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Mr. Pearson's Pledges

When the last Parliament was in session, Liberal speakers viewed with grave alarm the huge expenditures undertaken by the Diefenbaker Government. They couldn't see where the money was to come from and they predicted that the country's economy would be wrecked by lavish outlays. Today the tune has changed and the Liberal leader, Mr. Pearson, has gone all out in pledges to slash taxes by \$400,000,000 a year and provide a big array of other concessions if his party is elected to power on March 31.

If taxes are so exorbitant today, Mr. Pearson will recall that they were even more burdensome last June, when the Liberals went to the country with a bulging treasury. They refused to give to Canada's provinces and municipalities adequate revenues with which to perform their natural functions. This is where the shoe pinched in Prince Edward Island. Mr. Diefenbaker's assurance of more generous tax-sharing terms, and of special consideration to the Atlantic Provinces, was met by the argument that the treasury simply couldn't stand it. Now, it seems, after all the expenditures incurred in implementing Conservative campaign pledges—it can stand being drained of another \$400,000,000 provided the Liberals are restored to office. It is all very confusing.

The reason given, of course, is the recession. But a recession was predicted by the St. Laurent Government's own economic advisers, and they did nothing about it. Wouldn't a few of those tax cuts have been helpful then, in cushioning the situation? Mr. Pearson doesn't deal with that phase of the question; but it leaves us wondering.

In The Deep South

Claud Cruell owns 100 acres down near Greenville, S.C. Some months ago a penniless tenant of his, who lived in a shack at the edge of Cruell's acres, had to go to a hospital where his wife lay sick. The tenant, Sherwood Turner, had no place to leave his small children. Cruell and his wife went to the Turner shack to baby sit.

It was, notes the Milwaukee Journal, a kindness and a neighborly thing to do. But by some South Carolinian standards it was all wrong. Cruell, you see, is Negro. His poor tenants are white. A group of Ku Klux Klansmen took it upon themselves to teach Cruell a "lesson"—a lesson for being uppity and aspiring to associate with and act as good as white folks. They went to the Turner shack and beat Cruell unmercifully.

The klansmen were arrested. Four of them went before a deep south, all-white jury the other day. Two were found guilty of conspiracy and assault and battery, two with only conspiracy. A southern judge sentenced the leader to six years at hard labor, his chief sidekick to three years and the others to a year. Here southern justice did what justice should do. It's not a sign by any means that justice prevails throughout the south. But where it does it deserves notice.

Uphill Fight

As mentioned in these columns a few days ago, President Eisenhower is finding it difficult to find favour for a renewal of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement Act. Later reports reveal that the task might be even more difficult that it appeared at first.

The chief proponent of the measure is Democratic Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois. In a recent Senate speech, Mr. Douglas stated that if the proposed legislation is not approved, the loss to the United States in political prestige in Europe is likely to be heavy; and even its military security might be jeopardized to some extent.

Mr. Douglas' argument is that, since the United States needs intermediate-range missile bases on European territory, the wisest thing would be to encourage expansion of trade with European countries in every way possible rather than decrease it by setting up high tariff barriers. These European countries are not too enthusiastic as it is about permitting missile bases on their soil; they are going to be less so if the United States persists in treating them unfairly, according to their point of view, in the matter of trade. Moreover, so Mr. Douglas believes, they are likely to turn to the Soviet Union for better trade deals—which Soviet leaders are constantly urging upon them; in which case, of course, the whole system of European-American co-operation would be subjected to great strain.

In short, Mr. Douglas believes that the United States has much more to lose than gain by curtailing imports, especially from Europe. He may be able to persuade the majority of his colleagues to take the same view. But, according to reports, it is going to be an uphill fight all the way.

Ottawa Centennial

This is Ottawa's centenary year. Actually the Dominion capital came into existence on December 31, 1857. When Queen Victoria ended the wrangle between the cities in Upper and Lower Canada—Toronto and Kingston, Montreal and Quebec—by proclaiming Ottawa as the capital, one of the reasons advanced to the Queen in its favor was that it was sufficiently far from the Canada-U.S. border to be reasonably safe from invasion. One American newspaper remarked that "the invaders would probably be lost in the woods trying to find it."

Now, after 100 years, Americans appear to have less difficulty in finding Ottawa than do Canadians. That at least is the complaint voiced in an Ontario exchange, which notes the number of Canadians who have never seen their national capital but have visited Washington and returned with reels of moving pictures as souvenirs.

It is hoped the trend will be reversed this year. Ottawa is a beautiful city, not only for its imposing buildings on Parliament Hill and miles of artificial parkland drive-ways, but for its natural setting—the Ottawa River, the Rideau Canal, and the deep blue of the towering Laurentians across the river; in Quebec. Canadians should certainly visit and discover for themselves their country's capital. It cannot be done in a day, nor in two; but a week spend in the city and its environs would be found to be most rewarding.

EDITORIAL NOTES

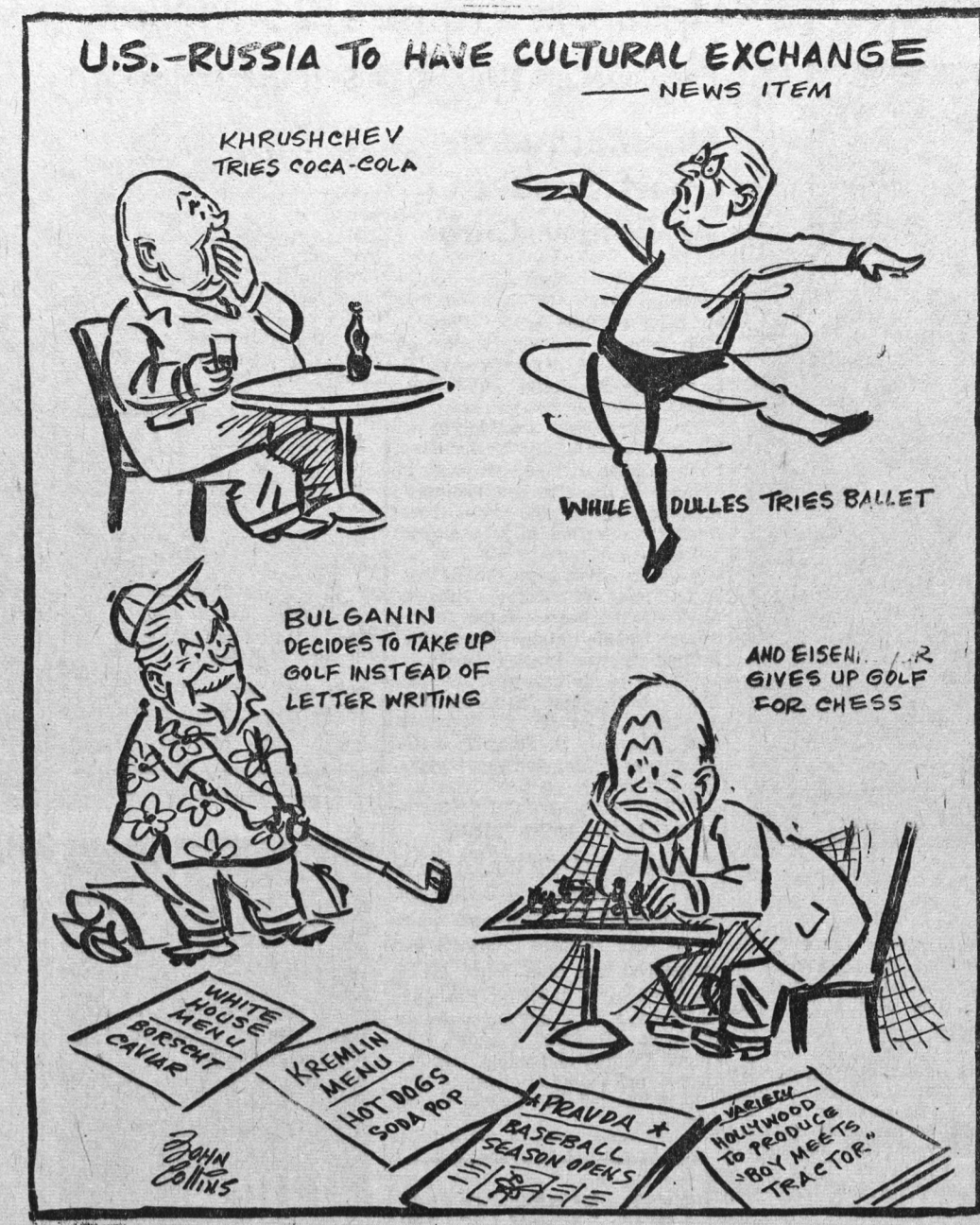
A "stable" government may not necessarily be a "good" government; but it is certain that before a government can hope to carry out its responsibilities well it must have a reasonable measure of stability.

Are there any unused lighthouses for sale in these parts? A woman advertised in a London newspaper for one. She said she doesn't care where it is situated, so long as it isn't too far from land. She wants to "get away from it all" but not so far away that she couldn't get back should she change her mind.

The officials of at least one Canadian town are a little dubious about the future stability of the Canadian dollar. The town council of Saanich, B.C. recently decided to purchase \$90,000 worth of American currency to protect itself against the possibility of the U.S. dollar's selling for a premium later this year.

A Canadian educator says that "before anything can be done about solving the problems of education a thorough study should be made to ascertain exactly what these problems are". Is it possible that any problem in education remains in-hiding after all the publicity and research that have been devoted to the subject in recent years?

The Traffic Safety Association of Detroit believes in recognizing merit as well as in punishing carelessness. Last year, five drivers so selected by special traffic patrolmen were judged on their performance in Detroit's busy traffic. The winner—a woman—received a \$100 bond; the others got bonds of smaller denominations.



THAT CRAZY MIXED-UP CULTURE

OTTAWA REPORT Implemented Promises

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

OTTAWA: When the Queen of Canada opened our 23rd Parliament on a Monday after last October, she read a speech prepared for her by her First Minister, setting out the legislative program to be laid before that Parliament.

- 1. "To improve the lot of the senior members of our society."
2. "To increase the payments to be made under the Old Age Assistance Act, the Blind Pensions Act, and the Disabled Persons Act."
3. "To increase the scale of War Veterans Allowances, and to enlarge the groups to whom they are paid."
4. "To enact a measure to provide greater stability in the prices of agricultural products, in order to assure to the farmers of Canada a fair share of the national income."
5. "To permit prairie farmers to receive cash advances for grain stored on farms."

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Farmers who have harvested grain, which cannot be accepted by the overcrowded elevators, yet who need cash to tide them over, may now draw advances of up to \$3,000 on the security of their undrained crops.

- 6. "As an immediate start upon a program of more extensive development in the Atlantic Provinces, to authorize, in joint action with provincial governments, the creation of facilities for the production and transmission of cheaper electric power in those provinces."
7. "To ensure that those working in industries under Federal jurisdiction will receive annual vacations with pay."
8. "Changes in certain of the taxing statutes will be submitted for your approval."

Make Way For Youth!

Judith Robinson in The Toronto Telegram

Ottawa—A thing that sticks in memory about the end of the 23rd Parliament was the way youth was in at the death and enjoying every minute of it.

The Young Progressive Conservatives who descended on Ottawa last Friday to have themselves a convention also had themselves a ball. By Saturday they were all over town. But they never got very far from Parliament Hill without hurrying back. It was their magnet and they could not keep away.

They swarmed around and through it, yoo-hooing to friends half a corridor away, queuing for a turn in the galleries, descending like polite but hungry locusts on dining room and cafeteria, rushing back to the registration desk at the hotel to make sure they weren't missing anything and surging uphill to the House to queue outside gallery doors again.

Muffled by partitions a high young voice came through. Here, Phyllis said. Where you? FULL OF PEP Boots clumped the corridor and the bellow resumed farther along. Phyllis can come in ... oh all right I'll tell you from here. I've been down and registered us both and got our badges and I've had breakfast and I've telephoned Art Maloney and we can have two tickets for the gallery and it starts at eleven so you'd better hurry up. How soon you're ready? ...Gees I've been up hours. I couldn't sleep.

"Ah youth, youth," the gallery philosopher said. "If I was an elected representative of the people, my palms would be sweating tonight, for I'd know those young idealists were out after my seat and I'd feel their hot breath down my neck." "Grit or Tory makes no difference," the gallery philosopher said. "These kids want the seats and they're going to get them too, make no mistake about it. These aren't any junior cheer-captains for established politicians. These are tiger cubs that got their first taste of blood last June and liked it. These are a pack of hungry young hounds who've made their first kill."

NEW AGE "The hunt is up," the gallery philosopher said, "and any aging states-man who is not quite sure he can run fast enough to keep ahead of it had better quit now before it runs right over him. "Elderly politicians have had it

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 11, 1933) The feasibility of establishing a radio broadcasting station in Truro, as proposed by Station CFCY, Charlottetown, is to be investigated by the Truro Board of Trade. When the matter came before the Board at its annual meeting, it was felt that no definite reply could be made until the proposal had been thoroughly considered.

It is planned to reconstruct the dam of the Maritime Electric Company on the Montague River. The dam, built several years ago, was recently swept away. During the interim the area will be supplied by electricity direct from the plant in Charlottetown.

TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 11, 1948) Temperatures in Charlottetown Tuesday morning—16 below zero—set a new low mark since 1934. It was reported from the Experimental Station yesterday. On January 13, 1934, the temperature registered a cold 22 below, and on February 17 registered 21 below. The intervening years have had only 14 below and that on only two occasions.

Re-opening of the RCAF Air Navigation School is to take place late in March of this year when the first naval cadet course in the post-war plan is scheduled to begin. Ground instruction only is to be given at the school at present but eventual plans call for a complete air navigation centre.

VICAR'S IDEA HALIFAX, England (CP)—Bosses should call their workers by their Christian names to create "a happy family atmosphere" in their firms, says Ven. Eric Treacy, Anglican archdeacon of Halifax.

GRATEFUL PRESENT LONDON (CP)—A Kandyan silver tray made in the shape of Ceylon has been presented to the Royal Navy in recognition of the relief measures it undertook during recent Ceylon floods. The presentation was made at Colombo, Ceylon.

Make Annual Cancer Checkup

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. EVERY year, some 230,000 Americans die of cancer. It is estimated that at least 75,000 of these victims can be saved if only they will act in time.

Many, many cases of early cancer, as I have so often pointed out, can be cured if they are discovered and treated early.

ANNUAL CHECKUP The best way I know to discover cancer early is for everyone to have a complete physical checkup at least once a year. An annual health audit is as sound, if not more so, than an annual bank audit.

Any such examination should include special care to detect signs of cancer. Cancer can attack any part of the body, so a thorough examination of every possible site is essential for early detection.

IMPORTANT STEPS Here, then, is a list of 22 important steps which should be included in any head-to-toe physical examination you have. I suggest you take it along. You can then see how your doctor checks you when you go for your next physical.

- 1. A careful comprehensive case history.
2. Examination of the skin.
3. Examination of the eyes.
4. Examination of the aural cavity.
5. Examination of the nasal cavity.
6. Examination of the lips and mouth.

CAREFUL CHECK

- 7. A careful check by the physician's trained fingers of the neck, including the thyroid gland.
8. Examination of the heart and lungs.
9. Examination of the abdomen.
10. Examination of the back, including the kidney area.
11. In the male, inspection of the external genitalia.
12. In the female, a meticulous examination of the breast.
13. In the female, inspection of the genitalia.
14. Direct visualization of the cervix by the speculum examination.
15. A routine Papanicolaou smear of the cervix.
16. A manual pelvic examination.
17. Rectal and proctoscopic examination.
18. A neurological examination.
19. Urinalysis.
20. A complete blood count.
21. Examination of the stool for occult blood.
22. An X-ray of the chest.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

R. T.: I have been advised to have an operation for the relief of osteomyelitis. Do you think this is necessary? Answer: If osteomyelitis is discovered early, penicillin and antibiotics will usually remedy this disorder. However, if a great amount of bone destruction has taken place, operation may be necessary.

The Age Old Story

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

STERN CRITIC

LONDON (CP) — Woodrow Wyatt, former Labor member of Parliament, told a meeting here that many of the British emigrants to Canada and Australia did not leave with the idea of forging a brave new world, but with the thought that income tax is too high and "let us get out of the sinking ship we can."



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NOTES BY THE WAY

About the nicest thing to save for your old age is yourself.—Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

The theft of \$10,000 worth of doilies in Chicago came as an eye-opener to those of us who hadn't realized there were \$10,000 worth of doilies in the world.—Hamilton Spectator

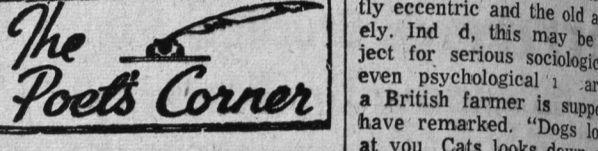
A woman reader asks if Canadian men are shy or are they just not interested in women. Madam, Canadian men are interested in women, but they shy away from displaying that interest whenever the main interest is present.—Windsor Star

Announcing to the Chinese people the limited adoption of the Latin alphabet, Premier Chou En-lai adds that once it is adopted it is a Chinese. "Habet and 'no longer the ancient Latin alphabet and ever less the alphabet of any other country.'"

The affinity of Victoria cats is practically one of the law of nature, and we have an idea that it goes a great deal farther than the mere fact that the town's population has a fairly high proportion of the types of people who are likely to keep cats in large numbers—the gaily eccentric and the old and lonely. Ind. d. this may be a subject for serious sociological and even psychological research. As a British farmer is supposed to have remarked, "Dogs look up at you. Cats look down on you. Pigs is equal."—Vancouver Province

News from the champagne district of France is that the grape crop will be very poor. This is regrettable. Still, if the world is going to explode it would be a bad thing to have it happen in a vintage year.—Winnipeg Tribune

New York St. motorist is to have "permanent" plates in 1960. The plates will be treated against rust and are expected to have a minimum life of five years. They will save motorists the chore of annual changeovers and permit each owner to state on the yearly output of plates.—St. Catharines Standard



A JANUARY MORNING

The glittering roofs are still with frost; each worn Black chimney builds into the quiet sky Its curling pile to crumble silently. Far out to westward on the edge of morn, The slender misty city towers up-borne Glimmer faint rose against the pallid blue; And yonder on those northern hills, the hue Of amethyst, hang fleeces dull as horn. And hear behind me come the woodmen's sleighs With shouts and a clamorous squeaking; might and main Up the steep slope the horses stamp and strain, Urged on by hoarse-tongued drivers — cheeks ablaze, Iced beards and frozen eyelids — team by team, With frost-frenzyed flanks, and nostrils jetting steam.

—Archibald Lampman in Toronto Star

PLAYERS HATE HIM

Unpopularity paid off for Fred Haney, coach of the Milwaukee Braves. He quarrelled with his men, with management and with the public, but he made the team world champions. Read this grand story in The Standard — on sale now, complete with magazine, 12-pages novel and 20 pages of comics. Only ten cents.

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