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Odious Comparisons

Premier Khrushchev's Scandinavian tour is not improving his temper. He found the Danes firmly resolved to maintain their West-ern ties, and lectured them on being afflicted with "the disease of nationalist shortsightedness." He raged through inspections of three thriving farms on the island of Funen and then told his hosts that he had learned nothing new about farming from them.

Clearly irritated by what he considered a condescending attitude in the field of agriculture, he said the Danes thought of him before his arrival as "the northern barbarian," to be taught enlightenment. He told them that "our people have grown to complete comprehension of the political and social realities and yours have not," and warned them not to plan on Soviet purchases of their food products over a long period.
Russian farm problems, he predicted, would be solved within seven or eight years or "I will say I am not a Communist and I will tear up my party card. We cannot permit people to point at us and say the Communists cannot solve their agricultural difficulties."

The Soviet leader had reason to be sensitive about the contrast between the flourishing agriculture of Denmark and that of his own country. This does not, as he said sarcastically, prove that "we are dumb and you are clever." But it does prove that when farmers can produce and benefit from the full amount of their production they are more successful. The "political and social realities" of the Soviet Union over the years have made the peasants lose interest in production, for they share so little in the fruits of their labor.

Mr. Khrushchev will find further evidence of the advantages of the democratic way of life in Sweden, whither he has now taken himself. There too he will find that the political and social realities are fully comprehended by the people, and that freedom and the chance for individual initiative are powerful stimulants to farm production. If he really wants a program for making Soviet agriculture succeed, he might try creating the same conditions at home.

A Serious Prospect

Washington commentators are now predicting that something very undesirable indeed could happen if Senator Goldwater gets the Republican nomination in the U.S. presidential election. His opposition to the civil rights bill would likely result in this issue dominating the campaign. A duel between him and President Johnson, who has sponsored the bill, would amount to a national referendum on the subject. And there is no doubt that racial tensions would mount, splitting the country over an issue on which a bloody civil war was fought a century ago.

The reason Senator Goldwater gives for his opposition is considered as important as the vote itself. He regards two parts of the bill, the provision for federal enforcement of the "accommodations" feature and the "fair employment practice" provision, as an unconstitutional interference of Washington in state power. His candor in making his views felt at a crucial moment of his political career is conceded, but there is something more to the situation than that.

Critics point out that in his earlier statements, and his two books—"The Conscience of a Conservative," and "Why Not Victory?"—Senator Goldwater advanced the same constitutional argument against a variety of other federal activities which are widely accepted. In the first-named book he maintained that "any federal aid program, however desirable it might appear, must be regarded as illegal until such time as the Constitution is amended."

On the question of farm aid he stated: "This instance of distorting the plain meaning of the Constitution's language is perhaps the most flagrant on record." Foreign aid likewise he denounced as unconstitutional, and on the question of school integration he had this to say: "The federal government does not require the states to maintain racially mixed schools. Despite the recent holding of the Supreme Court, I am firmly convinced... that the Constitution does not permit any interference whatsoever by the federal government in the field of education."

These were the Goldwater views in 1961. In the subsequent three years he has modified them, but by raising the old constitutional doubt about the civil rights bill he has shown that his conversion has not gone very deep.
Can the party of Lincoln nominate such a man? With the great majority of Republicans in both houses of Congress supporting civil rights, it seems incredible that it should come to this pass.

Endorses Fluoridation

One of the recommendations made by the royal commission on health services deals with a matter of special interest to those who fought unsuccessfully, a few years ago, to provide water fluoridation for Charlottetown. All community water systems in Canada, says the commission report, should be fluoridated.
This finding is based on the fact that "the evidence now gathered over 30 years is that the technique of fluoridation properly controlled is effective, inexpensive and safe." This being so, the commission makes no bones about recommending that there be federal-provincial co-operation in the installation of fluoridation systems, grants to the provinces of 75 per cent of the costs of equipment, the fluoridation of water supplies under federal jurisdiction and the adoption by public health authorities of other means of providing fluoridation where community water systems are non-existent.

According to health authorities, there are now 188 Canadian communities where water supplies are mechanically fluoridated. Some 20 per cent of the Canadian population is covered. There should no longer be any fear of the process, or doubt as to its value in reducing dental caries. But the commission evidently believes that voluntary action is not enough, that the matter is of national-wide concern, and that measures should be taken accordingly.

Keeping The Lid On

It is significant that the vote in the U.N. Security Council on Saturday, extending the life of the United Nations peace-keeping force in Cyprus for a second three-month period, was unanimous. It was supported by Communist Russia and Czechoslovakia as well as by the neutral and western powers. All were agreed that the Cypriot civil war must be kept in check, and that fighting would almost certainly break out again should the United Nations leave the island.
There are new financial complications, however. Voluntary contributions left a small surplus in covering the \$5.4 million cost of the first three months but the cost will be about \$7.3 million for the second period. Secretary-General Thant termed this method of financing "most unsatisfactory," but acknowledged that no alternative appears practical. Looking to the future, he said that progress would depend on the willingness of the leaders of the hostile factions to be "more flexible."

Unfortunately, nothing in their attitude as yet shows any real willingness to seek compromise. A permanent solution can be found only in political terms, and that is a long way off.
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Need Government Help

In what are sometimes called "the good old days," the housewife who ventured into the market place was protected only by her native cunning and the empty phrase "cheapest ever"—let the buyer beware. Today however the tendency is to expect the government to look after us from the womb to the tomb, in line with this political scientist Pauline Jewett makes a novel suggestion: let the government set up a special cabinet minister to protect and inform the consumer.
Nevertheless Miss Jewett paid tribute to the services rendered in this direction by the Canadian Association of Consumers.
"Considering that it has been voluntary organization of businessmen on a limited budget, it has really done a tremendous job," said the liberal new-comer to Parliament.
Miss Jewett listed four rights to be entitled, making up what might be called an effective consumer's bill of rights to help every consumer every day. These four rights are:
1. The right to be fully informed protection against the marketing of goods which are hazardous to health and safety.
2. The right to be informed, with protection against fraudulent or misleading advertising or labelling.
3. The right of choice between a variety of products or services at competitive prices.
4. The right to be heard—without any financial burden when government policy is being formulated or implemented.

Wide Open Field

Miss Jewett, who represents the urban-rural riding of New-berland, suggested that much could be done to strengthen existing laws and programs—but "if it is time the consumer was given a full and effective voice in Canada the best way to assure this is through a distinct government department with its own responsible minister."
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Tangled Lines

Ottawa Report by Patrick Nicholson

Urges Consumers' Bill of Rights

Is the "large economy size" really a bargain?
The poor bewildered consumer cannot tell this, without a mathematical training and a slide-rule. And since the consumer who has to answer this question is generally the harassed housewife, this means that father's pay-check can only be protected by mother if she is able to do some re-ckoning with a slide-rule, in front of every shelf in the grocery store.
There are other questions which the consumer should ask and have answered for his own protection. According to Dr. Pauline Jewett, when she addressed the Canadian Association of Consumers on the topic "The Consumer and Government..."

Farm Exodus To Canada

London Free Press

An innovation in farm immigration, proposed transfer of many Italians to a newly acquired cattle farm in Ontario, is being examined by Premier John P. Robers. Under auspices of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, a group of businessmen would set up a cattle farm in Ontario and send out the labor and accept the output from its acres in Italy.
The scheme would be one way of Canada entering the European Common Market, operating on a contracting basis. Meat, canned or frozen, hides for leather and skins, and fertilizer would be shipped to Italy.
It is suggested that the Italians would seek a ranch on Og-

The Law And Luck

Montreal Gazette

Most people have their monetary lapses, are thoughtless at times, or have their attention distracted. But that's quite different from driving a car like an automobile, when under the influence of liquor.
Chief Justice McRue believes it is quite wrong to pass judgment according to the result of impaired driving. If the members of the public have managed to get out of the way of an impaired driver, he may only be fined, or given a brief jail sentence. If someone has not been able to get out of his way, and happens to be killed, then a heavy jail sentence may be imposed.
Unusual sentences of this kind are not based on inequality of guilt, but on the fact that one doesn't kill anybody may only be lucky. And good luck, in the law recognize his good luck, instead of the risks he took with human life!

Egypt Far In Debt

Guelph Mercury

Nasser and Khrushchev, in parting, have made a deal. Dealing Russia's aid, he never ever remember that Russian diplomacy has enjoyed an unenviable reputation for many years. Nasser himself is one who bears watching.
Russia has repeatedly granted Egypt a new Soviet loan of \$227 millions.
Egypt has so many problems they can so easily get out of hand. It's deep in trouble. Egypt has no decent roads, a gas crisis, and a debt which is becoming a burden. The debt is \$227 million, and the debt keeps growing.
Nasser wants to make Egypt a world power, and he has seriously over extended himself. He has no decent roads, a gas crisis, and a debt which is becoming a burden. The debt is \$227 million, and the debt keeps growing.

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Single-Car Accidents

Dr. Delen
The deadly one-car crash is on the rise in many parts of the country. In Chicago, the problem is especially serious because deaths of this type increased 38 per cent in four years. In Ontario, 18 per cent in other accidents. Traffic experts are concerned mainly with the driver who hits a fixed object, such as a pole, tree, or house.
The Chicago Traffic Safety Review collected pictures of many of these casualties. In one instance, the car was on its well lighted straight stretch of road and hit a pole, killing the driver. The driver was working at 3.50 a.m. She ran over the sidewalk and knocked down a concrete water tank in a parking lot where she made a complete circle. The car continued on its way, vaulted the sidewalk, again crossed the street, and came to rest on a utility pole at the end of another parking lot. The police could not account for this fatal accident.

Many more examples were given and traffic authorities and police officers at autopsy studies when a death occurs immediately or within a few hours after the accident. A far, a high proportion of the drivers has been drinking. Is this the answer?
There is no doubt that a man can be so tired he does not know the road he is on, or the same when intoxicated as well as tired or really drunk. In this situation, they are not aware of a danger or side-swiping another car.
A person's personality, especially a teen-ager, might get extremely costly after imbibing too much. An epileptic may develop a convulsion when driving alone. He sways and sways, and the wheel while unconscious and steps on the accelerator when the car is in the wrong stage of the attack. People also use cars to commit suicide, and some have used them as a heart, stroke or stroke and die before the ambulance arrives.
In my opinion, these are the conditions that must be investigated. No alternative candidate information is difficult to obtain because the victim is well protected by their consent.

THE REAL PROBLEM
But the real problem is even more difficult for the Republicans. They cannot manufacture a new Barry Goldwater at the convention no matter what clever phrases are used in the platform. His whole appeal rests on his claim that he is no trimmer. He speaks his mind no matter what the polls are saying. But he will believe him if he now puts his independence in cold storage, and for the sake of the nomination, accepts a platform which repudiates his past and mortgages his future?
The Republican convention, in short, is in the grip of the Goldwater forces, but in rocking the candidate and in writing the platform. The last desperate squirmings to a c.p.a. as well as that grip is all the independence now left to his Republican opponents. It is a pathetic parody of a great party and a great decision.

The Goldwater Grip

Max Freedman in the Winnipeg Free Press

The great question now is whether Senator Barry Goldwater will be able to control the extremists or will be controlled by them. The answer will not be given by the struggle over the Republican platform. They are utterly cynical about that exercise. They are ready to accept all amendments which they can write the line. What Senator Goldwater says and does after the convention is infinitely more important in his judgment than the careful campaign written into the election platform. And they have no doubts about the reality of the Republican convention. What price would they exact for their consent to THEIR OWN IDEAS?

I was assured that the Goldwater forces would not sink to the primitive revenge of going on a prolonged slug, and sitting out the campaign. This conduct would be in defiance of their present power in the party. They are eager to consider that power, to assert it, and to use it to fix their own ideas of the candidate and in writing the platform. The last desperate squirmings to a c.p.a. as well as that grip is all the independence now left to his Republican opponents. It is a pathetic parody of a great party and a great decision.

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There will be an interruption of electric power west of Montrose River on Wednesday, June 24, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Daylight Saving Time.
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