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Well, It's Over!

With the prorogation of the Legislature today, the session will take its place in political history and will no doubt be viewed with better judgment than one can bring to bear upon it at present. It was short and acrimonious, bringing forth some good fruit in the way of legislation but leaving the cardinal problem in provincial affairs—the fiscal difficulties in which we are involved—very inadequately explained.

The budget itself was one of the most difficult to comprehend that has been presented at any session in this Province. It involved unprecedented expenditures and unprecedented debt increases, leaving us, for next year, with a truly alarming bill for interest charges alone. It called for the fullest discussion and constructive criticism. Yet the debate came to abrupt halt after only two speakers on each side had participated, and with both the leader of the Government and the leader of the Opposition sitting silent in their seats.

One would have expected, after this amazing performance, that a special effort would be made in committee to bring the facts to light in an exhaustive examination of each item in the estimates. But by this time other legislation was clamoring for attention and there was a rush, during the last few days, to push these measures through. The Opposition protested against the "bulldozing" methods of the Government, but on neither side was there shown much disposition to carry on for another week, or another two weeks if necessary, at a more orderly pace.

As we said, the session may look better in retrospect than it does now. Let's hope, at least, that it won't look any worse.

Badly Bungled

Canada has become the butt of both ridicule and criticism for refusing entry to a political science professor from the University of Minnesota who attempted to keep a speaking engagement in Winnipeg. The meeting was sponsored by the Voice of Women and the speaker was turned back for holding radical and subversive views.

Professor Sibley, the person in question, is a Quaker and a pacifist. His honesty, integrity and high moral character were vouched for by the Governor of Minnesota who said, in commenting on his treatment by Canadian immigration officials, that "countless Americans are severely shaken in their attitudes regarding the existence of freedom of expression in Canada. It borders on the unbelievable."

Prime Minister Pearson, when questioned in the Commons on a report that Prof. Sibley was being barred entry to the country, expressed the hope that this was not so—that he would be allowed in. Yet he was turned back nevertheless by the regional immigration department director, and Immigration Minister Nicholson has since come to his official's defense.

It seems, according to the minister, that the law as it stands is to blame. There was "doubt as to his admissibility, which legally we had to recognize. It was the kind of doubt that would have to go before an inquiry." Unfortunately, this meant that "the choice the law allowed us to offer to Mr. Sibley was academic from his point of view. The inquiry could not be held before he was due to speak. He therefore preferred to leave again rather than to wait and have the doubt about his admissibility resolved."

Opposition spokesmen have been scornful of this bungling action. "I don't know," said Mr. Diefenbaker, "how you can smear a person more with McCarthyism than by what was

done in this case." NDP Leader Douglas blasted it as a fiasco, and Social Credit Leader Thompson indicated that the Government "should apologize to Prof. Sibley for the way he was treated."

According to the Montreal Star, there were reservations about Mr. Nicholson's capacity for his new job as Immigration Minister. There will be more doubt after the explanation he has given in this case.

Scouting For Fish

Menus in an average Japanese home nowadays, says a Tokyo dispatch, include salmon from the north Pacific, crab from Alaska, tuna from the Atlantic, skipjack from the Indian Ocean, prawns from the Gulf of Mexico, sea bream (of the carp family) from Oceania, and white whale meat from the Antarctic. This gives some idea of the variety and scope of the Japanese fishing industry today.

The Japanese government's fisheries agency and University of Fisheries have four fishing-survey ships ranging from 800 tons to 1,000 tons, which are constantly engaged in the search for new fishing areas. Some time this year they will investigate the possibility of a seabream fishing in waters south of Australia.

In addition, the fisheries agency has secured budgetary appropriations for the construction of a larger survey ship of 2,600 tons, which will investigate waters off the west and east coasts of Africa, the east and west coasts of South America, south of the Aleutians, Alaska, the Bering Sea, and other areas.

Barred from many traditional fishing grounds after World War II and excluded from coastal areas as a result of reclamation and water pollution arising from fast industrial development, Japanese fishermen have done a surprising job in extending their activities to so many distant parts of the world. And they are still looking for new grounds in the seven seas.

Another Warning Voice

While provincial legislatures have been rubber-stamping the formula (or constitutional amendment) adopted at the federal-provincial conference in Charlottetown last September, it is noteworthy that at Ottawa the motions calling for an address to the Queen on the subject have not yet been played on the Senate and Commons order papers. And, as Mr. Diefenbaker pointed out, the Opposition has been unable to get assurance from the Government that the form of the motion and the arrangements for debate will permit thorough study and discussion.

Yet the Ontario Legislature gave quick passage to a resolution stating "That this House approves and supports the addresses of the Senate and House of Commons..." And in an interview Premier Roberts said of the Charlottetown agreement: "That was a commitment and we're simply carrying it out."

Less ridiculous was the wording adopted unanimously in our Island Legislature on Tuesday, yet in effect it amounted to the same thing, giving blanket approval of actions at Ottawa which have not yet been formulated. Couldn't it have waited for the thorough debate which Mr. Diefenbaker has been demanding in Parliament on the subject? Why the haste in cutting the ground from under his feet?

The Globe and Mail notes that in Ontario only the members of the New Democratic Party objected to the government resolution, the Opposition leader "being effectively gagged by the fact that this is Ottawa Liberal policy." Did the same gag work effectively here, in producing a minimum of discussion before the resolution went through with the blessing of both parties?

"The significance of this episode," warns the Toronto paper above quoted, "goes far beyond the immediate issue. We can expect the pattern to be repeated: secret sessions of the federal and provincial governments; agreements for their leaders to take back and ram through the Legislatures; party lines so crossed that coherent opposition criticism is impossible. The power of the federal-provincial conference stifles democracy."

Another voice crying in the wilderness, it would seem.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Swedish police report that some middle-aged women are showing an inclination for forgery. In the last year, a number of women aged 50 have tampered with their passports to make themselves some 10 years younger.



HELPS MEDICINE TO GO DOWN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Against Abolition Of Death Penalty

The "bleeding hearts" have launched a massive campaign of sympathy, aimed at persuading our MPs to vote to abolish the death penalty for willful murder when Prime Minister Pearson introduces this subject in Parliament.

Johnny Canuck doesn't feel very strongly about this. A recent poll showed one in ten with no opinion, and six favouring retention of the death penalty. But, as in the public debate about the flag last year, the minority in favour of a change is much more vocal; it seems likely that, unless that majority raises its voice, once again our "democratic" government will move against the will of the majority.

Personally, I consider that there are much more important angles in the field of willful murder, than whether or not a convicted murderer should be executed.

The first point, I believe, is that Johnny Canuck wants an assurance of individual safety in our community. He wants to feel sure that his little daughter can safely be permitted to walk home alone from school, in summer-afternoon or equally in winter's early darkness, without fear, that one day she will not reach home and, after a night of desperate anxiety and frantic search, her torn and mutilated body will be found in a gravel pit.

EASY MONEY HAS PRICE

Equally Johnny Canuck wants to feel assured that his wife can go to the bank to cash his pay cheque without the risk that some masked thug, seeking money at gunpoint rather than by his daily labour, will accidentally shoot her in the fracas which he causes.

In the past ten years, 1,901 Canadians have died unnatural deaths caused willfully or accidentally by others—in addition to the much higher number slaughtered on our highways. In those same ten years, only 99 of the killers have been arrested by our police and sentenced by our judges; of those, no less than 75 have been exempted from the prescribed course of law by our prime ministers.

Very soon the first of those convicted killers will become eligible to be released into society on parole.

No convicted murderer has been executed in Canada since 1962. How cynical will it be for Prime Minister Pearson to ask Parliament whether capital punishment should be abolished in law, when he has thus already abolished it in practice himself?

What protection can the government offer to our police and especially to prison warders, if the death penalty is abolished? A "lifer" would enjoy continuous open season on his warders. My heart bleeds too. But for our worthy police and patient warders, for innocent victims and especially for their relations, not for the deliberate cold-blooded and specifically armed slaver.

Crooks With Keys

Hamilton Spectator

There is a touch of grim humor in the admission by Deputy Postmaster General W.H. Wilson that criminals are opening street mail boxes with duplicate keys.

Until three years ago mail box locks were repaired in Kingston Penitentiary, of all places. This is like putting the cat in charge of the pet bird, or trusting the dog to bring home the steak from the butcher's. No wonder mail box keys have found their way into the criminal underworld.

A lock has to be particularly complex to baffle a professional criminal. Most ordinary locks serve their purpose in delaying him, even if it is only for a brief time, so that he runs the risk of being observed.

But if he has a duplicate key there need be no tinkering. It must have been a great help to be presented with mail box locks and to be able to cut duplicate keys in a well-equipped government workshop.

Before The Winnowing

For William Time-Journal

The reader who, has the doings of Parliament served to him in digestible lots may wonder why it may take days and weeks to discuss such things as flags, pension plans, prison escapes and the like. The reason of course is that most of the chaff has been winnowed out. An example of the chaff the reader normally doesn't get—and this is what frequently takes up the time of Parliament—is this excerpt from Hansard.

Under discussion was clause 91 of the pension plan. The deputy chairman of the House, meeting as a committee of the whole, asked if the members

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

(March 26, 1940) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO P.E.I. returned a straight Liberal ticket on the basis of civilian vote, for the second time in consecutive federal elections. Elected were: Finance Minister J.L. Ralston, running in Prince; Cyrus MacMillan and J.L. Douglas in Queens, and Dr. T. V. Grant in Kings.

A grave interruption in Kruschen supplies for Canada occurred recently when a special shipment of 50,000 Kruschen Giant Packages of Salts was sent to the bottom of the sea in a sunken British ship. Special concern was felt because this particular shipment was of the Giant (Free Trial) size which contains the regular package plus the free trial package offered at the regular price.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 26, 1955) Mr. Fred C. Hoskinson of Montreal has been appointed traffic and sales manager of Airwork Atlantic Limited at Dorval International Airport, Montreal. He is the son-in-law of Mr. J. J. Morris, manager of the Provincial Bank, Charlottetown, and Mrs. Morris.

Miss Eileen McDonald, RN presided at the regular meeting of the Nurses Alumni held at the Charlottetown Hospital on March 24th. Mr. G. Chan of the staff of the Provincial Sanatorium was guest speaker.

were prepared to adopt the clause. Here's what followed: "Some hon. Members: 'Carried.'"

"Some hon. Members: 'No.' Mr. Skoreyko: "Mr. Chairman, I posed a question that I think is of some importance. I am only dealing with the remarks made by the Minister of National Revenue, and I wish he would answer. I think he can." Mr. Benson: "Mr. Chairman, this question was dealt with under clause 6 (2) (i) of the bill, which was passed some time ago."

Mr. Skoreyko: "I appreciate that, Mr. Chairman, but the comments of the Minister of National Revenue were—and I have written them down—that this is..."

The Deputy Chairman: "The hon. member for Halifax."

Mr. Lloyd: "Mr. Chairman, on a point of order..." Mr. Skoreyko: "There is no point of order here, Mr. Chairman."

An Hon. Member: "That is not for you to decide." Mr. Lloyd: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for recognizing my claim to a point of order."

Mr. MacInnis: "You are not recognized yet, Jack." Mr. Lloyd: "I wish to draw attention..."

Mr. MacInnis: "On a point of order..." Mr. Lloyd: "I am on a point of order, Mr. Chairman."

The Deputy Chairman: "Order. The hon. member for Halifax has the floor. The Chair can listen to only one point of order at a time."

Mr. MacInnis: "Then, Mr. Chairman, on a question of privilege..." Some hon. Members: "Oh, oh."

The Deputy Chairman: "Order. I recognize the hon. member for Cape Breton South, on a question of privilege."

Mr. MacInnis: "On a question of privilege, the hon. member for Halifax rose and interrupted the hon. member on this side, saying he was raising a point of order. Then he went on to thank the Chair for recognizing him, when the Chair did not give him recognition until I stood up on a point of order. It is my privilege in this house..."

Etc., Etc.,

Grams Not Calories

By Dr. Theodore B. Van Dellen It is incorrect to label any food as particularly fattening. Most edibles increase weight when taken in sufficient quantity. Carbohydrates (sugars and starches) often are labeled as such because most of us consume large amounts in our daily diet. They are cheap, taste good, and often used in confections. When food is ingested in excess of the body needs, whether taken in the form of carbohydrates, proteins or fats, the equivalent of excess calories is deposited as fat.

The ideal diet of the average woman contains 2,000 calories of which 58 grams are protein, 77 are fat, and 170 are carbohydrate. The corresponding figures for men are 3,000, 70, 77, and 170. Reduce the number of grams for any of these and the individual consumes fewer calories.

The current reducing fad recommends a drastic reduction in carbohydrates. The reduction in grams we assume this is done to free the omnivorous calorie. Those familiar with nutrition know that each gram of protein or carbohydrate has an energy-producing value of four calories and a gram of fat produces nine.

Carbohydrates are the primary source of body fuel. It is readily available and used as needed to supply the energy required for various bodily functions, heat, and muscular contractions. When the supply of carbohydrate is curtailed, the body must resort to stored fat and proteins for energy. This is a slower process, because it means that other foodstuffs must be converted into carbohydrates. In addition, a certain number of calories are required to make the conversion.

As a result, the deposits of fat must go to work and weight is lost so long as the individual does not step up his normal intake of fats and proteins. This is unlikely because too much fat is nauseating and protein is expensive. This type of diet is not for the athlete because he loses his quick source of energy.

OVERSIZED EYEBALLS Mrs. O. writes: Is there some disease or deficiency connected with oversized eyeballs? My husband has protruding eyeballs and my four-year-old son has large eyes.

REPLY The most common cause of this condition is an overactive thyroid gland but now and then the trait is hereditary and has no relation to disease.

ALLIED CONDITIONS L. K. writes: Is cerebral arteriosclerosis the same as a stroke?

REPLY No. Many individuals who have had apoplexy also have cerebral arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries of the brain). Should a stroke occur, one of these vessels is plugged (thrombosis) or ruptured (hemorrhage).

DONATING BLOOD G. J. M. writes: Does a person's age deter him from donating blood?

REPLY Yes, in that we do not recommend that babies, children, and oldsters give blood.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Overheard at a party: "They make a perfect couple. He's a pill and she's a headache." — Guelph Mercury.

Husband (testily, after losing badly at bridge): "You might have guessed I had no heart, partner." Wife (sweetly): "Quite but I thought you had a brain, darling." — Hamilton, Spectator.

"The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has ruled that fees paid by Navajo Indians to 'medicine men' in Arizona and New Mexico for 'healing ceremonies' are deductible medical expenses." — Wall Street Journal.

Middle age is that time in life when you've met so many people that every new person reminds you of someone else. — Community Press.

A housewife called a plumber and while he went to work fixing the kitchen sink, her cat watched with deep interest. "That's quite a cat you have," remarked the plumber. "Seems to know what is going on." "Yes," agreed the woman. "It's a Siamese, you know." "A Siamese, eh?" said the plumber. Then, glancing around the kitchen, he asked, "What happened to the other one?" — Toronto Star.

A lady shopper had pestered clerks in a Chilton store for several hours, seeing everything but buying nothing. Finally a clerk ventured, "Pardon me madam, but are you shopping?" "Of course I'm shopping," she answered. "What do you think I'm doing?" "I thought perhaps you were taking inventory," was the reply. — Chilton Times-Journal.

The Apollo Space Series

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer

Astronauts Virgil (Gus) Grissom and John Young have applied some balm to an American ego bruised by events at home and abroad in recent days.

"Thank you, John Goodby Gus," President Johnson said on national television after a four-minute telephone conversation to extend to the first American space twins the United States' admiration and gratitude.

Or, as the pretty sales girl said in tearing herself away from her tiny TV set: "This is one day I wouldn't mind missing my pay."

For more than the actual four hours and 54 minutes of astronaut flight Tuesday, it was a time to forget about South Viet Nam or Alabama—or the fact Russia just five days earlier had dramatically upstaged the whole show by sending an astronaut out in space on a tether.

This first of 10 manned Gemini shots, a series costing \$20,000,000 and dogged by 18 months of delays, still remained a major feat in U.S. space achievement.

MOVED IN FLIGHT It was billed as historic because the spacecraft Molly Brown was manoeuvred in

flight. If the Russians have achieved the same thing, they haven't said so. U.S. space officials say the Russians rarely pass up any such opportunity.

Psychologically, Grissom and Young provided an overdue booster shot. Not since May 15, 1963, had an American astronaut been in orbit. Since that time, seven Russians have orbited, including three in one capsule.

Russia thus continues to enjoy a good lead in the space game. The next Gemini shot is scheduled for mid-summer.

The next may see an American stick his head into space from his capsule.

After Gemini comes Apollo, to put men on the moon by 1970.

But before Gemini is done, the U.S. hopes that space twins will have stayed up two weeks, cavorted in space and manoeuvred their space vehicles into contact with others in a preview of the possibilities of using space platforms to reach the moon.

The Apollo series is the one carrying American hopes of drawing level with Russia. A main factor will be mighty Mercury rockets with clusters of five engines.

Republican Leadership

Montreal Gazette

One of the most thankless political tasks any Republican could undertake would seem to be an attempt to defeat President Johnson in 1968. The Republican party is still bitterly divided, although a facade of unity has been produced for public consumption.

Johnson's popularity is so high that it seems incredible anyone should feel confident they could beat him.

But, far from waiting until Mr. Johnson is gone from the scene, important Republican figures are definitely working for the 1968 nomination.

Foremost of these, and currently in the best position, is Richard Nixon, the 1960 candidate. Mr. Nixon has the support of most of the Republican machine, and of many Goldwater supporters because of the effort he made in the last election to help the Arizona Senator.

Further, Mr. Nixon has taken a lead in trying to rebuild Republican unity. And he has been making policy statements which have received national attention. For example, he has, from whatever motives, thrown his support behind the Negro cause in Alabama.

But Mr. Nixon is not the only ambitious Republican Governor Romney of Michigan recently led a mammoth public demonstration supporting the Negroes in Alabama. His motives in doing so were obviously national in scope.

Even Governor Rockefeller of New York, who ought to be out, is acting as if his setbacks last year never happened.

Presidential campaigns seem to have a fascination for important political figures, even if they have virtually no chance of winning. The manoeuvring of major Republican figures, such as Nixon, Rockefeller and Romney, is a good example.

Travel bargains advertisement for Ontario cities: Sackville \$2.20, Moncton \$2.90, Truro \$3.70, Saint John \$4.30, Halifax \$4.80, Antigonish \$5.20, Sydney \$9.50, Quebec \$12.15, Montreal \$13.00, Ottawa \$15.70, Winnipeg \$35.00, Edmonton \$47.00.