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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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No Time For Hedging

Under Opposition pressure, Justice Minister Favreau has broadened the scope of the judicial inquiry he proposes to institute into the charges of bribery and coercion against three of the Government's ministerial assistants. It is to be hoped that the new terms of reference prove sufficiently wide to cover all the allegations that have been made. The mistake was in hedging on this responsibility in the first place. The matter is far in position to permit of tactics of this kind.

Not was the government in any position to allege, as Mr. Favreau did in CBC interview on Tuesday night, that the whole thing was just "Conservative smear and innuendo." According to a dispatch from Ottawa yesterday, this cry has been taken up by other Liberal MPs who claim that it is just another Tory attempt at "undermining national unity." Such statements are in insult to the intelligence of every voter in the country. All the Opposition parties have been insistent that the inquiry be broadened to cover the issue in all its ramifications. It was their duty to do so, and the Government's duty to comply. Nothing else would be acceptable to the public.

One of the strangest things about this case is that the Prime Minister was kept so long in the dark. Two cabinet ministers told the House—and Mr. Pearson confirmed it—that they had wanted until this week to inform their chief of a month-old RCMP report involving his own parliamentary secretary and two top-level government officials in accusations of the gravest kind. Not only did Mr. Favreau fail to inform Mr. Pearson of the matter, but he failed also to refer it to the law officers of the Crown, deciding on his own account, in consultation with the RCMP commissioner, that the charges could not be substantiated and therefore should not be laid.

No imputation has been made against Mr. Favreau's integrity in this instance. It is against his incompetence in handling the matter that the Opposition fire has been directed. And surely, in the circumstances, it would have been wiser if the Government to have met this challenge by agreeing immediately to the kind of inquiry that was demanded, and even insisting that it be made along the broadest lines.

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spell, are having their usual difficulty in making ends meet. Those who buy food know prices are high and have visions of the farmer garnering riches in the peace of the country side. But they are wide of the mark indeed. The young men who might have remained on the farm in other generations have gone to better jobs in the city. Farmers have had to buy expensive machinery to get their crops planted and harvested. It is said they work harder than they ever did in the horse age; horses had to stop for food, water and a rest, but not the tractor.

Machinery, as spokesmen for the dairy industry told Mr. Stewart at the farm conference, can't do everything. The labor situation has reached the point where it is seriously threatening production. Of course, the solution can be assisted by making farm life more secure and comfortable for employees. Questions such as seasonal work, workmen's compensation and living accommodation are involved. But the farm owner is in no position to correct the situation unaided.

Governments have a responsibility here, and it is implied in the concern which the federal minister has expressed in the need for a new approach to the problem. Our farmers generally will be looking forward to the measures he is planning to present to the House of Commons in this connection. To be effective, they should be geared to the special requirements of each province—particularly to those provinces which mixed farming play a role in Prince Edward Island, a major role in the provincial economy.

Tourist Prospects

At a tourist conference the other day, Prime Minister Pearson suggested that Canadians set their sights on a \$2,000 million tourist industry by 1974. At the moment, the target appears to be well out of range. Last year's tourist income was \$602 million, less than one-third of the figure mentioned by Mr. Pearson. This year promises to be only slightly higher. It can be assumed, however, that Canada's centennial program and the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal will result in the biggest influx of visitors this country has ever seen, the majority of them from the United States.

Certainly we have proven, in this province, that special efforts being gratifying results. This year's centennial program gave a tremendous boost to our tourist trade, and we should be planning now to consolidate it in the years ahead. It may indeed have been our success which Mr. Pearson had in mind in his optimistic picture of Canada's tourist trade possibilities within the next decade.

As the Hamilton Spectator remarks in this connection, the trick will be to make the stay of our tourists so enjoyable that they will want to come again. If Canada hopes to reap permanent results from the tourist harvest, there will have to be more determined effort at hotels, restaurants and other service establishments to offer amenities at least on a par with those available elsewhere. And this applies as much to smaller centres as it does to Montreal or Toronto.

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Negotiations, in association with a Lahanon organization, were carried out with the Ruler of Sharjah, off the Trucial Coast. Now British trawlers are fishing in these foreign waters. They are equipped for processing and freezing the catch, in addition to sub-zero storage space for a considerable tonnage of the packed product.

The Ross Group is advising all aspects of the operation in the Persian Gulf and is also responsible for marketing the catch. Incidentally, it was this group which first introduced the quick frozen chip in Britain, and now has a slice in the 3 million tons of potatoes which are consumed in Britain each year.



PROBATIONIVE PRAXPA

Man and apes are more likely to lower the eyebrows and draw the mouth corners down together with a threatening situation. Contractions of a certain muscle in the mouth, called the lip-smacking and the roaring grin. Human babies—before crying—protrude the lower lip. Grins are common in animals. They accompany hard biting in defense of a starve reflex, and attempts to vocalize. Lemurs grin as they walk in frustration or defiance. Rhesus monkeys grin silently when frustrated; other monkeys not only grin but make crackling noises which are roughly in the human, chimpanzee and gorilla grin. Grins are also seen in dogs, cats, and even in some birds. Other primates raise a lip or close an eye in attempting to overcome a hostile situation. Smiles may be protective, as when an underling is called down by his superior. Grins related to the stress grin when laboring over delicate machinery. Grins are also seen in the pecking and jabbing movements of the lip-smacking and the roaring grin. Human grins when they fight and when they are laughing. Other primates raise a lip or close an eye in attempting to overcome a hostile situation.

—BUT THE MELODY LINGERS ON

OTTAWA REPORT BY Patrick Nicholson

Finds Time For Other Correspondence

Prime Minister L. B. Pearson is kept busy by a voluminous correspondence concerned with the important affairs of state. But he finds time to enjoy a perhaps more human correspondence with a Canadian. I recently showed by quoting extracts from some of his letters.

He recently wrote to a freshman at the University of Toronto, whom he has never met. This will interest many Canadians, young and older too, so I now quote this in full, with permission.

"Dear Don, I have just learned from my political and academic intelligence service that you are occupying at Galt House, Toronto, which once loomed very large in my life.

"I hope you have as good a time there as I did though I should add that, if you had an older brother as I did who shared the room with you and kept reminding you that you were not to be a columnist for the Freeman, you would have quite an obstacle to overcome. I also fervently hope that you will have to leave that room, as I did, with all your best friends in the wings. I was a member of the 'Punch' for one year when I am in Toronto. I will drop in and see how you are taking care of the old homestead. I must say it used to be very untidy when we lived there. I am sure you are a better housekeeper!"

"All good wishes, Yours sincerely, L. B. Pearson."

The letter was addressed to Mr. Don H. Jack, Room 7, Gale House, Victoria College, Toronto. He happens to be the son of Mel Jack, General Manager of the Associated Press in Canada, who was previously for many years the brains trust of the Conservative Party and the most effective and efficient "back-room boy" seen around Parliament Hill since the war.

The older brother mentioned by Mr. Pearson as his roommate was "Duke" (Robert Marmaduke) Pearson.

PICTURE GALLERY
Collections of framed photographs hanging on the walls of Mr. Hays' office in Ottawa. On the left is a picture of the Hon. J. L. Marshall, our Health Minister, who has just acquired an interesting addition to his photo taken on the balcony outside her top-floor office in her department building, except for the headquarters, the Brook Clark Building, which is Ottawa's tallest building.

The photo shows J. L. Marshall with Mr. Hays, Mr. Pearson and Ottawa's Mayor, Charlotte Whitton.

It is inscribed "To the Rt. Hon. J. L. Marshall, Minister of Health, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada."

Secondly, there is the despatch of a letter to the Hon. J. L. Marshall, Minister of Health, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. The letter is dated Nov. 5, 1964. It is a copy of a letter which was written to the Hon. J. L. Marshall, Minister of Health, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on Nov. 5, 1964. It is a copy of a letter which was written to the Hon. J. L. Marshall, Minister of Health, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, on Nov. 5, 1964.

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Face Expressions And Evolution

By Dr. Theodore H. Van Dellen
A Frenchman learning English said to his tutor: "English is a queer language. What does that mean?" The tutor replied: "Noble, who sits for this constituency, consent to stand against a resolution of the House of Commons. Has a walk-over?" — Montreal Star.

Canadians in the Northwest Territories are demanding more money for the territory. It is not out of the question that the territory will be taken out of Canada. If they get their demand it may attract some of the new settlers they are looking for.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Britain's Defense Spending

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer
A slash in Britain's overseas defence spending now appears inevitable as the Labor government seeks to rid itself of the economic burden of the war. The Allies in return for the \$3,000,000,000 pledge in support of the 11 countries of the banks, including Canada, combined with other resources available to the Allies. It moved the fear of sterling devaluation.

CURTAINS FREEDOM

On Thursday, Callaghan gave Parliament a hint of what is in store. By going cap in hand to the bankers of other countries to find support for the pound, he had curtailed his freedom of action. He now finds himself in a position from which any chancellor would want to escape as quickly as possible.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

If you have a bad temper, you won't get rid of it by losing it. Galt Webster
Daniel Webster was one day called on ex-President John Adams. Adams at the time was failing rapidly in health. As a matter of fact, I inhaled a weak, frail, dejected man, who was so weak that the winds and broke in upon by the storms, and from all I can see a friend came in and asked me to make repairs. Galt Reporter.

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