROVEMENT Our Health Minister has visited the countries where our Colombo Plan contributions are making a very real improvement in health and welfare as well as in industrial development. We are slightly increasing these contributions this year, out of our huge surplus—a surplus, one hears, which was fortuitously augmented by the better part of \$50,000,000 through death duties on the estate of that fabulous Canadian industrialist, Sir James Dunn. Thus his death, it is being said here, will pay for the birth of the Canada Council to foster Canadian culture. This Council, largely the brainchild of former Defence Minister Brooke Claxton, is due to be launched by parliamentary legislation this year.

These are some of the topics being discussed by M.P.s. But of course the prime topic concerns the economic attractiveness and the political unattractiveness of outlawing strikes by public utility workers.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A TOAST TO CHILDHOOD'S "NOBLE" SAVAGE

Sir,—I quote in part from your recent editorial entitled "Those Moral Standards". You say: "No doubt, it would be a fine thing if absolute moral standards were practiced by all nations... We then should have a perfect world or something very like it. But in a perfect world, of course, there would be no need of a United Nations General Assembly nor, incidentally, of an international police force to keep the nations from cutting one another's throats—a consummation that neither Plato's "Republic" nor Sir Thomas More's "Utopia" could guarantee futurity.

In the early years of this century a young woman of the Order of Grey Nuns left Montreal for Fort Monberson on a mission among the Indians of the far North. The journey took her and her companions nearly ten months, traveling most of the time by dog-team. Years afterward when the journey could be made in one-fifth the former time she and another sister of the Order were allowed to visit their homes in the East before returning to their mission in the North. While here they traveled together as nuns always do. One of them was born on P.E.I. She was a cousin of mine, and therefore my wife and I had the pleasure of occasionally taking them out in our car to various institutions and for various outings.

Now the point I want to make is this: on one of those occasions I asked them "How do you like to be back to civilization?" I remember how heartily they remarked, "Oh! The North is civilization to us. We love our mission work. The outside world has so changed." On the mission, they were teachers in a school for Indian children. They knew from years of frontier labor that no matter how primitive a people may be, there is something in them that may be nurtured for noble purposes.

I suppose it is a fictional privilege for novelists to conceal the cruel and exaggerate the noble propensities of their fictional characters, if so desired. Thus we have James Fenimore Cooper's and Francois Rene de Chateaubriand's American Indians. Perhaps these novelists made the most of a current belief in the perfectibility of the human race: that is, with the connotation that we are at all times despite appearances steadily moving towards an earthly paradise.

If we must become as little children to enter a paradise hereafter, I must confess beforehand that some of the happiest days on earth were those we spent as kids when we wanted to be real Indians with Big-Chief head-feathers, ornate Indian robe, and faces smeared liberally with Indian war-paint. "Oh yes! Here, then is a toast to childhood's "Noble Savage". I am, Sir, etc.

J. P. McCLOSKEY, Cornwall, P.E.I.

MAXIMS

A nation with whom sentiment is nothing is on the way to cease to be a nation.

AID INJURED SOLDIERS

OTTAWA (CP)—Two Canadian soldiers with the United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt recently lent a life-saving hand to four Swedish soldiers injured when their vehicle was damaged by a mine explosion, the army disclosed Monday. It said Staff Sgt. John Johnson of Regina and Cpl. Russell McCallum of Vester Crossing, B.C. heard the explosion and entered the mine field to carry out the two most severely injured Swedish soldiers.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

TRANQUILIZERS MAY HELP DENTAL PATIENT

Your next trip to the dentist may be a much more pleasant experience than previously thanks to new tranquilizing drugs. The mere thought of having a tooth pulled, or even filled, causes at least some amount of apprehension in virtually all of us. In some persons this apprehension reaches the point where the slightest stimulation produces an exaggerated reaction.

PSYCHIC FACTOR

The psychic factor is an important part of all pain sensations. It is a particularly vital element in dental pain. Your reaction to pain is attributable at least in part to your previous experience and to your adjustment to that experience. It also depends a great deal upon the direction in which the stimulus is channeled through the thalamus, or emotional response center of the brain.

NEW THEORY

Dr. Irving G. Nathanson, a Boston oral surgeon who has had vast experience in such matters, suggests that by taking a tranquilizing drug prior to a visit to a dentist's office a patient probably will become more relaxed and cooperative and less apprehensive. By acting to improve a person's attitude toward the dental procedure, he explains, the threshold of pain is increased.

TO RELAX PATIENT

The tranquilizers channel impulses from the thalamus to produce relaxation instead of tenseness. Therefore, the patient will tolerate various dental procedures because the passage of disturbing impulses along the nerve apparently is blocked by the tranquilizing drug. In other words, it ain't gonna hurt so much—most likely. And both you and the dentist are likely to enjoy the visit a lot more than usual.

However, let me caution you against using any tranquilizers without the advice of your physician. Better check with your own dentist, too. See if he agrees with Dr. Nathanson.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

F.L.: What would cause the metabolism to be very low? Answer: Low metabolism, as a rule, is due to a thyroid deficiency. However, it might come from disturbances of other glands of internal secretion. The disorder also may occur in certain chronic or long-continued ailments.



THE LAKE

Let silence cover what I cannot say: Let cruel and gentle silence, like a lake Spreading above once - fertile farmlands, make A seeming peace to cover love's decay.

None, seeing that expanse, will ever think Of fields and orchards, though the fruit was fair, And golden was the grain that perished there, And pure the wells whence no one now may drink.

Such is our lake of silence, smooth and bright, And only we may know how much it cost, Or what sweet villages and towns were lost.

The day that inundation spread its blight, The land is lost, wherein we used to dwell; The lake spreads far, the ruins are hidden well.

—Nora B. Cunningham In New York Times

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(January 15, 1932) Another important step in aviation progress for the province was made last night at a representative meeting in the Board of Trade rooms when the Prince Edward Island Aero Club was organized which named Mr. Walter S. Grant Manager of the Island Telephone Company, as its first President.

Yesterday the winter Air Mail Service was inaugurated when the mail plane made its first trip from Moncton carrying about four hundred pounds of mail. The snow plow cleared the road as far as Bell's Hill in the direction of the Upton Air port where the mail was picked up and transported to Charlottetown.

TEN YEARS AGO

(January 15, 1947) Drastic changes and additions to Falconwood Hospital and Infirmary for the proper accommodation and treatment of patients, including transference of the management of these institutions from the Government to a commission, are recommended in the report of the Grand Jury submitted to the Supreme Court yesterday.

Prospects for the construction of a new naval barracks in Charlottetown are most encouraging, Hon. F.A. Large, Attorney General, told the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the annual meeting last night. Mr. Large said that the Pownall wharf site could be purchased by the Department of National Defense and he urged the Board to prepare a resolution to this effect.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Styling advances have made it so fancy that if it weren't for the dog's bowl on the floor you would not know you were in the kitchen. —Winnipeg Tribune

A Detroit Man has invented a roller skate which runs by gasoline power. This will bring out a whole new crop of jokes about those lithe English cars. —Peterborough Examiners

For failing to keep proper records for income tax purposes a Winnipeg dentist has been fined \$4,000. Open wide, please. This is going to hurt just a little.—Windsor Star.

Many readers will have been astounded by the recent report that more than half of the fish landed on the U.S. Pacific coast goes to feed mink on fur farms rather than to feed human beings. —Hamilton Spectator.

To people who think of New York as a city of concrete and steel the number of trees in it may be a surprise. For on city-owned property alone, along streets and in the parks, there are estimated to be 2,300,000 trees. Of the trees the city owns, about 30,000 are dead, by Park Department estimate.—New York Times.

A candidate who ran for councillor in Palermo Sicily in the Italian elections the other day, had the dismaying experience of getting only one vote. He cast a ballot and his wife cast a ballot. Following the election count they were reported to be eyeing each other suspiciously. A situation such as this would be awkward in any household.—Cape Breton Post

Out of laziness or a plain woolly-headed misunderstanding of the outdated patter of the psychologist about frustration and inhibition, some parents are only too willing to forego the duty of disciplining their children's lives, and leave the job to the schools. But when some unfortunate teacher tries in desperation to do the disciplining he finds his job in danger.—Vancouver Province

Surely the Soviets in Hungary have nothing to hide—outside of bullet holes, bloodstains and mud-made graves?—Windsor Star

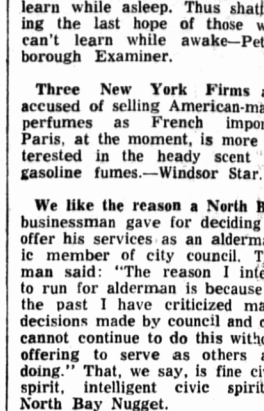
When a doctor puts you on a diet he seems to know what you like best to eat.—St. Catharines Standard

An American gentleman claims to have "invented" an electric typewriter which operates at the speed of thought. Our old hunt-and-pick machine has been doing that for years.—Calgary Albertan

Scientific investigation has exploded the notion that you can learn while asleep. Thus shattering the last hope of those who can't learn while awake.—Peterborough Examiner

Three New York Firms are accused of selling American-made perfumes as French imports. Paris, at the moment, is more interested in the heady scent of gasoline fumes.—Windsor Star.

We like the reason a North Bay businessman gave for deciding to offer his services as an alderman-member of city council. This man said: "The reason I intend to run for alderman is because in the past I have criticized many decisions made by council and one cannot continue to do this without offering to serve as others are doing." That, we say, is fine civic spirit, intelligent civic spirit.—North Bay Nugget.



"ISN'T IT GORGEOUS?"

"Wouldn't you just love to have a coat like that Mary?" "Yes I would and the Star Weekly is going to help me get it." "Why, what do you mean?" "The Star Weekly is conducting a \$50,000 'Know Canada' contest, and there's a \$10,000 first prize. I'm taking extra copies of the Star Weekly each week from now till the end of the contest—that's how I'm going to get my fur coat."

"See Mary, do you think I could win?" "It's certainly worth trying Betty. —there are 1,968 prizes and the picture puzzles are fun. Everyone can send in up to four entries for each puzzle. Come over to my place to night and we'll do them together."

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