

New Zealand Politics Loses Colorful Figure in Retirement of Robert Semple

AUCKLAND, N. Z., (CP) — New Zealand politics has lost its most colorful figure by the retirement of Robert Semple.

At 80 years of age, he has decided not to contest the general election in November. The man who called Hitler and Mussolini "mad dogs" in the days of appeasement, and involved the government of the day in apologetics, has made his last appearance in Parliament.

In his time, Bob Semple got into more fights and controversies than any other parliamentary figure of this century. He does not look the part. Lean and ascetic looking, he stands six feet, three inches, dresses immaculately, carries a slender walking stick, and usually wears a red flower in his lapel.

WORKED IN MINES

Born in a slab hut in New South Wales, the son of a Scottish shepherd, he went to work in the mines at an early age. Coming to New Zealand, he became an organizer for the Federation of Labor.

Later he headed a non-stop, non-drinking, non-gambling tunnelling gang which established records still not surpassed in their field.

He entered Parliament in 1918 as a Labor member, and with one break has been there ever since. When Labor came to power in 1935 he was appointed minister of works and retained the portfolio throughout the Labor rule of 14 years.

Inefficiency, quackery, pretension and profiteering were like snathema to him.

ROUGH FIGHTER

The country began delightedly to collect his sayings. Of bankers and capitalists he said: "I don't object to them any more than a dog objects to a flea. However, the dog has a positive objection to where the flea gets its living."

But he was as much an enemy of Communists as of capitalists. He wrote a widely-circulated booklet, "Why I Fight Communism."

and was at least as uncompromising to Stalin as to Hitler.

Once he descended on a construction job and was shown a pile of earth which had taken two men a day to shift. Rolling up his sleeves, the minister grabbed a long-handled shovel and a barrow and moved the earth right back again in 10 minutes flat.

Next day the job was closed down and the men dismissed. "If men don't give a fair return they are impostors on the public purse," he said.

He delighted in controversy. "When they knock off calling me names," he said, "I get lonely."

His versatility extended to three fields. Once at a political meeting he sang a duet with the noted baritone Peter Dawson.

He left Parliament carrying the miner's helmet which has always been in an honored place in his office. And he took with him the goodwill and affection of men of all political parties.

Hampton

Mr. Ian MacQuarrie has returned to Dalhousie University to resume his studies, following an enjoyable holiday period as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John MacQuarrie.

Best wishes of relatives and friends are being extended for the complete restoration to health and strength of Mr. James Moore, Westmoreland.

Extensive damage caused by the last hurricane to barns and other buildings within close proximity have been quickly repaired notwithstanding an unusually busy season. Heavy losers included: Messrs. J. E. McCaughey; Boyd MacQuarrie; Melville Bell; Estate of Hector MacKay; Robert Ferguson; Gordon Villett; and Joseph Trowsdale.

Best wishes for an early return to former health and activity, are extended to Miss Ethel Inman, who

is a patient at the P. E. I. Hospital.

It is pleasing to learn that Mrs. Homer Provencher is steadily convalescing at her home, following a recent major operation in the P. E. Island Hospital.

A very fine stretch of pavement has been laid down at Carleton Siding, connecting with the T. C. Highway, and the old cement highway leading to Borden. This will prove a welcome asset to this busy shipping centre, and to business places.

Mrs. G. V. Ferguson entertained the Hampton W. I. at her home, on Thanksgiving Day for their October meeting.

Members of Hampton Church Women's Auxiliary, held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. George R. Cannon, on October 13, under the direction of the President. The period of worship was led by the President, followed by a most interesting agenda of business. Mrs. G. R. Ferguson invited the members to her home for the November meeting. Lunch was served and a social period enjoyed.

It was the privilege and pleasure of our young people, supplemented by a much lesser number of adult citizens of our district to see and enjoy the moving pictures in the hall, showing the Great Alaskan Highway, etc. supplied by the National Film Board, with the Projector under the skillful operation of Mr. F. A. Merrill.

Nobleman Dies On Eve of Sale Of Old Home

STAUNTON HAROLD, England (Reuters) — A nobleman whose family name dates from the ninth century died Tuesday just before his 1,561-acre ancestral home here was to be auctioned.

Earl Ferrers, 60, had ruled over the 66-roomed decaying mansion, eight farms, cottages, forests and a village school since he succeeded his father, the 11th earl, in 1937. The earldom now goes to Viscount Tamworth, Lord Ferrers' 25-year-old son.

Lord Ferrers had tried in vain since the Second World War to maintain the family home in face of mounting taxes. He settled in a

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small house close to the mansion's lodge.

He suffered a bitter disappointment earlier this year when the

National Trust, which acquires historical buildings for the nation, rejected his application to take over the family mansion.

The National Trust agreed, however, to take over Staunton Harold church erected in England under Oliver Cromwell's rule.

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| 4 Elizabeth Gallant, Summerside Jr. High, Grade 9, Piano Solo. | 8 Salome Wedge, St. Mary's Academy, Grade 7, Piano Solo. |
| | 9 Vivian Rickard, St. Mary's Academy, Grade 7, Reading. |

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DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Mince
 - Robust
 - Single unit
 - Friars
 - Chief of a clan (Scot.)
 - Pauses
 - Yex
 - Occur
 - A diamond (slang)
 - Shell for ice cream
 - Radium (sym.)
 - Man's nickname
 - Per. to a volcano
 - A story from the past
 - Kind of hat
 - Noah's boat
 - Plead
 - Establishes
 - Individual
 - Agreement between nations
 - Musical note
 - Land measure
 - Measure of weight
 - Bench-like seat
 - Leaves of a book
 - A youth employed for errands
 - Ruffie
 - Course
 - Observes
 - Farm animals
 - DOWN
 - Gum

ACROSS

19. Scolds persistently
21. Movable barrier
24. Honey-gatherer
25. Office force
26. Mistakes
27. Fastens
28. Pacific coast state
29. Fresher
31. Implements

DOWN

2. Scolds persistently
3. Single unit
4. Hebrew letter
5. Coin (Fr.)
6. Rapid-firing small arms
7. The reptile that bit Cleopatra
8. Spatial (Chem.)
9. Test
11. A slight, hasty repeat
13. Contain
15. Hit (slang)
18. Many-sided

Yesterday's Answers

35. War
37. Recline
38. Peace: defied by the Roman
40. Verso (abbr.)

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE—Here's how to work it:
A X Y D L E A A X B
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

A Cryptogram Quotation
J N D L Q L G R D Q L T, G N W C R D Q L T
S D C W C P V G H C H V M N C Y W G R D J L

Yesterday's Cryptogram: COURAGE, BROTHER! DO NOT STUMBLE, THOUGH THY PATH BE DARK AS NIGHT—MACLEOD.

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