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Political Conflicts

With four provincial governments now running for re-election well before the expiration of their present terms, and with the possibilities of an early federal contest hanging over the country, we can expect no escape from political oratorical fallout during the next few weeks. Quebec's election excitement will be over on Wednesday. Newfoundland's on November 19. Prince Edward Island's on December 10 and Manitoba's on December 17. Rumors that New Brunswick might join this parade to the polls have not materialized, though a double by-election on December 3 to fill two Legislative seats is scheduled.

The Fredericton Gleaner notes, as a curious coincidence, that in all cases "special issues" have been set up by the governments as reasons for calling their snap elections. In Quebec it is nationalization of electric power; in Newfoundland a special program to aid fisheries; in Manitoba the implementation of a four-year development plan; in Prince Edward Island a shift of the cost of hospital insurance from a premium system to payment out of general revenue. Curiously, too, this last issue is the same one by which the Liberal government of Premier Robichaud won power in New Brunswick in 1960.

Another curious thing is that while the merits of the hospital insurance issue are still in dispute across Canada, and the dispute obviously cuts across party lines, in this Province the matter does not now seem to be in issue at all. At least, Liberal Leader Matheson maintains that the Liberals are also in favor of paying the cost of the plan out of the Province's general revenue. There were other matters of importance mentiond in Premier Shaw's election announcement, but none that could be described as "issues" in the sense that they involve a direct policy conflict between the rival parties.

However, the Liberal platform has yet to be announced. Since both parties will be fighting to win, we may expect that they will find issues enough on which to join battle. "Greatly to find quarrel in a straw" will suffice if nothing else turns up; and there will be lusty echoing of another resounding Shakespearian shibboleth: "Lay on, Macduff; and damn'd be him that first cries, 'Hold, enough!'"

There is still hope that, for at least a few precious days before Christmas, political tensions across Canada will have relaxed and there will be opportunity of thinking about other matters more in keeping with the amenities of the season. The slain will still be lying on the fields of battle, the victors still chanting their paeans of triumph at the polls; but for most of us the dust of these political conflicts will have settled, and their memory will have already begun to take the long slide into the limbo of the past.

Pope John's Visit

His Holiness Pope John figured in a news story from Rome the other day which had nothing to do with the Ecumenical Conference to which he is now giving such exhausting leadership. It was a brief story about his visit to some 240 juvenile delinquents in a reformatory, to whom he brought a special Sunday dinner and gifts in cash. Something else, too, he brought—a simple, heartwarming appeal to the youngsters to look to their future by learning how to obey and having "confidence in the Lord."

The Pope's eyes were moist, says the news report, when he appeared before this audience in an ancient reform institute in a back section of Rome near the Tiber. The boys, too, had moist eyes. They had gone all out to prepare for this gracious visit; scrubbing floors, painting walls, improvising a throne—a gilded arm chair placed on a carpet. They had put on white shirts and ties and their best Sunday suits. It was a touching occasion for everyone.

A great contrast, here, to the solemn pomp and ceremony at the Vatican proceedings, to the historic conference now in session and the momentous issues involved thereat. But perhaps, after all, this little episode is more important than it seems. It throws its own revealing light on the character and personality of the aged man on whose shoulders so many responsibilities rest, and who can take time out for such parochial ministrations as this.

He could have sent a deputy with his gifts and his message, and the children would have been honored by his remembrance of them. But they were too much in his thoughts for that. He came himself. He wanted them to know how much they counted, how happy the pleasure they derived from his gifts would make him, how much faith he had in their response to his words of encouragement.

An inspiring example, this, of what Christian charity truly means.

EDITORIAL NOTE

It comes as a shock to learn, on the authority of Ontario's Municipal Affairs Department, that in affluent Toronto there are 4,500 "dwelling units" with neither a bathtub nor a shower.

to a desire "not to have the applecart upset by another election." It was all very well, it says, for Mr. David Lewis "self-righteously to berate the Liberals for what he calls their 'insatiable hunger' to get into the government benches," but it suspects that this was arrant hypocrisy on Mr. Lewis' part.

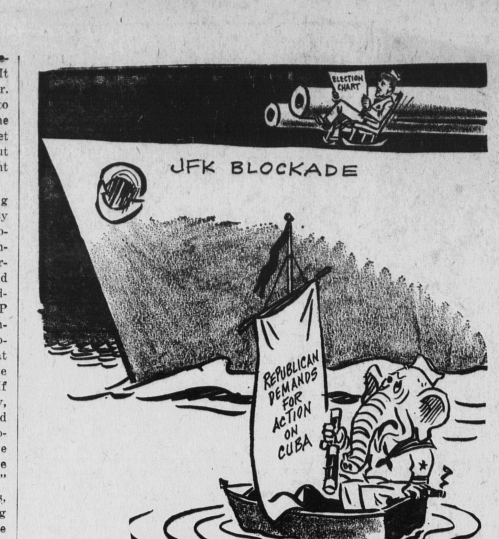
However, says our Winnipeg contemporary, "the Liberal party gained no advantage—either towards bringing down the Government or in the eyes of the electorate—by scuttling its principles and voting for the Social Credit amendment in the hope that the NDP would come along and the Government thus would be defeated. Liberal speakers tried to explain that the party was there to oppose the Conservatives, not Social Credit. If that is so, they should explain why, on October 2, the Liberals refused to vote for the Social Credit no-confidence motion because to have done so would have been to have voted for Social Credit principles."

In office, says the Free Press, "the Liberals would have nothing to do with such nonsense but in the meantime manoeuvrings of this kind, while they may amuse some who fancy themselves as strategists, simply increase public cynicism about politics and politicians." The Free Press, plainly, is not amused. Nor is it particularly happy at the necessity of having to add, in all fairness, this rider to its editorial comment:

"Out of all the non-confidence motions, amendments and subamendments only the Government emerges unscathed. It is a debatable question whether the Government program is enough to set this country back on the path towards financial solvency and to promote confidence in the Canadian economy abroad. But at least the Government is making an honorable effort and is apparently determined to stand by its measures. The other parties would halt these measures, but none has made very clear what they would introduce as alternatives."

Pained Liberal Comment

When we wish to get the authentic voice of Liberalism in Canada we turn, almost instinctively, to that grand old party organ, the Winnipeg Free Press. The Free Press has something critical to say about that Social Credit amendment (re "debt free money") to the Liberal no-confidence motion at Ottawa last week, and to which reference was made in these columns yesterday. That the New Democrats didn't vote for it, it attributes



TOOK THE WIND OUT OF HIS SAILS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Mounting Interest In Quebec Election

The results of the Quebec Provincial election on 14th November are being awaited here with unmitigated interest by politicians of three parties, with only the NDP, who are taking no part in it at all, quite unconcerned.

The "unnecessary election" is being held less than 29 months after the previous Quebec polling. But it is believed here to be likely to have interesting repercussions on the federal scene, no matter which way the ballots are marked.

The issue is described by many observers as being frankly "free enterprise versus socialism". Liberal Premier Jean Lesage called the election to seek public approval for his proposal to nationalise hydro-electric power companies in the province. His opponent, Union Nationale leader Daniel Johnson, does not basically disagree that Quebec should do what Ontario and other provinces have already done — although he prescribes certain studies before any hasty action.

Deeper than the power issue is seen the hovering shadow of Rene Levesque, Minister of Power and Minister of Hydraulic Resources in Premier Lesage's Cabinet. Johnson, his critics assert, goes far down the road to socialism; nationalisation of the power companies is only his first step. He also plans to nationalise the telephone company, pulpwood mills and the mining industry, it is charged. He is also four-square behind Lesage in criticism of the capital which has developed his province, and the English - speaking management which goes with it in many cases. This attack on "alien trusts" coupled with the socialisation plans may well encourage the business vote and the non-French speaking electorate to oppose the Liberals on polling day.

If the Liberals do not sweep the province in the election, the prospects for Liberal gains at the expense of Social Credit in the next federal election are seen as negligible.

But if the Liberals should repeat their victory of 1960, some interesting developments become possible.

Jean Lesage would resign within nine months, handing over the premiership to Rene Levesque, it is suggested here. Lesage, who was formerly a federal Cabinet Minister and has ambitions to return to play an even more starry role at Ottawa, would then modestly acquiesce in a "draft" to take over the Liberal leadership here.

The more prominent Liberals on the federal scene are conclusively split into two factions. What might be called the "New Frontier" Grits or left-wing Liberals tend to group around an Ontario hub, and are entirely English-speaking. These want to get rid of their leader, Hon. Lester B. "Mike" Pearson.

"We are hoping to have Mr. Pearson named president of a University, in which case he would announce his retirement from politics," a Liberal M.P. is quoted as saying.

QUEBEC FOR MIKE

But the more conservative Liberal element, including all the French-speaking group, is solidly behind Mike Pearson and does not want him replaced by Jean Lesage. Mostly coming from Quebec, it has been suggested, they know about Lesage, and don't believe he would be a successful federal leader; more important, they don't agree with their English-speaking Liberal colleagues that Lesage would prove to be the one champion who could rescue the Liberal damsel from the Social Credit dragon in the forest of federal politics.

For these reasons, Parliament Hill is impatient to learn the answers to the riddles: "Will Rene Levesque become Premier of Quebec?" and "Will Jean Lesage bid for the Federal Liberal leadership?" — or "Will Quebec voters turn thumbs down on the Three Ls?"

It's Not All Gluttony

Welland Tribune

It will hardly give them much satisfaction, but many fat people and those who are just merely "overweight" will likely derive a sense of justice from a report by researchers that there has been a "complete turnabout in thinking and research on the causes of corpulence."

Principally, the overweight will note with complete agreement that researchers who reported in Chicago on Tuesday observed that metabolic differences — the manner in which the body disposes of food calories after they are eaten — can cause some persons to gain but others to lose on the same amount of food consumption and energy output.

It is being suggested that physicians could use this evidence to eliminate the guilt complex some overweight children have because their acquaintances assume they are gluttons without strong will.

The finds of a group reporting to the American Academy of Pediatrics do not dispute the general assumption that the amount of food intake and activity determines a person's weight. But it is agreed that large differences exist among some individuals on the rate that food calories are burned up. One of the researchers said he knew adults who literally have to eat like birds to prevent weight gain.

That category is the one deserving great sympathy. In spite of protestations of rigid food intake control, friends and acquaintances will size us up and compliment us on our wife's cooking. There's little use describing portions of food are left on the plate and how a barricade is erected against luscious desserts. That knowing look persists!

PUBLIC FORUM

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THE CAUSEWAY PARTY

Sir,— I understand it was Abraham Lincoln who was credited with saying "You may fool all the people part of the time, and part of the people all the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time".

Now, the Tory Party in this Province were known during the last provincial campaign as "The Party of the Causeway," which has already cost the tax payers over half a million dollars in so-called surveys, but as yet there is no sign of a causeway. At the present time, with a provincial election coming up on December 10th, they are promising to pay the hospital services premiums out of the Provincial Treasury.

Now if the Tory Party should be re-elected they can ignore this promise, as they did their announcement that they would build a causeway, or they could charge the hospital services premiums to the Public Treasury, and put on another Sales Tax for the electors to pay every time they make a purchase at a store which besides being a daily nuisance, would in the long run, amount to more than they are now paying for hospital services.

The undersigned, however, is not advocating any particular scheme as the taxpayers cannot be relieved of paying for the hospital services, directly or indirectly.

I am, Sir, etc.,
ELECTOR
Kings County,

Resources For Living

Royal Bank Of Canada

This is a prodigal century, probably the most prodigal in the history of the world. We are using up the earth's resources at a pace never before known. The surface is being scratched to provide food for a rapidly increasing population, and modern industry is literally turning the earth inside out at a rate that never occurred in the past except in the neighborhood of volcanoes.

All this is creating a new environment, an environment which we are not yet sure will be healthful and habitable for us and our successors.

Human life is not a simple thing, like stepping from not being into being. Before our environment could start to support the likes of us it had to be built up from the simplest microscopic cells through higher and still higher forms. The process is still going on, as our environment changes by small degrees between ice age and ice age.

Since mankind toddled its first steps there have been great changes in the demands made by men upon the earth's produce. But in the same time there has been no significant change in the earth's 24,902 mile circumference, its 145 million square miles of ocean, its 58 million face. Our allowance of land suitable for cultivation is some 10,710 million acres, about 3½ acres for each person living today.

It is obvious that since we live within such limited bounds, every change we make in our environment, from the building of cities to the explosion of nuclear forces, has profound biological significance for us. If we alter things around us, we must adjust ourselves to new conditions of existence. Darwin's theory of survival of the fittest does not mean survival of those best fitted to cope with their circumstances.

Evolution is not only a belief about how we came to be what we are, but our hope for becoming what we need to be.

Here is the human problem in a sentence: to what extent shall we conform to patterns imposed by environment and how far shall we go in resisting them? Every force we set in motion, whether by our technology or by our treatment of soil, animals, birds, insects and bacteria, will affect the lives of many other creatures.

This problem must be faced with one tremendous factor in mind: the increasing pressure of world population. Always, so far back as history carries us, there has been this pressure of the biological increase of human beings on the sources and means of production. Some of the pressure was relieved in past centuries by expansion into new continents: some was relieved by the development of new food production processes.

There are no new continents today, and world population has increased from 900 million at the time of the American Revolution to 10,000 million in 1960.

Hormones Aid In Cancer Fight

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

THOUSANDS of men have lived 10 or more years with cancer of the prostate. They take hormones that do not cure but keep the malignant cells in abeyance. These men remain comfortable and are able to continue working and many live out their life expectancy or die of something else. This plan is followed, provided the disease cannot be eliminated by surgery or X-ray.

The prostate is under hormonal control and cancer cells originating in his organ are affected profoundly by certain glandular secretions. Their growth is suppressed by female hormone and stimulated by male sex hormones. When the use of female hormones is not enough to stop the growth, the surgeon recommends castration to prevent the manufacture of testosterone. Now and then it also is necessary to remove other endocrine glands, such as the pituitary and adrenals, that stimulate or govern the reproductive system.

Many of these men have been snatched from the jaws of death subsequent to these operations and the use of female sex hormones. Pain disappears, appetite returns, and weight and strength increase. The results are miraculous but should not be misconstrued as cures. Eventually the hormones lose their effect and symptoms return. But, by that time, many of the victims have lived their normal life expectancy.

A corresponding situation exists among women with incurable breast cancer. They improve after the use of male sex hormones, plus the removal of the ovaries and or other endocrine glands.

Many promising chemical developments are available in the treatment of other malignancies. The anti-metabolites, such as aminopterin and methotrexate, tend to suppress the growth by starving the cancer cells. Nitrogen mustard, chlorambucil, TMM, and myleran are alkylating agents that destroy cancer cells. Actinomycins also are outstanding among anti-tumor compounds.

Various other drugs are on trial and an antidote or cure is bound to follow as we learn more about the growth and development of the cancer cell. Numerous authorities believe the solution to the problem will be found in a chemical remedy.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

TOILET TRAINING

Mrs. R.E. writes: At what age is the average child completely trained in his toilet habits, allowing for an occasional slip?

REPLY

Day bladder control usually is completed by the second year, and night control a year later. Bowel training is started by the end of the first year and is improved by the majority between the 18th and 36th month. Send stamped, self-addressed envelope for leaflet on training along this line.

UNEVEN LEG LENGTH

C.M. writes: What causes one leg to become shorter than the other in adult life?

REPLY

Possibilities include fracture, certain blood vessel disorders, and diseases such as polio, tuberculosis, and osteoarthritis. Usually the defect originates before birth or in childhood.

ACCIDENT SEQUEL

T.H. writes: What is a post-traumatic psychosis?

REPLY

A mental disturbance that develops after an accident. The head need not necessarily be involved, as precipitating causes include fear, anxiety, shock, and failure to make adjustments to the mishap.

FULL STOMACH

T.H. writes: Does drinking liquids with meals cause the stomach to swell?

REPLY

Yes, but it is normal for the stomach to swell as it fills with food and drink.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
Eat less to feel best.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

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TWENTY- FIVE YEARS AGO
(November 13, 1937)

The Charlottetown Y. Knot Club sponsored a social dance Saturday evening in the YMCA gymnasium. About one hundred and fifty young people danced to the music of George Irlam and his Troubadors.

Failure in adjusting the claim for damages was the reason why the Town clock on the Court House building, damaged by fire a few days ago, was not operating. It would be necessary to renew the glass dials and have the mechanism overhauled before the clock would run.

TEN YEARS AGO
(November 13, 1952)

James E. Murphy, from Prince Edward Island, is now recovering from severe burns in Burns Lake Hospital, B.C., sustained when the gas tank of his truck caught fire, but his right hand still resembles a boxing glove.

Following a preliminary meeting last week, a large group of interested citizens met at City Hall last evening, under the chairmanship of Dr. P. A. Creelman to look further into the matter of organizing a community improvement group.

CHROME MINES

More than 25 per cent of the free world's chrome production comes from South Africa.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman tells us that men are divided into three classes: (1) The handsome, (2) the intelligent, and (3) the great majority.— Sudbury Star.

A woman may as well propose; her husband never admits after marriage that he was the one who popped the question.— Hamilton Spectator.

In Africa native tribes beat the ground with clubs and utter blood-curdling yells. Anthropologists call this primitive expression. Here we call it golf.— Welland Tribune.

If the woman who fixed up a den for her husband expects him to do all his growling there she's doomed to bitter disappointment.— Sudbury Star.

Cracks In The Bloc

Sarnia Observer

The Communist world has been noticeably shaken during the past few weeks, and the result has been not to force it into greater unity but to emphasize its divisions. In time, it may well draw together again,as it has in the past. But for the moment the interests and policies of several Communist parties and countries are in some conflict.

The American action to compel the removal of Soviet strategic weapons from Cuba has caused friction between Russia and the Castro regime. Premier Castro is opposing United Nations inspection arrangements that have been approved by Moscow, he is openly criticizing Premier Khrushchev for sacrificing Cuban interests, and the Soviet trouble-shooter, Mr. Mikoyan, has had to be despatched to Havana to reason with him.

Perhaps even more serious are the differences that have arisen over the Indian-Chinese border war. Russia has very reluctantly swung its support behind China. Until China forced the Russian hand by launching her war against India, Premier Khrushchev had been giving considerable aid and support to Prime Minister Nehru's government. Furthermore, the Indian Communist Party is publicly denouncing the Chinese invasion of India as aggression and is encouraging its members to unite behind the Nehru government.

In this process it is Russia that is the loser. The United States has compelled Russia to recoil from the Western hemisphere, and in so doing has opened up something of a rift between the Khrushchev and Castro governments. By invading India, China has taken the initiative in Asia away from Russia, and has compelled Premier Khrushchev either to support Chinese policy or publicly split the Communist bloc.

It would be very premature to see the break-up of the Communist bloc in these events. But they could foreshadow such a break-up in the future, and they have certainly shown once again, that the monolithic unity of the Communist world is close to being a myth.

Tunnel Under Mount Blanc

European Community Bulletin

Mont Blanc is no more an insurmountable barrier between Italy and France. On August 14 the last barrier of rock which separated workers from each end of the France-Italian tunnel under the mountain was blasted away, thus opening a new link between Italy and her partners in the European Community.

The seven and a quarter mile long tunnel, which cuts the road distance between Paris and Rome by about 125 miles, will be opened for traffic in 1964. It will remain open the whole year round, and is expected to carry some 300,000 vehicles and 1,500,000 people between Italy and France. Seventeen lives have been lost so far in the operation. Total material cost is expected to be $40 million.

Only one of the nine tunnels at present leading into Italy from countries north of the Alps (France, Switzerland and Austria) is for motor vehicles; the rest are for railways. The blasting of the new tunnel follows the completion of another one under the Great St. Bernard pass earlier this year, also for motor vehicles. This will connect Italy with Germany and the North, and will be opened for use early next year. Both tunnels form an important part of the Common Market Commission's projected European road network.

Improved intra - Community communications provided by the tunnel, aiding the economic integration of Europe were widely stressed in the press. Le Monde commented on August 15: "Inevitably one is tempted to prolong the straight line on the map which runs from Rome to Paris passing through the Mont Blanc, to end at London after crossing the Channel either by bridge or tunnel — to be a part of a Europe united politically and economically, it was necessary, great though the cost, for Italy to be linked to both European transport systems, the road and the rail."

PROTEST OVER CUBA

JAKARTA, Indonesia (Reuters) — Anti-American demonstrators Thursday burned furniture and broke windows at the U.S. Consulate in Surabaya, East Java in a protest over the Cuban crisis. Foreign Minister Subandrio expressed "deep regrets" and promised an investigation of the incident after U.S. charge d'affaires John Henderson lodged an official protest in Jakarta. No one was injured.

MANY SOUGHT MOOSE

SASKATOON (CP) — More than 1,300 hunters sought moose during the first week of the northern Saskatchewan season this year, a game branch supervisor reported.

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