

Disgraceful Showing

To accuse any member of "lying" is a crudity that violates parliamentary etiquette...

Basically the argument is that the film, which cost \$35,000, should never have been made with the taxpayers' money...

This was denied by Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Hamilton, former minister of agriculture in the Diefenbaker cabinet...

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the feasibility of all types of crossings and the cost of each type.

Meanwhile we note that an Italian engineer proposes to build what he calls an "underwater bridge" in another part of the world at a cost —not of \$100 million as has been suggested in our case, but of \$440 million. It would link Italy and the island of Sicily across the 214-mile Strait of Messina...

The "underwater bridge" proposal was outlined at a recent international congress of tunnel builders in Genoa, and it is being studied seriously. It would involve placing two giant steel tubes under water between Ganzirri, north of Messina in Sicily, and Villa an Giovanni, on the toe of the Italian boot...

The tubes would be placed at a depth of about 100 feet so as not to interfere with shipping. They would not be fixed to the sea bottom, thus forming a kind of underwater bridge. In effect, it was explained, they would hang like rubber tubes stretched between two points and might also be called "suspended tunnels."

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"SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA"

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Five Months Of Partisan Bickering

It is sometimes said with impatience but not without a grain of truth—that our parliamentarians could not operate a peaplat stand. The year 1984 is proving the more astonishing fact that our Parliamentarians cannot even operate Parliament.

The almost complete bog-down in the nation's business in the first five months of this year was a nationwide scandal and an international joke. It was blamed by the Conservative opposition on the incompetent Liberal government; it was blamed by the Liberals on an obstructive Conservative opposition; it was blamed by the three smaller parties upon two ineffectual parties and bickering.

The truth lies largely in the creases of these three puny parties, who in parliament are showing more patriotism than partisanship.

The most damning indictment of this patchwork Parliament is the fact that many hours and many days are being devoted to superlatives, while the urgent business of the nation is being deferred.

REAL PRIORITIES Reorganization of our national railway system, financial modernization, modernizing our electoral boundaries and streamlining our electrical prescriptions now near death, modernizing farm credit and crop insurance, starting the long negotiations on a national portable pension plan—these are some of the most urgent matters which face our young parliament at the beginning of the year.

Yet our Parliament has passed only one bill—a complete irrelevance to the name of our national air line from Trans-Canada Air Lines.

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Malaria Still Rife

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Malaria remains prevalent in many of the underdeveloped countries of the world. Great strides are being made in eradication of the disease...

In all probability, malaria will remain a serious threat for generations to come. Relapses occur years after exposure and it is believed that monkeys also act as a reservoir for the four species of causative parasites.

The incubation period varies from one to two weeks. It is long enough for an unprotected traveler to return from the tropics to the United States and develop the first symptoms.

When mosquitoes bite an infected person they suck in blood containing the male and female parasites. Fertilization takes place in the insect gut and the female penetrates the stomach wall where she enlarges for 7 to 20 days.

The parasites enter man's liver, where they remain for one to two weeks. On release, they invade the blood and work into the liver cells. The typical chills and fever develop when the red cells and the parasites escape into the liquid part of the blood; the cycle is now ready to repeat.

At one time quinine was the only remedy for malaria. The source of quinine is the bark of the cinchona trees of Java left in Japanese hands during World War II. Meanwhile more GIs were suffering from malaria than from battle wounds.

Modern preventive measures have begun by travelers to tropical climates on entering a malarious area and are continuing for two or more weeks after leaving. A weekly dose of all that is necessary.

DOING TOO MUCH RN's writes: I had chorea at a married woman of 25 with a 10-month-old child. I am an outside job. I have become excited and nervous since the tension produced by a 10-month-old child is responsible or whether it has a recurrence of chorea.

APPLY TIME Mrs. S. writes: When is the best time for an elderly woman to eat apples? I love them but I eat one before lunch or in mid-afternoon, gas follows and I feel uncomfortable.

PAT AND GALLSTONES FB's writes: Will remaining on a low fat diet ward off the need for gall bladder removal?

TAPEWORM AND PRESSURE N.Y. writes: I have low blood pressure and my husband says a tapeworm must be consuming my blood. Is this possible?

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Be sure your shoes are large enough as feet expand in summer.

The Age Old Story "Rejoice not when they envy you, and let not their hearts be glad when they stumble." Proverbs 24:17.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"Do you think it's right dad," But for General Wolfe, Canada would probably be at best, another star in the U.S. flag. There would be no English—French issue, no French language and school privileges to quibble over. Ironically, Mr. Levesque and his followers likely owe everything to General Wolfe and the British victory at Vancouver's Tricentennial.

Indonesian Problem

Although the avowed intention of Indonesia's President Sukarno is to crush Malaysia, he is unlikely to risk anything more dangerous than the taunting jobs he is already delivering.

The long-term view in London is that the crisis will continue to smoulder in its present state for at least a year or two. A swift and acceptable solution is considered impossible after the collapse of the Tokyo summit meeting.

At the same time Sukarno, aware that Britain, Australia and New Zealand are explicitly committed to Malaysia's defence, is also likely to avoid turning his "confrontation" policy begun 15 months ago, into an outright war with the North Borneo border by Indonesian guerrillas, in which the Gurkha soldiers were killed during the weekend, predictably rang alarm bells throughout the Commonwealth.

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But the attacks continue on such a scale Malaysia's prime minister, Tun Abdul Razak, may be forced to make bilateral approaches to particular Commonwealth countries for immediate help in training and equipment.

Some British commentators fear the Indonesian crisis wearied by a deteriorating economic situation, a powerful anti-British and pro-Communist party at his door and a large standing army that he has to keep employed.

United Nations has learned her lesson. There won't be another Suez in the South China Sea to get Sukarno off the hook.

Courtroom No. 2

Courtroom Number 2 in the Supreme Court Building is called "the little court," it is on the north-west corner of the second floor, lined with oak and law books and smaller than a prosecutor's office. It is a place of quiet, where the judge presides over the proceedings of the court.

There it was the case of Mr. Hal C. Banks, late president of the Seafarers' International Union, came to rest yesterday morning. Mr. Banks was not there. Two lawyers appeared on his behalf for leave of appeal in the Supreme Court of the land against a conviction and 30-day sentence for contempt of court. The court has reserved its decision.

Courtroom Number 2 is only one flight of stairs and a couple of corridors away from the Exchequer Court on the east side of the first floor. But how far the case of Mr. Banks has come and what a difference in scene from the days in 1962-63 when Mr. Justice T.G. Norris was inquiring into the affairs of the SIU and violence on the Great Lakes in that Exchequer Court.

The Norris hearings were dominated by personalities — Mr. Justice Norris himself, Mr. Banks and a cast of characters from a waterfront movie. In the little court, yesterday there seemed nothing but the distilled essence of law.

Chief Justice Taschereau, Mr. Justice Fauteux and Mr. Justice Marland sat as the presiding officers of the process of justice. Only when words like "shut up" and "injunction," "shut up" were used did it seem possible that involved here were inhuman but preoccupied a nation for many worrisome months.

The usual idiom of the little court is sentences like that of Mr. John G. Ahern, lawyer for Mr. Banks: "We submit that the burden of proof is on the appellant when it should have been on the respondent." It would be hard to be farther than that from the emotion-charged language that has hitherto surrounded the doings of Mr. Banks.

After watching hearings such as the one in the little court the law seems more majestic and more than ever one of the highest achievements of man.

SWEDISH TEENS There are approximately 875,000 teen-agers in Sweden, representing more than 11 per cent of the population.

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to Air Canada — grammatical and political solemnity which will cost the taxpayer dear. Six weeks ago, Prime Minister Pearson listed thirty-seven items on what he called his "pre-summer list of parliamentary business, which must be completed before the government could give consideration to the possibility of a summer recess." Parliament was hoping to adjourn on 15 July for two months.

Three weeks later, Prime Minister Pearson gave the House of Commons a much shorter list of items, eighteen, and suggested that longer working hours would shortly be suggested "so that MPs need not give up all hope of some kind of a break this summer."

SELFISH POLITICIANS Since that second pronouncement, the Prime Minister's proposals concerning the flag have made a mockery of his revised timetable of eighteen items handled before mid-July.

The reason that the House of Commons has hit this unprecedented log jam is complex. It boils down to the fact that the Tweedie-dum and Tweedie-dee of Canadian federal politics,

tract more patrons if they could move faster. Rome now has joined the group of major world cities trying to accomplish this. Effective April 27, all parking was banned in downtown Rome. Hundreds of carmen were assigned to enforce the order, and while some Romans were indignant when their cars were hauled away and impounded after a few days the United Nations' international reported that most everyone seemed quite pleased with the results of the drastic reform.

With the lessened congestion, people found they could go to work on the buses faster than they could by car, and driving through the downtown area became less of a chore for those obliged to do so for shopping trips or business appointments.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of problems of general interest. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary. No correspondence enters into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

The Poets Corner

VIKINGS (After hearing "Beowulf" on the CBC) Very kigg among men they were; These golden-crested men Fair giant of the breed They crossed the northern Fen. They sped in beaked ships afar To settle in icy lands; They came to fight, to win their war, They came with warrior armies.

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