

Exit Mr. Khrushchev

Overshadowing even the hotly contested British elections yesterday was the news from Moscow, indicating that the career of Nikita Khrushchev as Premier and Communist Party secretary of the Soviet Union had come to an end. Did he fall or was he pushed? Or was it, as the official announcement claims, merely a release from burdens which he was finding too onerous at 70, and for which, presumably, he will be duly grateful. The announcement says he requested the retirement because of age and deteriorating health.

In any case, his jobs are being divided between two of his lieutenants, of whom the outside world knows little or nothing: Leonid Brezhnev and Alexei Kosygin. We shall have to accustom ourselves to these names; they will crop up frequently from now on. Whether as in Mr. Khrushchev's own case, one of them will succeed in ousting the other and taking over full authority, remains to be seen. The fact that must be faced is that we are in for a new regime in Russia, with possible changes in foreign policy that may have far-reaching results for all of us.

After a decade in power, Mr. Khrushchev showed signs of mellowing with experience, and of preferring peaceful rather than aggressive means of achieving his aims. Perhaps it was his "softening" attitude toward the Western democracies—at least to the extent of denouncing nuclear war as suicidal madness and cooperating in peaceful pursuits and in limitation of armaments—that led to his being placed on the shelf.

We may never know; but the chances are that his successors—or ultimate successor—will be more difficult to deal with. "Better to bear the ills we have," as Shakespeare reminds us, "than fly to others that we know not of." Perhaps we are being too pessimistic; but it has often occurred to us, of late, that among the blessings we should be giving thanks for was Mr. Khrushchev's continued health. Now he is in eclipse, and his health, one way or the other, is his own concern. All we can hope for is that it doesn't mean a setting of the Kremlin's course in a more belligerent direction.

Reassuring

The unanimous approval of the formula for amending Canada's constitution without recourse to the British Parliament was something of an achievement for the federal-provincial conference at Ottawa this week. A report issued at the close describes it as "a milestone in the evolution of Canada's government," but we shall have to wait for more details before rushing to this conclusion.

What is most reassuring, from our standpoint, is the satisfaction expressed by Premier Shaw at the conference results, both in this matter and with regard to the discussion on the terms of reference for a study of the tax structure.

The Premier is reported as saying that all the considerations this province has advanced have been adopted and made part of the preliminary draft agreements. This in itself is a welcome change from the experience of our representatives at many previous Ottawa conferences, and we trust it means what it seems to imply.

With regard to repatriation of the BNA Act, this was agreed upon

in principle at the Charlottetown conference on Sept. 2. There remained, however, some concern that the formula might make the constitution even less flexible than at present, or that it might diminish unduly the powers of the Federal Government. These doubts now appear to have been resolved. In any case, the subject will get a full airing in Parliament before new legislation is enacted.

The tax structure discussions were a prelude to a study which will involve spending priorities and the division of taxing powers at all levels of government, including municipal. The object is a new deal for 1967, when the present tax-sharing arrangements expire. Here it is of vital concern that our minority interests be safeguarded, and that a deal more in line with the fiscal need of all the provinces will be worked out.

Both parties in this province have strongly emphasized the fiscal angle in our relations with Ottawa. Leaders of both parties have confessed to disappointment at the result of their past efforts in this regard. Let us hope that when the new deal study is completed it will take cognizance of this vital principle of Confederation, without which it would matter little to us, in the long run, whether the constitution in future is amended at Ottawa, London, or Kalamazoo.

Dr. King's Campaign

It is said that the Norwegian National Assembly, which is charged with the responsibility of awarding the Nobel Peace Prize, had before it a list of 20 to 30 names of candidates for the 1964 award, including those of former U.S. President Eisenhower, former British Prime Minister Lord Avon (Sir Anthony Eden), French President de Gaulle and former West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer. It decided, as the world now knows, in favor of a 35-year-old Negro clergyman, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his leadership in the civil rights movement in the United States.

It is reported, also, that Dr. King's candidacy was sponsored by leading political figures in Europe and the United States and by newspapers of all political leanings in Norway, as well as by eight Swedish members of parliament representing all the parliamentary parties in that country.

What has distinguished Dr. King's fight for racial equality has been his insistence on pursuing a non-violent course. What he seeks to establish is, in his own words, "a reign of justice and a rule of love." He has devoted his life to the movement, taking as his model India's Gandhi, who preached peaceful demonstrations and passive resistance.

Others of Dr. King's race have been impatient with the slow progress of his campaign, and have resorted to other means to achieve results. One can understand their attitude, and sympathize with it. The provocations have been great. But violence has a fatal tendency to breed violence, and in the end it is by moral suasion that this great issue must be determined.

It is the mark of a truly great leader that Dr. King can see this truth so clearly, and follow it so consistently. He is hopeful that the Nobel award will give further impetus to civil rights claims along these lines, and there is no doubt that the same thought was in the minds of the donors in signalling him out for this coveted honor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A greater overall effort is needed to put the P.E.I. United Fund campaign over the top. Only a few days remain to achieve this result, and it is to be hoped the response will be in keeping with the importance of the drive, and the urgent needs of the many worthwhile organizations involved.

One organization has already gone on record against a political union of the Atlantic provinces. This is the Acanadian Association of Education, which held its 11th congress recently at St. Joseph's University, N.B. and adopted a resolution stating that such a merger would "signify a death sentence to the oldest home of the French civilization in North America."



ANOTHER CLOAK FOR ANOTHER ELIZABETH

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson
New Work On Canadian Prime Ministers

The 97 years of Canadian Confederation have been described from a fascinating angle by the well-known journalist Bruce Hutchison in his latest book, "The Prime Minister, 1867-1964". This is a description of Canada's political history as seen from the kernel, the prime minister's office. The author aptly describes this as "a tale of adventure at the apex of Canadian power—a narrative of alternating success, failure and sometimes bitter sorrow. And he truly adds that it is "much less plausible than fiction."

Implications For Canada
By Arch MacKenzie
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Concrete procedures for admitting new members to the Organization of American States will be the subject of a conference expected to be held next month. Argentina Oct. 9 specifically requested such a meeting, following speculation that this step was imminent. A full-scale OAS reorganization is expected to be undertaken at a conference next spring.

The British Commonwealth governments from the Caribbean—Trinidad-Tobago and Jamaica—have been soliciting admittance, especially Trinidad-Tobago. Informants say both may succeed before Christmas.

The situation has implications for Canada in particular, as long - deferred decision on whether to join the 21-member OAS External Affairs Minister Martin has called membership a part of Canada's "ultimate destiny." It hampers relations with the United States, particularly from the British Commonwealth, can be considered an automatic one.

Even though the late president Kennedy strongly urged Canadian membership in his speech before Parliament in Ottawa in early 1961, there are elements which could be hostile to such a move.

who I have always thought was treated with savage unfairness by the record. Bruce Hutchison goes far to redress the balance by describing him - at 46 years of age - as the youngest prime minister - as "perhaps the most brilliant in mind, with no lavish talents, and certainly the most unfortunate in politics."

COOL JUDGMENT

As one looks back over the corridor of history, paston and personalities cease to temper judgment, and thus we find Bruce Hutchison according R. B. Bennett a true niche Mackenzie King could not precipitate the fall of his rival, MacKenzie King, who is ally. No man or government could survive the nation's travails, says Hutchison.

The significant and costly result of Diefenbaker's rule, the author concludes, "was the disorder of public business, the breakdown of the two-party system, the loss of national confidence in the parliamentary system, the damage to the grave damage to the office of Prime Minister."

The Meaning Of October

Colors have perhaps passed their peak on the heights across the valleys of the Ottawa and Gatineau and Rideau. The vibrant reds came earlier this year than usual and have grown a little wiser, wet and wind-blown. But there is something there is still a raiment over the woods worth driving miles to see.

It is the climax of Year's color. There was beauty in the Spring and loveliness during the Summer, but now for a brief poignant interval, all the glory of Nature bursts in one spectacular red. Autumn in our climate is not a season, it is a display. There is deep and fundamental meaning in this period. It means that we are in the hands of animals. The snowbirds have begun to fly and the sounds of loons like begin to

New Weapon Against Staph

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen We may be getting somewhere with the elusive staphylococcus. These bacteria have outwitted us despite penicillin and all the other antibiotics. They become resistant to these products and refuse to be conquered.

Genestamine is a new antibiotic that may prove useful. Its action is taken by mouth, because it damages the vestibule of the ear, leading to deafness. The remedy can be incorporated into an ointment and applied locally. It stops certain types of staphylococci in their tracks.

Many people are bothered repeatedly by the itching and burning of the skin, including boils, abscesses, and paronychia (inflammation around the nails). These individual often are staph carriers or live in a household where a person has a staphylococcal infection. The reservoir is in the front part of the nose (anterior nares) and some escape whenever the individual rubs his nose and contaminates the fingers. Others are carried in the air with each breath or sneeze.

When genestamine ointment is put in the nose, all staph disappear from the nasal passages and the surrounding air for seven to 10 days after treatment is stopped. It may be that at long last we have an effective compound against these bacteria that other products are useless. But since the staph problem is so stubborn, we are grateful for any product that will eliminate these agents, even for a short time.

OVUM IN A TUBE

Mrs. H. writes: What causes ectopic pregnancy? An ovum is fertilized in the fallopian tube and gets stuck in a narrowed segment of this passage. It takes root, grows, and breaks through the wall when it becomes too large. This is a surgical emergency because there is considerable bleeding.

MORNING CRAMPING

C. D. writes: That could cause abdominal cramps in the morning after eating cereal in milk.

REPLY

The bowel is stimulated to contract whenever food enters the stomach. This reflex is most marked when food enters so much that it has been empty for several hours.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A University of Vermont researcher has found most farm residents are lax about making wills. This seems to indicate an unjustified amount of faith in the properties of country air. — Ottawa Journal.

Old laws make for bitter beer, an Oxford University student found recently. He discovered an ancient college law saying he was entitled to a free pint of beer before taking an examination. By insisting on this privilege examiners were forced to scrounge up the pint of beer. But while he wrote the exam they found another ancient law. When the student came out the examiners fined him five pounds for failing to wear a sword. — Montreal Star.

Mr. Brown was sitting down to breakfast one morning when he was astounded to see in the paper an announcement of his death. He rang up his friend Smith, "Hello, Smith," he said, "have you seen the announcement of my death in the paper?" "Er — yes," replied Smith, "where are you talking from?" — Montreal Star.

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