

Ottawa Report
By Patrick Nicholson

The most acrimonious discussions of this session of Parliament are being heard behind closed doors in the secret committee planning new rules of procedure in the House of Commons. Members of all parties agree that Parliament sits for too long each year; but they are unable to agree on changes in the rules aimed at shortening sessions.

Parliament drags on and on largely because many leaden-tongued members waste time reading speeches aimed at their constituents rather than at their fellow legislators. This happens especially during the opening debate of each session, after the Governor General has read his speech from the Throne. This document, written by the Prime Minister and his advisers, outlines the state of the world, the state of the nation, and the government's proposals to improve both. For three or four weeks, many members then explain that all that is needed to make the world in general and their own prosperous little constituency in particular a happier place, is a new bridge at government expense across their little Punkeedoodles Crick.

The government has proposed that the Throne Speech debate should be limited to a week and a half. A similar restriction is proposed for the Budget debate. Liberal committee members have also proposed that debates on supply should be limited to one day each on eight occasions in each session. These are the traditional times when private members can raise any grievance in the national interest. They sometimes lead to long and important discussions such as this session's debate on Howard Green's proposal that a parliamentary committee should study the worsening unemployment situation across Canada, and recommend steps to remedy it.

Finally Liberals have proposed that examinations of the estimates of government expenditure should be restricted to 20 days, or less than one quite inadequate day for each department's bill averaging \$200,000,000.

Muzzling Future M.P.s.

The problem is that this Parliament is not just changing the rules for this Parliament; but for all future Parliaments too. It is widely felt that M.P.s. should not be deprived of the occasions when each and every one has an opportunity to raise grievances in the interest of his electors or of all Canadians.

Responsible members of the opposition, and I understand this especially covers C.C.F. members, believe that any change made should only be with unanimous consent. They are determined to fight tooth and nail, and if nec-

Held For Giving False Testimony

ROME, (AP)—A former private secretary who told investigators she saw Wilma Montesi thrown into the sea was arrested today on a charge of giving false testimony.

She is Pasilde Ganzaroli, 32, one among many volunteers who have claimed inside information on the death of the girl, which has become Italy's most sensational post-war scandal.

Wilma, 21, was found dead on the beach at Ostia April 11, 1953. A young magazine editor, Silvano Muto, went on trial on a charge of spreading false and alarmist news for writing that she was a victim of a narcotics party at a fashionable hunting lodge nearby, and linking the case with figures such as Italy's society and government. The trial was halted in March and further investigation ordered.

Miss Ganzaroli declared she and a male companion saw Wilma thrown into the sea while they were concealed behind a clump of bushes. But the man denied it.

essary to stay here talking until the Fall in support of their stand, if they suspect that the Government is using its top-heavy majority to steam-roller the minority against its convictions.

Tedious Readings

One popular suggestion heard by the committee is that the time limit for each member's speech should be cut from 40 to 30 minutes.

Even more effective in reducing debates to essentials would be rigid enforcement of the rule that members must make their speeches instead of reading them.

The unhappy consequence of today's collapse of the art of oratory is that many individuals are congenitally incapable of speaking to the point for 40 minutes. Some such are elected to every Parliament. These write out a treatise of about 5,000 words, and then mumble it in a monotone to a bored and empty House of Commons. Worse, sometimes we have members who can neither think nor speak. These, barren of original thought, treat their disinterested colleagues to a reading of a lavish selection of other men's thoughts, generally quoted from the daily newspapers.

Today there is hardly a baker's dozen of true orators in Parliament, such as Dielenbaker, Winch, Pierre Gauthier (who mostly speaks in French), Coldwell, Sinclair and a few others, who would rate a place among the great non-reading debaters of our grandfathers' Parliaments.

Using New Tests On Candidates For Priesthood

By BOB JOYCE
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MONTREAL, (CP)—The Roman Catholic church in the United States has started to use intricate psychological tests to screen candidates for the priesthood, it was disclosed Tuesday.

Two American Jesuits said in interviews their order already is testing the scholastic ability and personality of candidates for its seminaries in the eastern United States.

Rev. William C. Bier, secretary of the American Catholic Psychological Association, and Rev. Richard T. Zegers, both of Fordham University, New York, are two of a group of Catholic priests from both sides of the border attending the 14th International Psychological Congress here.

At meetings Tuesday the psychologists discussed such things as use of electronic computers, instinctive behavior in animals and use of tests to probe motivation and behavior.

KNOWING TRUE AND FALSE

Referring to the use of psychology in religion, Father Bier said: "True vocations to the priesthood come from God, but the problem is to winnow the true from the false. In addition the fact that a man has a vocation to the priesthood doesn't mean that he has the special abilities required by the order to which he applies."

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marks by themselves give a measure of ability plus application. But how much is ability and how much application is something else. We want to know a man's ability."

The National Catholic Educational Association at its last meeting in Chicago at Easter had two panels studying the use of psychological tests in estimating vocations. Both panels decided the tests were useful but should be conducted, and the results interpreted by a competent psychologist.

NO CONFLICT

Father Zegers said Catholics see no conflict between experimental psychology and their religion. "In fact it's a principle of the Catholic church that there can be no essential conflict between science and religion," he said.

"Every priest has got to be something of a psychologist in and out of the confessional."

"We don't agree with the often-heard view that sin is just a mental disease and that all wrongdoers are merely ill. But we hew to a middle course between two extremes—the view that man is never free and that he is always free."

"Many persons today are worried about the religious implications of certain of their thoughts

and attitudes when in fact these things may have nothing to do with religion and be purely psychological phenomena.

"The more our priests know about psychology the more they will help those that come to them for comfort and advice."

ROLE OF COMPUTERS

Professor Charles F. Wrigley of the University of Illinois said that electronic computers, or so-called mechanical brains, have a large part to play in psychology but they will never replace the psychologist.

Dr. Wrigley said computers make calculating so easy that there is a danger numbers may sometimes be collected just for their own sake.

"Great selectivity and great restraint will be needed if this new medium is to be used properly," he said.

A native of Auckland, New Zealand, Dr. Wrigley went to Illinois from McGill in 1951. Previously he studied at London university.

He said there now are about 40 electronic computers in the United States, each costing between \$250,000 and \$500,000.

The original Harvard machine sometimes took seven seconds to perform a multiplication and up to a minute for a division. The

To Discuss Maritime Economy at Conference

ANTIGONISH, N.S., (CP)—Three major topics of Maritime economy will be dealt with at the biennial rural and industrial conference to be held at St. Francis Xavier University here next month.

Under discussion will be the critical coal situation, the importance of electric power and forest resources as a basis for Maritime industries.

Expresses Criticism Of Gambling Views

MOOSE JAW (CP)—A United Church official has criticized Commissioner L. H. Nicholson of the RCMP for advocating relaxed gambling laws with gambling operations brought under effective control.

Rev. William G. Berry of Toronto, associate secretary of the board of evangelism and social service for the United Church of Canada, told the Saskatchewan Illinois machine, known as Illiac, built recently could handle 1,000 multiplications or divisions a minute or up to 10,000 additions and subtractions.

conference Tuesday that the commissioner contradicted even the spirit of the RCMP report which stated gambling is the major source of crime and delinquency in Canada.

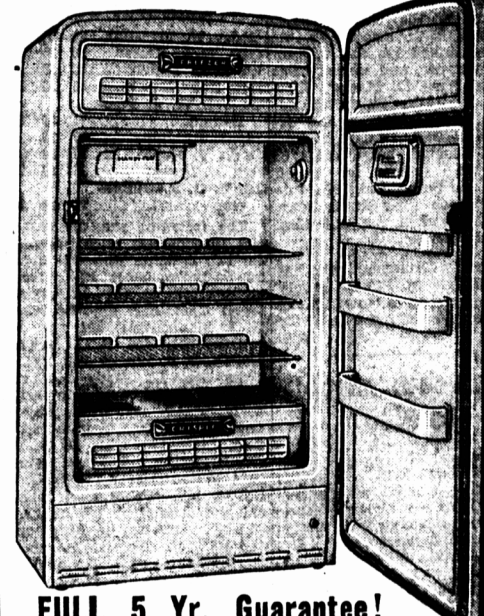
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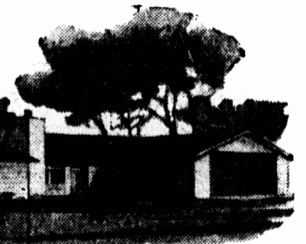
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