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Father William Explains

"It goes to show how sincere the Liberals are in this election campaign," Father William remarked on reading the local newspapers yesterday. "They're doing it the hard way."

"How's that?" asked his youthful offspring. "Well," said the old gentleman, "it's all very well for the Conservatives to stand up for us old age pensioners. They've been doing that all along; and it wasn't their fault that we're not getting \$100 a month now instead of a measly \$75, which Mr. Pearson said was all the country could spare, back in the last federal campaign when he honored us with a visit. He said that under the National Assistance Plan—which hasn't come in yet, by the way—we could get a little more if we were hard up, provided the province paid its share too. Now Walter the Premier has got after them at Ottawa to make good on that promise, and they've agreed; and Walter's going right ahead and putting it in force. He and Mr. Diefenbaker wanted the pension increased for all of us, but the Liberals spiked that. Spiked it good and hard. Now they all say we're going to get it; but while we're always known where the Tories stood it's different with the Liberals."

"And how does that make the Liberals so sincere?" asked the youth in bewilderment. "That's just it," said Father William. "It's easier to be consistent, isn't it, than to make somersaults the way they're doing, and swallow all they've been standing for in the past? It takes nerve, doesn't it, or something?"

"Where's the money coming from?" asked the lad. "Never mind evading the point," retorted his sire. "The point is that the policy they've come up with is brand new for them and they're so enthused about it they're claiming it's been theirs all along and that the Tories stole it from them. That shows how zealous they are, doesn't it?"

"It shows they're pretty phoney," replied the youngster. "This was advocated by the Conservatives at Ottawa back in January 1965. They wanted to bring everybody under the Canada Pension Plan by raising old age pensions to \$100 all-round, because the payments under the plan were nearly doubled to suit Quebec, and there would be lots of money to take care of the 2 1/2 million older people that were left out of that scheme. But the Liberals brushed it off. We didn't hear a peep from Mr. Campbell and his Liberals down here about it, either."

"Didn't somebody mention it at the meeting at O'Leary last October, when Mr. Martin was down here?" asked Father William. "Yes indeed," said his offspring. "Somebody said the \$100-a-month for old age pensioners was just a gimmick 'thought up between trains by Mr. Diefenbaker,' that it 'wasn't carefully worked out' and wasn't worth a hoof. Alex Campbell was among the Liberal bigwigs at that meeting, too. Up on the platform: They all thought it was a great joke."

"There you are!" said the old gentleman triumphantly. "It shows how concerned he is when he can change his mind as quick as that. Now he's going to pay us the increase immediately on election," he says, and he's going to provide extra for the hard-ups, too."

"He said at the last session of the House that the province was in an awful financial mess," replied the youth. "How's he going to pay for it? And why didn't he give his support to the party that did want to put it in at Ottawa last year, instead of campaigning against them?"

"There you go again," replied his sire. "Always harping on that subject. Maybe he'll find a way of converting

his friends up there, or maybe get them to do a little more 'exercises in semantics,' as that man Macquarrie calls it, so that what they say won't be so easy to make out."

"Like he did when they reneged on their causeway schedule promise, or boosted our car ferry rates?"

"Something like that," said the old gentleman. "I'm sure it will all come out in the wash. A philosopher once said that 'consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,' and judged by that standard I maintain that the Liberals are more broadminded than the Tories are. In fact they're about the broadest-minded bunch that's ever run a campaign in this province. The show they're giving couldn't be beaten even by the circuses that used to visit here in my young days. And yet you keep talking as though they weren't any good, and trying to change my mind about them."

"I just meant that they weren't to be trusted," said the youth. "Not on their record, anyway."

"Put your trust in Providence, young man," retorted his sire. "Never mind bringing things like that into a political discussion. Off with you, now. As I said before, it shows how sincere the Liberals are when..."

But the young man had already taken his departure, too disgusted to hear more.

They Got His Message

Prime Minister Pearson was reported from New York as having "tiptoed to the brink of advocating admission of China to the United Nations" in a speech there last week. He listed reason after reason why China should be admitted and not a single on which it should not. However, his message was couched in the subtleties of diplomatic language, and there was criticism in some quarters that he was not outspoken enough.

He appears, on the contrary, to have performed a difficult assignment with creditable efficiency. The Prime Minister was speaking to what was described as "a glittering assembly" attending a dinner sponsored by the School of International Affairs of Columbia University. He displayed his diplomatic skill when he tied the Viet Nam situation in with his remarks on China, noting a "dangerous ideological rigidity" on the part of the Peking rulers, based on Communist dogma about the unrelenting hostility of the capitalist world. But without seeming to be critical of American policies in Viet Nam, he also pointed adroitly to the dangers of any long-term presence of U.S. troops in the war-torn country because of the Chinese attitude.

This buttressed his major point, namely the pressing need to bring China into the United Nations and the dangers of allowing China's hundreds of millions to isolate themselves in perpetual fear and conflict.

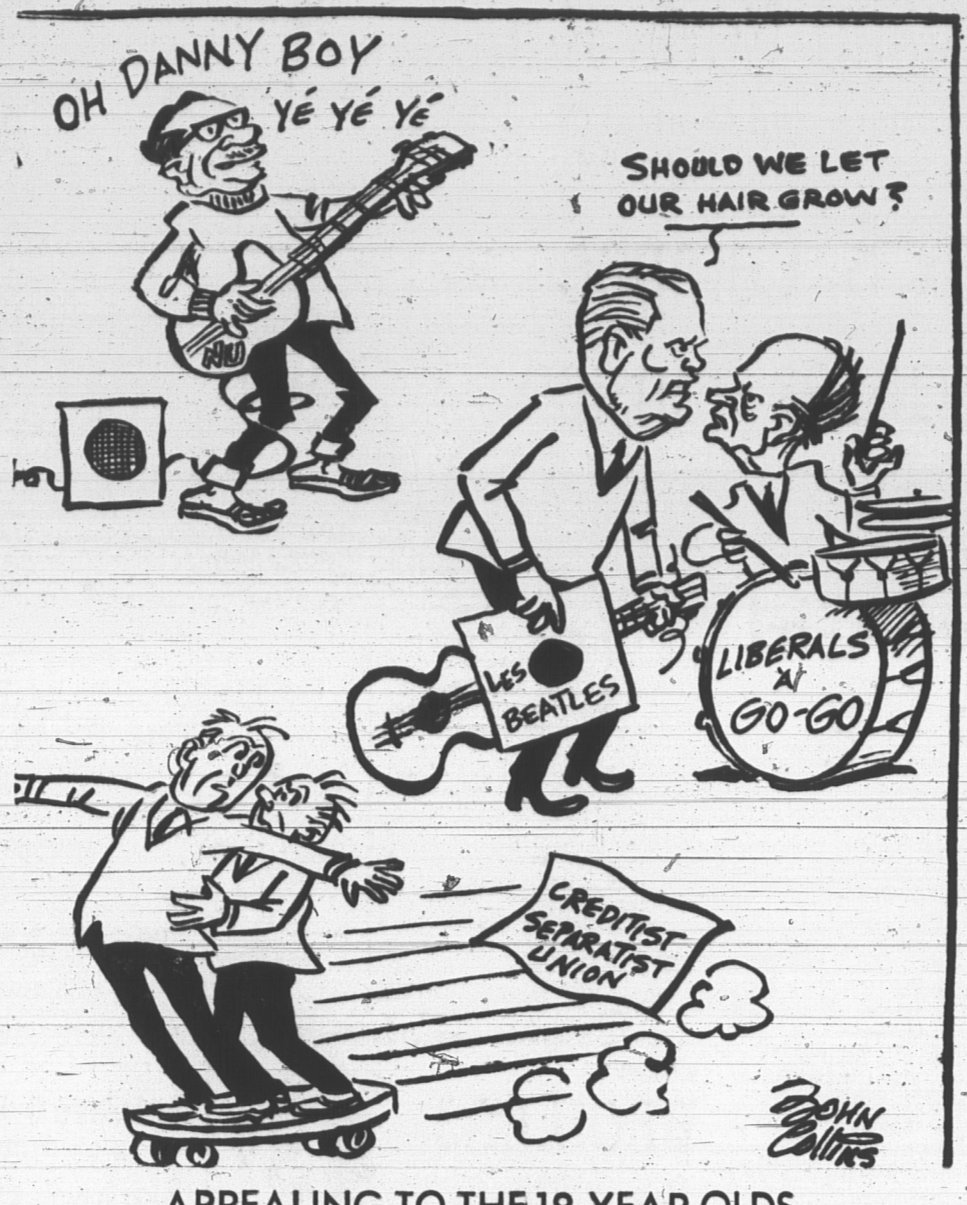
A subsequent report from Ottawa, moreover, indicates that this issue was discussed in franker terms by both Mr. Pearson and External Affairs Minister Martin with Arthur J. Goldberg, American ambassador to the United Nations, during his recent visit to the Canadian capital. Both are said to have emphasized that the Canadian government would have been disposed to recognize the government of mainland China as a fact of life long before now, had it not been for U.S. resistance and the possibility that such a move would damage, temporarily at least, Canada-U.S. relations.

If the discussion reached this candid stage, then there is little ground left for any further misunderstanding on the subject. But it would have served no good purpose for Mr. Pearson to have spoken out publicly in this vein, or to have minimized the fact that our relations with our American neighbors are, after all, of paramount concern.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We get discouraged at times in our dealings with Ottawa; but we think the president of the Canadian Federation of University Women went a bit too far when he said that women delegates who go there seeking federal support of resolutions should go armed with baseball bats.

Most enlightened economists and political leaders now recognize that population control is an essential element for economic development and social betterment. H.O. Morgan, the head of Canada's external aid program, referred to the problem the other day in a Toronto speech. Poorer countries need modern medicines, health assistance and, in the case of India especially, food aid, he said. But aid in family planning, in population control, is the most effective form of assistance the overpopulated countries can receive.



APPEALING TO THE 18 YEAR OLDS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Veteran Parliamentarian Plans Retirement

"I jest to the king, and make him smile... a merrier hour was never wasted here," boasted Shakespeare's Puck, or Robin Goodfellow.

Several years ago I applied those Shakespearean lines to that puckish goodfellow from the Kootenays, Herbert Wilfred Herdridge MP. The tag fitted, and on this day Bert is known as the Puck of Parliament Hill. But the 71 year old wags is now sitting in his 8th parliament, and it will be his last.

"The Missus has put her foot down after 31 years," Bert told me mournfully. "So he plans to retire to his 3,000 acre self-supporting ranch Shoreholme, on the banks of the Upper Arrow Lake. There he will give more time to his task as forester in improving his valuable stands of trees, and write the colourful saga of the migration of the Herdridge clan from Homelands Farm in Britain's picturesque Hampshire to their virgin land at Nakusp."

Bert joined the 54th Kootenay battalion in World War 1, and was severely wounded in the Battle of the Somme. "My Willie was a fine boy, but he was badly wounded in the head, and has never been the same since," deplored his Liberal father, when Bert joined the CCF.

THE HAGGLE OVER HAGGIS Yet Bert's head produces an unending stream of the best witticisms heard on Parliament Hill, and mingled with these are always sound ideas. His humour tends to pun and alliteration, with those sure-fire laugh-winners the incongruous catalogue and the unexpected twist. His wit is sometimes sly, but the well-polished phrases of this talented verbal fencer never contain malice. It is often the camouflage of his humor which enables him to get an irrelevant question past the strict Speaker, and to wink an answer out of a startled minister who is already sharing in the joke about such way-out topics as breeding stock for a small farm or the importation of haggis.

Once when the social proprieties were being discussed, Bert startled his listeners by announcing that he had "probably seen more of his female constituents in the nude than any other MP," then explained this by referring to the Doukhobor strippers.

Debating the high cost of road building, he said a work crew in BC had cleared a 20-foot roadway through the bush and striped-level all tree-trunks to ground level for a mere \$100 per mile. He attributed this to Kerrigan mulligatavny, which "Had the

most stimulating effect on the crew." His recipe: "put one case of clams into an empty 5-gallon kerosene can, add one bottle of Scotch and a tablespoon of 60 per cent dynamite, fill up with water and bring to the boil over the camp fire. Use hot."

"Was that used for drinking or to remove the tree stumps?" asked a bewildered listener. HIGH HAT TO LAKE LIFE Deplored the ill-manners of the young, Bert said that his father always taught his children to stand at attention when the anthem is played, even on radio. "What if you are in bed?" "Then I lie at attention and present arms," quipped the old soldier.

So Bert is to be converted from politics to lakeshore longevity.

Quoting the words of St. Francis, he complained "Oh Lord, with all my heart I want to be converted - but not just yet." A Liberal vice-president who once led the NDP in Parliament, he belittles his ownership of his large ranch: "I am only a trustee for the nation, until the socialist revolution takes it over."

His saga of the Herdridge trek may incidentally describe the heroism of our early settlers who opened up this land. "The first two things put ashore from the steamer were my father's silk-top hat and a crosscut saw," he remarked. "I have always thought that was indicative of the passing of the leisured class and its promised vigorous future."

The Rigors Of Realism

Toronto Globe and Mail

In case anyone has gained the impression that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation is the only organization of its type which has troubles big enough to generate national controversy we are bound to call attention to the British Broadcasting Corporation's documentary, Colloiden, and the affair of the extras.

Sir Felix Aylmer, president of the actors' organization, Equity, alleged that the extras used in battle scenes had been kept short of food, marched for miles in the rain on empty stomachs and sent over heather in which their wives were concealed. At first a BBC official agreed with the general substance of the charges but when they were

hotly denied by the producer, Mr. Peter Watkins, another BBC official said Mr. Watkins had got his good performance from the cast because they were descendants of participants in the battle. They might have been wet and cold but there was no undue hunger and fatigue and no trip wires.

It looks like a nasty business and if it is not resolved to the satisfaction of those haggard and hungry Scots we may see another Colloiden staged—live and with a surprise ending. Meanwhile, Canadian television has its own problem, with some similar elements: the hunger of ambition, the wet cheeks, the cold relations—and a general public fatigue.

But Does It Bite?

Vancouver Sun

A report that the Russian secret service is developing a tiny radio transmitter to "bug" cars of all Western tourists should occasion little shock to those Westerners.

The idea of the "bugged" bedroom, bathroom or conference room is familiar to us through revelations made to parliamentary and congressional committees. Electronic snooping is another word for it. The experts have got it so that even the boutonniere in a man's lapel or the earring dangling against some alabaster neck could have its receiving end in the nearest police station or the office of some private eye.

What matters it, then, that the next time we visit Russia some stinky operative will slip a bug under the dashboard or behind the seat? All the secret servicemen want is to know where we are at any time, day or night. The main consideration should be, don't let the bugs bite.

PUBLIC FORUM

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A FINE RECORD

Sir.—Now that the Johnston's River post office has officially closed I would like to express a few words of tribute to the man who served as postmaster for upwards of 40 years.

Mr. Leo J. Trainor is a man who has served this office with honor, distinction and fair dealings. Although handicapped by loss of hearing he never failed to present a warm, friendly disposition and a real devotion to duty. Outgoing and incoming mail was dispatched with the greatest efficiency. All postal matters whether small or large were promptly attended to and credited to the proper channels. His records and office were always kept in first class order.

Now I wish this devoted public servant and Christian gentleman also his devoted wife and helpmate, many happy years of retirement together.

I am, Sir, etc.

ARNOLD BURHOE

Mount Herbert RR 9.

LED ARMED RESISTANCE

NGARUAWAHIA (Reuters) King Koroki, one of New Zealand's leading Maori chiefs, died Wednesday at his marae (court) at Ngaruawahia. Koroki is the rowhera became king of the Waikato tribes in the centre of the North Island—the last area of armed Maori resistance to the Europeans—in 1833. Some 10,000 Maoris were expected to visit Ngaruawahia for Koroki's funeral rites late next week.

WILL BECOME LEADER

GEORGETOWN (CP)—British Guiana's former premier, Dr. Cheddi Jagan, has officially agreed to accept the office of leader of the opposition under the country's new independence constitution. British Guiana is scheduled to attain independence under the name Guyana on May 26. Dr. Jagan is head of the left-wing People's Progressive party. His agreement to take the opposition office paves the way for other appointments under the constitution.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 15, 1941) The last important Italian position in northeast Ethiopia, the 9,000-foot fortified peak of Anba Alaji, fell to British and Imperial troops.

Staff at the Armouries and Beach Grove were busy getting everything ready for the departure of 100 officers and other ranks of the P.E.I. Light Horse to leave by train the following morning to join the Canadian Armoured Division located in Central Canada.

TEN YEARS AGO

(May 19, 1956) Douglas Cudmore, 19—the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Cudmore, Elm Avenue, Charlottetown, returned to the City by air after a week-long "Adventure in Citizenship" in the capital city of Ottawa, which was jointly sponsored by the Ottawa Rotary Club and all Rotary Clubs in Canada.

Among the graduating class in Medicine at Dalhousie University was Willard Wesley MacKay of Clinton P.E.I., who won the Reardon and Miller Prize, awarded to the fifth year student going into general practice of medicine after graduation.

Constipating Laxatives

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Laxatives have been touted as a common cause of constipation. This is a strange paradox considering that retail drug stores buy \$4.8 million dollars (wholesale) worth of laxatives and evacuants annually. There is obviously a need for these products for some persons, but not for others. The latest is a harmless effervescent suppository. It liberates enough carbon dioxide to distend the rectum causing defecation within 30 minutes.

Bowel habits are important, but some persons are preoccupied with this normal function when it is disrupted. A purge is needed when they miss a day and constipation is in the making when cathartics are continued. There is a good chance that the ovels would have moved spontaneously on the next or third day. Going without a movement for 24 or 36 hours does no harm although it might generate gas and cause cramping or a feeling of abdominal fullness.

How long does it take a meal to pass through the gastrointestinal tract? It varies with the type of food, amount of residue, and the dryness or wetness of the edible. Following lunch, for example, the digested chyme reaches the level of the appendix within five to six hours. It takes another 12 hours to pass through the large intestine where much of the water is absorbed. The fecal mass then passes into the rectum. The stimulus to do this usually comes from a reflex triggered by eating. This is why so many have a movement after breakfast. If they miss, the desire may come on after lunch or dinner or the next morning. Do not spoil the reflex with laxative.

In contrast, some people develop constipation when they are bedridden, lack exercise, or have weakness of the muscles that play a role in evacuation. Hemorrhoids or rectal fissures also discourage the reflex. Emotional factors such as depression may do the same. Liberal amounts of fruits, vegetables, cereals, and liquids are most helpful in establishing regularity.

RECURRENT COLD SORES G. E. writes: Cold sores always recur in the same spots with me. Why?

REPLY The exact mechanism is not known. One theory is that resistance in the affected areas has been lowered, making these regions more susceptible to the causative virus. A more likely possibility is that the causative viruses remain in areas previously involved and are reactivated by allergies, sunlight, injury, fever, or menstruation.

DON'T GIVE UP READING L. Z. writes: Should a person with hardening of the eye arteries spare his eyes by not reading, which he enjoys so much?

REPLY Eye strain affects muscles rather than the circulation. Arteriosclerosis may be detected in the eyes two or more decades before manifestations develop. In this respect there is no need to give up reading.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Insects gravitate to persons wearing perfume or hair oil.

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Second The Motion

The International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union, Canadian Co-ordinating Conference division, has passed a resolution aiming at curbing imports of women's wearing apparel from foreign lands. Three cheers for the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union from the tigers in the ladies' garment wearers' homes.

If there's anything that drives a male out of the salon and into the saloon, it's the cost of some of these imported garments. And it can also drive him into the poorhouse if the lady garment wearer in his house has presented him with female children along with the way.

Clothes are necessary, no one is taking that away from them. But clothes from foreign lands are not necessary in a North American garment world that is so devilishly adept at copying the latest and costliest in French and Italian styles. That's the salt in the wound, of course, the handy way local clothiers copy European styles. It's maddening to see milady draped in an ultra expensive Parisian gown which is the exact duplicate of one that cost one-tenth the price at a hometown dress shoppe.

Particularly if milady happens to be the missus in front of your name.

Following France's Lead

By Boris Miskew Canadian Press Staff Writer

A curious parallel is taking shape between France's determination to play an independent role in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Romania's call for a revision of the Warsaw Pact.

Not long ago, French President de Gaulle cast a veil of apprehension over the Atlantic Alliance by rejecting the United States concept of an American-led, integrated military command in Western Europe. Now Romania appears to be following France's lead by stirring things up in the Eastern Alliance.

At the same time both France and Romania are assuming more neutral postures—France in the dispute between the United States and China and Romania in the dispute between the Soviet Union and China.

LAUNCHED ASSAULT Romanian Communist party chief, Nicolae Ceausescu, launched his assault on the present structure of the Warsaw Pact—consisting of the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, East Germany and inactive Albania—by stating: "Military blocs and the existence of military bases and troops on the territory of other states is one of the barriers in the path of collaboration among the peoples."

This presumably hinted at the withdrawal of Soviet troops from East Germany, Hungary and Poland. Soviet troops withdrew from Romania in 1958.

Bucharest was reported to have circulated notes among Warsaw Pact members stating Romania's position and criticizing the continuity of Soviet command over Warsaw Pact forces, rather than having the command rotated among mem-

bers. The action sent Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to Bucharest last week for talks with Ceausescu and other Romanian officials—showing the concern of the Soviet Union at the turn of events.

LED THE TREND Romania for several years has led the trend among the Eastern European nations for greater independence from Moscow and, with Bulgaria, had blocked Soviet plans for a counterpart of the European Economic Community. And recently Bucharest refused to cooperate in a number of Warsaw Pact arrangements.

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