

Ottawa Report

By Patrick Nicholson

Many friends of Mr. St. Laurent among his political colleagues are voicing their anxiety about the very evident effect upon his health of his arduous round-the-world tour.

Before the Prime Minister began his goodwill mission, doubts were expressed in Ottawa about the wisdom of a man of his age — he celebrated his 72nd birthday two months ago — undertaking the long flights and heavy programs involved in such an official progress.

Throughout the six weeks tour, his official round of functions was almost unbroken, apart from a brief respite in Hawaii. To the strain of making speeches, inspecting troops, saying the right things and eating the wrong ones at sumptuous banquets, was added the familiar misery also endured by less famous travellers of sleeping in strange beds. And as one of the backhanded saps from Marching Science, the airliner has brought the painful adjustment of Lost Hours as the borders of time zones are crossed; the strain on the metabolism of a world flight's constantly changing clock can be appreciated by everyone who has endured the uncomfortable convenience of flying the Atlantic.

The very apparent diminution of that vigor in the Prime Minister which we saw as recently as during last July's election campaign has led some of his colleagues to speculate upon his retirement.

Two years ago serious doubts were expressed whether he would fight another election as the leader of the Liberal Party. He wished to retire, it was said; his family wanted him to retire to private life to enjoy his old age in tranquility; he had been shocked by the sudden passing of his predecessor, Mr. Mackenzie King, who had weakened his constitution by remaining in full and most active office until well past man's allotted span of three score years and ten.

Second Political Wind
But Mr. St-Laurent heeded the call of his party's strategists, who believed that only he could lead them through a general election to victory. This he achieved, and in the achievement he seemed to acquire his second wind, refreshed and ready for another spell at the helm. He had grown to enjoy the heavy responsibility of his job and to like power; he would probably lead the Liberals through the next general election in 1958, when he would still be younger than Churchill now is.

International Congress Of Catholic Nurses Slated for September

The International Committee of Catholic Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants will hold its Fifth International Congress in Quebec, from September 7 to 12. Catholic nurses from all over the world are invited to these meetings, which take place every four years.

Breadalbane And Vicinity

Miss Lulu Champion was a visitor to Charlottetown, on April 13. Mr. Wayne Bernard was a visitor to Summerside on April 15. Mrs. William Anderson was a visitor to Charlottetown, on April 14.

Mrs. Allan Hickox was hostess to the Breadalbane Women's Institute, on April 12. Mr. Archie Hutcheson, who has been hospitalized, returned to his home on April 14.

Mrs. Harry Bernard, Breadalbane is a patient in the Prince County Hospital, Summerside. Miss Eleanor Murray and Mr. Wellington Murray, Charlottetown, spent the Easter holidays at their home in Breadalbane.

Friends will regret to learn of the illness of Mr. Alex MacDonald, Pleasant Valley. Mr. MacDonald, who became suddenly ill during the week, entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital, on April 14. "We Like To Read Club" met in the Breadalbane Library on April 15. Miss Yvonne Todd, president. The eight members present completed a story entitled "The Little Family." As this was the last meeting before the holidays, an Easter contest was enjoyed by the children.

SPRINGVALE SCHOOL (March report)
Grade X — 1. Everett Johnston; 2. Boyde White.
Grade IX — 1. Ruth Dollar; 2. Alton Sentner.
Grade VIII — 1. Wayne Proude; 2. Harold Peterson; 3. Wayne White; 4. Leigh Crabbe.
Grade VII — 1. Doris Dollar; 2. Ronald MacLaine.
Grade VI — 1. Stewart White; 2. Clark Johnston.
Grade V — 1. Carol MacLaine; 2. Ina Peterson.
Grade IV — 1. Clifford Sentner; 2. Wendall Sentner; 3. Kenneth Waite; 4. Barbara Crabbe.
Grade III — 1. Alice Hill; 2. Isable Waite; 3. George MacLaine; 4. Clifford Dollar.
Grade II — 1. John Proude; 2. Freddy Waite.
Grade I (a) — 1. Freda Dollar; 2. Sally Neill; 3. David MacLaine; 4. Orville Johnston.
Grade I (b) — 1. Calvin Waite. Perfect attendances: Everett Johnston, Harold Peterson, Wayne White, Doris Dollar, Ronald MacLaine, Barbara Ann Crabbe, Wendall Sentner, Alice Hill, George MacLaine, Freddy Waite, David MacLaine, Calvin Waite.
Teacher, Erna C. Coles.

ANCIENT ISLAND
Island was an independent republic before joining Norway in the 13th century.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

A recent count has shown that more than 400,000 trees grow on the boulevards and avenues and in the parks in Paris.

It would be interesting to know how many trees grow on the streets and in Victoria Park in our own little queen city of the Maritimes. The Atomic Energy Commission provides two wastepaper baskets for each office desk. A gray colored one receives ordinary waste paper, and the red colored one is used for secret papers which are always torn into very small pieces and then burned.

Workmen are doing a repair job to the roof of India's Tajmahal which when completed in 1954, will cost \$712,740. Some leak. There'll be enough autos and trucks in the U. S. A. and Canada by 1975 — enough if placed bumper to bumper, to reach to the moon and circle it four times. At the present rate of increase we should then have 100,000,000 autos and 65,000,000 trucks.

If you lived in the state of Georgia and had attained the age of 18 you would be able to vote. Eighteen-year-olds are not allowed to vote in any other state of the Union.

The first paper money issued in America was printed in Quebec, on the backs of playing cards and used to pay French soldiers.

The world's largest neon sign is on top of a building in Tokyo. It weighs 50 tons and advertises candy in five colors. The army now has a 4 1/2 ounce mine that fits easily into the palm of a person's hand. But it is just as powerful as the former nine pound mine. Bellhops in the larger hotels do a lot of hopping in one day. In fact they walk an average of eight miles every shift. One hotel recently equipped its bell boys with pedometers to arrive at the above figures.

There are 46 pages in the book, no two of which are exactly the same size or shape. They vary from uneven-edged triangles 5 x 8 in. to oblong of 11 x 14 inches. In weight the pages vary almost as extremely, the thinnest being as heavy as a good sheet of bond while the thickest might be used for poster work. Many of these old, peculiar manuscripts continue to survive the ravages of time.

A cheap pocket book magazine catering to the entertainment of children appeared over 450 years ago. A recent bit of research brought out some interesting information about a Greek manuscript bound in human skin, which was written probably in the years 1167-69 A.D.

Breadalbane and Vicinity

Miss Betty Cousins, who has been spending the past month visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bismark Cousins, Breadalbane, returned to Buffalo, N.Y., on April 2.

Miss Eleanor Murray, Pleasant Valley, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Blois Toombs during the week-end of April 4. Miss Eleanor Murray and Miss Myrna Arthur, Charlottetown, were week-end guests at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Murray, April 4-5.

Mr. Wilbur Cousins, who has been employed in Western Canada during the winter months, returned to his home in Breadalbane on April 6. Friends regret to learn of the illness of Mr. John MacKenzie, Breadalbane, R.R. Mr. MacKenzie has been a patient in the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown, for the past week.

Mr. Enoch Newson, Westmoreland, was a business visitor to Breadalbane on April 1. Mr. James MacKenzie, Breadalbane R.R., was a visitor to Charlottetown, on April 6.

Rev. John MacKay, Chaplain in the R.C.A.P., presently stationed in Summerside, visited his mother, Mrs. Hugh P. MacKay, on April 8.

Master Edmund Somers is confined to his home with illness. "Eddy" is sincerely wished a speedy recovery. Week-end visitors to Breadalbane, on April 4, included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Murray, Ewarton; Miss Mary Burgess, North River; Mr. and Mrs. Grant Willis and their three children, Nancy, Murray and Merrill, North River.

Mr. Wilbur Robinson, who recently returned from an extended visit with his brother, Mr. Brenton Robinson, Brockton, Mass., spent the week-end of April 4 with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Robinson, Breadalbane.

Miss Sandra MacKay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert MacKay, celebrated her sixth birthday on April 2, when Mrs. MacKay entertained a number of Sandra's little playmates at an enjoyable birthday party in her honor.

On April 3, Mrs. James Craig was hostess to a number of children on the occasion of her daughter, Grace's seventh birthday. A jolly afternoon of games and other fun were enjoyed. "We Like to Read" Club held its weekly meeting in the Breadalbane Library on April 6. Allan Hickox presided. Six members responded to the roll call. A half hour of reading was enjoyed, and a half-hour of handicraft, the latter included sewing, knitting and braiding. Next roll call will be answered by naming a magazine which is circulated in the Breadalbane Library.

Western Diplomats To Prepare For Geneva Talks

PARIS. (Reuters)—Senior Western diplomats today begin a week of conferences to forge a united front for the Geneva conference opening April 26.

British, American and French representatives started their talks last Thursday, immediately after the visit to London and Paris of U. S. State Secretary Dulles. The Western brief on Geneva is being based on the conclusions Dulles reached in his talks with Foreign Minister Eden and Foreign Minister Bidault.

The conferences here will be mainly concerned with the agenda item of the conference on the Indo-China war. A meeting to unify Western plans for the item on Korea is being held in Washington. Two Chief Topics
1. The future of war-torn Korea, where three years of battle have left the country divided into two hostile armed camps each backed by the world power blocs.
2. The ending of the French Union war against the Communist-led and Chinese-backed Vietnam rebels in Indo-China.

Discussion of the two subjects will bring different sets of negotiators to the conference table. The only nations who will attend both parts of the meeting are Britain, France, the United States, the Soviet Union and Communist China. All the 19 countries which fought in the Korean War except South Africa will attend the talks on Korea. Russia will take part as a world power.

Success Unlikely
The talks on Indo-China will probably include the "Big Four," China, the three associated Indo-Chinese states of Viet Nam, Laos and Cambodia, and representatives of the Vietminh.

The talks on Korea will aim at reunifying the peninsula now divided by the cease-fire line. But neither Western nor Communist diplomats hold much hope of success. The most that the conference can be expected to achieve is some agreement on how the two Korean states can exist side-by-side without troops. The Indo-China problem is far more complex.

The West is expected to demand agreement on the political future of Indo-China before accepting cease-fire terms. The Communists, on the other hand, may offer an immediate cease-fire followed by direct talks between France and Vietnam leader Ho Chi Minh.

Refuses To Reveal Sources of News
TORONTO. (CP)—Blair Fraser refused again Saturday to reveal his sources of information for a Maclean's Magazine article for which he is being sued for libel. The examination for discovery—pre-trial questioning—was completed here before Senator J. W. D. Farris, counsel for Gordon S. Wismer, former attorney-general of British Columbia.

Mr. Wismer took the libel action against Maclean-Hunter publishing Co. Ltd. of Toronto and Mr. Fraser, Ottawa editor of Maclean's, following publication in February, 1952, of Mr. Fraser's article, "B.C. Coalition Commits Suicide." At Saturday's examination, Mr. Fraser answered some questions but respectfully declined to answer questions dealing with names of his news sources. His refusal previously to reveal these names brought a British Columbia court order directing the writer to answer the questions. The B.C. Appeal Court upheld the order on a split decision. Mr. Fraser's counsel then asked the Supreme Court of Canada for leave to appeal the decision. This was refused last month.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGED
OTTAWA. (CP)—Harold Scharfe, 35, was remanded on bail in magistrate's court Saturday after being charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Roland Dean, 38. Dean died Wednesday night following a scuffle on the front verandah of his home in suburban Cyrville.

Happy Sunbeams Mission Band
The monthly meeting of the Happy Sunbeams Mission Band, Carleton Branch of Cape Traverse United Church, was held at the home of Pauline and Lloyd MacCallum with 20 members and two visitors present, on April 9. One new member was welcomed.

The president, Gail Quigley, opened the meeting with the Call to Worship. The theme being "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him, All ye Little Children" was sung, followed by the repeating of the Mission Band Purpose. The offering which amounted to \$3.92 was taken by Pauline MacCallum and dedicated by Mrs. MacCallum. Mrs. MacCallum read the Easter story from St. John, 19th chapter and discussed it with the boys and girls. Arlene Sturdy led in prayer. The chapter "A Stick Rubs on

Annul Marriage Of Immigrant
MONTREAL. (CP)—The marriage of a Polish immigrant entered into five years ago, "in the honest belief" his first wife had died in a Nazi concentration camp, was annulled in Superior Court Monday.

Cheslow Szerman told Mr. Justice Stuart B. Ralston he had married at Lublin, Poland, in 1918 when he was 19.

Szerman said he was arrested by the Germans in 1941. A year later his wife was taken away from their four children and sent to another internment camp. He had not seen her since. In 1945, Szerman said, he was released by the allies and started a search for his family. He located his son Henry but no other member of the family. The pair emigrated to Canada and in 1949 Szerman took his second wife. He told the court, however, he had recently received a letter from a former friend who told him he had seen Mrs. Szerman seriously ill in hospital in Europe. Szerman maintained that the information established his first wife is alive and made his second marriage illegal.

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