

Both Leaders To Blame

Commenting on the resumption of the dreary flag debate at Ottawa last week, the Toronto Globe and Mail calls it a defeat of one of Parliament's most basic rights—the right to bring to a vote an issue that has already been thoroughly discussed and rediscussed.

HOW IT STARTED—After all, it is the Government that decides the business priorities of the House, not the Opposition. It was Mr. Pearson who decided that the flag was more urgent than a lot of business which was specifically mentioned in the Speech from the Throne as of grave public importance.

That wasn't the end of his bungling tactics. On the first day of the resumed flag debate, Mr. Pearson insisted on adherence to the rules which decree that motions for concurrence in committee reports take precedence over all other matters.

Mr. Diefenbaker reacted as might have been expected, by urging that the rules be suspended so as not to deny the House "its right of examination and scrutiny through questions." Instead of seizing the chance for creating good will by acceding to this request, Mr. Pearson insisted that "for this day at least we should follow the normal procedure," and was promptly charged by his opponent with disregarding the rights of Parliament.

ANOTHER BUNGLE—This bad start set the stage for the long procedural wrangle over a subsequent Tory motion that the flag report be sent back to the committee with instructions to provide for the taking of a plebiscite.

Incensed, Mr. Pearson made a sharp rebuttal, ending up with the rhetorical question: "We ask you, Mr. Speaker, whether or not an amendment sending this matter back to this six weeks committee is in order..."

Which brings us up to date on the subject, and shows that the blame can be placed evenly on the two chief parliamentary champions—the bungling amateur

on one side, and the implacable pro on the other. So far as causing "injury to Parliament" is concerned, they're pretty much in the same boat. The Montreal Star goes as far as to suggest there must be "a growing number of voters" who are casting about for alternatives for both of them.

UN Crisis Shelved

The United Nations Assembly emerged last week out of crisis into an unprecedented experiment in enforced international unanimity. The difficulty was to carry on business without taking sides while the Soviet Union and the United States negotiated further on the controversial question of UN finances.

This, of course, leaves the issue unresolved. But on Wednesday, talks are to resume between U.S. State Secretary Rusk and the Soviet representative, Mr. Gromyko, to try to work out a compromise solution. Meanwhile, by sticking to unwavering subjects in the coming weeks the Assembly can skirt entirely the question of whether Moscow has or has not lost its vote for peace-keeping arrears.

A Washington source hints that the Soviets have agreed to talk about contributing to a UN "rescue fund," sufficient to take care of immediate arrears without admitting their claim that the have been unjustifiably billed for peace-keeping operations in the Middle East and the Congo.

Indeed, both Moscow and Washington took a big step away from their previous unyielding positions when they agreed to the arrangement for a voteless Assembly opening. But you can't please everybody in this country as it is to open a corner grocery. Easter, in fact, because even the latter made a municipal business licence.

Good news of sorts comes from Cuba. Premier Castro has considerably eased restrictions on Western press correspondence in recent months, with results that have proven of mutual benefit and may set a pattern for better public relations in the future.

In the past, correspondents had to wait for as long as eight hours to make a telephone call to New York or other cities in the West. Cables were held up for hours, and sometimes cut or altered by censors. Then, early this year, the situation began to improve.

The wait on overseas telephone calls now seldom exceeds one hour. Cables are no longer cut or changed, and are moved more quickly. Also, correspondents are less restricted in their movements about the island.

This is interpreted as meaning that Castro feels his revolution is secure against overthrow from within and that he can permit foreign correspondents to report on conditions in Cuba, both good and bad, in relative terms. Whatever his motives, his changed attitude is to be welcomed. The best assurance he can give that he is not planning mischief to his neighbors is to let the daylight in on his activities.

EDITORIAL NOTE Ottawa's 169,000 eligible voters will give their verdict today on one of the most bitter civic election campaigns in the capital's history.



TWO-GUN DIEF RIDES AGAIN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Pithy Comments At Brockington Luncheon

One of the greatest masters of the English language in Canada today is Leonard Brockington, widely and justly famed as an orator and a teller of odd tales but equally distinguished as a constitutional lawyer, an adviser to corporations and a great Canadian.

Lax Drug Restrictions

It must be news to most Canadians that it is as easy to go in to the drug manufacturing business in this country as it is to open a corner grocery. Easter, in fact, because even the latter made a municipal business licence.

Calling Dr. Strangelove

Defence Minister Paul Hellyer used to describe some terrible thing, it is possible to pretend that the thing is not so terrible after all.

Toward Despotism

The South African government is engaged in a witch hunt, he has said, that is not so terrible after all. The term atomic bomb brings a very unpleasant picture to the mind.

The East Wind Chills

Indications are that the Soviet Union and Communist China enjoyed only a temporary truce during Premier Chen En-lai's visit to Moscow. The Chinese official had no more than a few words of criticism blossomed again.

Sulfamylon For Burns

Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen of the University of Chicago has outlined a new method of treating burns devised at Brooke General Hospital in San Antonio, Texas.

Approximately 70,000 persons are treated in hospitals annually for this mishap. This does not include the millions who sustain minor burns in the kitchen or at work. Most of the more serious injuries along this line affect children who are playing with boiling water or hot grease.

The depth of the burn is traditionally classified into first, second, and third degree. The first two heal spontaneously but the third degree does not.

The burn is likely to be deeper than it appears. This does not mean that the burn is deeper than it appears. This does not mean that the burn is deeper than it appears.

The damaged tissues are excellent soil for the growth of microorganisms, which are in fact infection usually develops. It is here that sulfamylon will enter the scene.

HUSBAND SEEKER WANTED

VICTORIA (CP)—A woman who has been widowed and whose finances are being studied here. The Society of Woman Oppo.

SCHOLASTIC LINK

REGINA (CP)—Tarnia Woroboy, 14, restricted to her bed room by a waist-high plaster cast, is learning her school lessons by intercom. Illness in a basketball accident, she now receives all lessons from nearby Sheldon Williams, a colleague through the electrically operated intercom.

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FLU IMMUNITY

R.S. writes: If you shots are taken three years in a row, does this make you immune for life?

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Exercise may delay the aging process. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to the so-called south chase him right over the border into England.)

Important

ALL HIGH SEAS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN regardless of age MUST BE RESERVED for travel on the QUEEN ELIZABETH HALIFAX-MONTREAL NO EXTRA COST Avoid disappointment Make your reservations early

Britain And The Arabs

When he became Foreign Secretary Gordon Walker made a point of letting it be known that the Labour Government was ready for better relations with the Arab States and with the Muslim world.

Premier Shastri In Britain

By Joseph MacGreen Canadian Press Staff Writer

"We will devise our own way and means as to how to defend ourselves. This world is big enough for all of us to make this problem. Most of the world is without nuclear devices and weapons which therefore we should not think purely in selfish terms... I do hope that all the independent countries will combine in planning on this."

FLINTY DETERMINATION

As the cameramen went to work, Shastri gazed serenely about with mild amusement. Then he made a little speech about how glad he was to meet so many nice people. He hoped he had brought some Indian sunshine to London which he always heard of as a foggy place.

Some correspondents, facing the trail, five-foot-high premier for the first time, found it difficult to believe they were listening to the leader of the world's most populous country apart from China.

Shastri, 60, sounded a bit like a schoolboy in his predecessor, India's late premier Nehru, when he spoke of possible new initiatives in the leadership of the United Nations, and guarantees against attack by nuclear powers.

But then he emphasized that dignity and honor decreed that India must place its defence against an aggressive Communist China on a plane equally high as that of the United Nations, and guarantees against attack by nuclear powers.

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