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Some Timely Thoughts

The noted English historian A. L. Rowse recalls that back in the 1940s Franklin Roosevelt wrote to Winston Churchill: "What fun it is to be alive in the same decade with you."

On the British side he placed the sheer bulldog pertinacity and persistence of the man, also the rarer quality of moral courage—an aristocratic gift of political indomitability, the instinctive thinking of the safety of the state, no matter what anybody said or however unpopular a course he might have to hold.

This takes us, says Prof. Rowse, to what the heart of the symbol—a very human personality—has to say to us today. That is the insistence on the free expression of the normal and healthy spirit in a world that has been ravaged by persons afflicted with power-mania, persecution-mania, spy-mania, every sort of personal and political mania.

One passion that burned in all his speeches was his loathing of tyranny, in any shape or form. In his historical writings, too, one can see again and again his detestation of tyrants. The word he applied most frequently to their conduct was "dastardly."

This, says Prof. Rowse, was where Churchill most truly mirrored the way of the English-speaking people on both sides of the Atlantic, and why so many of us on both sides can feel a glow at having lived "in the same decade" with him.

When The House Meets

When the Legislature meets on February 18, there will be two new members to be installed, from Fifth Prince and First Kings respectively, following the byelections on February 9. Whether they will swell the ranks of the 17 Conservatives or the 11 Liberals remains to be seen.

Premier Shaw does not expect that there will be any major pieces of legislation, but he was wise in adding that "you never know what may come once the session gets started."

Among the questions to be debated is the revived proposal for a political union of the Atlantic Provinces, which has failed to arouse much interest here where politicians met to discuss the idea a century ago.

cannot be ratified without the approval of the ten provincial legislatures. Only after it has passed this test will it be submitted to Parliament for full examination, and quite possibly a federal election will intervene before then to delay action still further.

Canada thus has the better part of a year to reconsider the irrevocable decision posed by the new formula by which the Constitution may be moved from Britain to Canada. Theoretically at least, it would seem that federal authority could be eroded under this formula in such areas as taxation, monetary policy, interprovincial commerce and foreign trade, all of them essential to the government of any nation.

Disintegration from the centre would be assured if any four provinces demanded the right to trespass on these or other fields of federal jurisdiction and Parliament agreed to surrender them. This formula has found favor on the pretext of national unity, but some eminent constitutional lawyers regard it as a dangerous innovation.

The federal and provincial governments seem to regard this danger as imaginary. But for the smaller provinces at least it poses a problem which should be very carefully considered. It will be our Legislature's duty to do its share of the probing when the issue comes up. Basically it is a question of whether the Federal Government and Parliament can be trusted to resist the pressures of four provinces for power which they should never possess.

Taking No Chances

One thing they're making sure of at Washington is that Lyndon B. Johnson will be the best protected President in modern history on his Inauguration Day this Wednesday. That much is agreed to by all concerned with the ceremonies, though the Secret Service security screen is so dense that only some of the details have leaked through.

The Warren commission of inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963 was strongly critical of the failure to make an advance inspection of buildings along the motorcade route in Dallas. Its report also quoted a recommendation of FBI director, Edgar Hoover, that bulletproof glass be used at both the Capitol and White House inaugural stands.

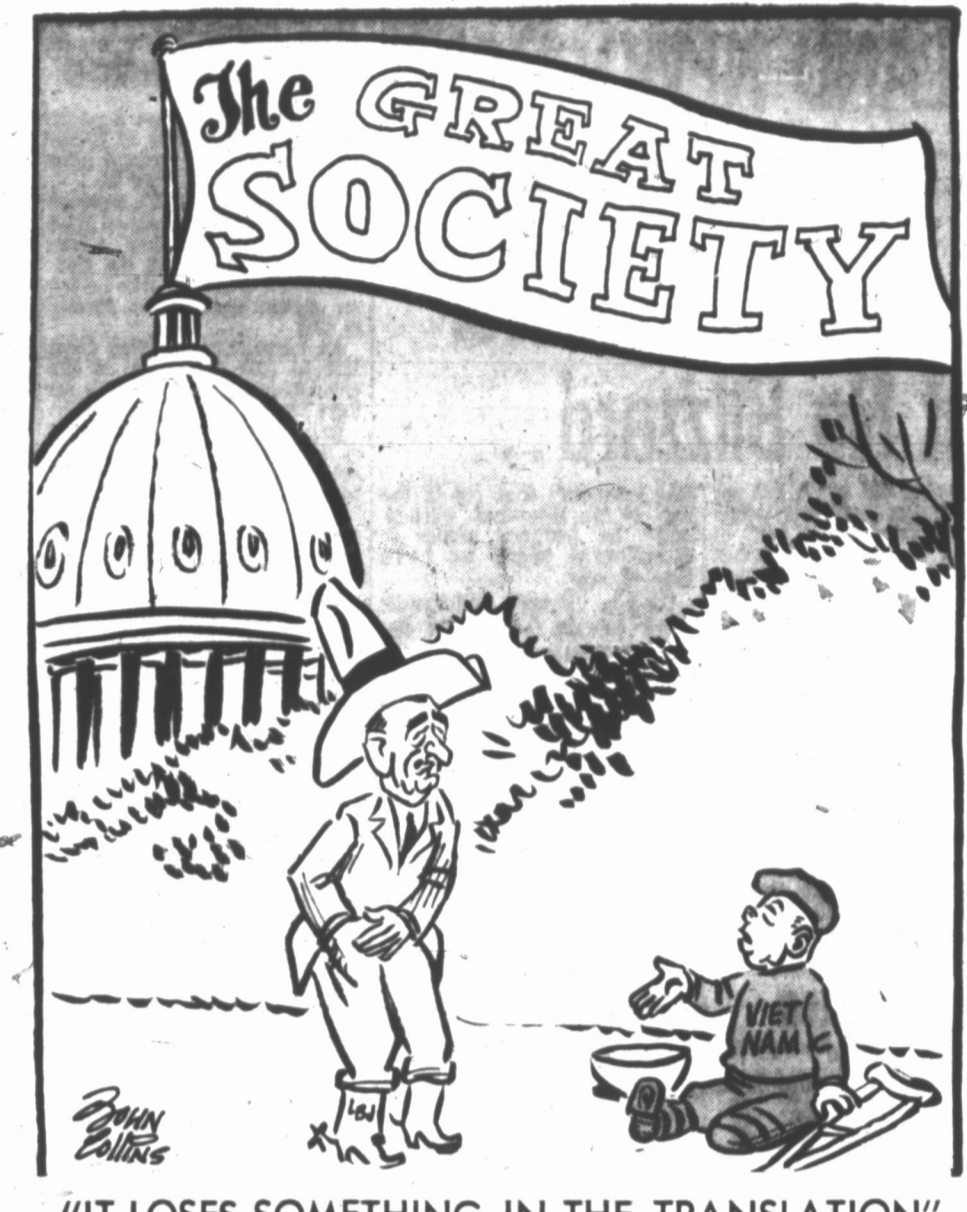
The newly rebuilt and rearmoured limousine, with a glass "bubble top" 1 1/2 inches thick, is expected to be used for the parade. The building-by-building inspection of windows overlooking the route will be made in advance by teams of police and Secret Service agents. In addition there will be agents with rifles as well as Army television scanners keeping watch from rooftops on the throngs massed in and around the Capitol Plaza where Mr. Johnson will take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.

Secret Service and Army Signal Corps units will be supplemented by all but a handful of the 2,500 men of the Metropolitan Police Department, with perhaps 1,500 along the parade route. Troopers of the Washington military district will be stationed, as usual, along both sides of the line of march. At various points their force will be augmented by others of Washington's several police forces, including the Capitol, White House, and National Park Police. And to bolster the police strength for what may be the greatest influx of visitors in Washington history, 1,000 National Guardsmen will be assigned to inaugural duties.

The wall of protection will be as impenetrable as it is humanly possible to make it. This is not the way Mr. Johnson would like to have it, but the choice is not his. It brings home to all of us, in some measure at least, the appalling weight of responsibility his office carries.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A United States agriculture department report shows that the number of cows in the nation's 1964 milk herd averaged about 16,700,000 head, down about 600,000 from 1963. Production of milk was 1 per cent larger last year than in 1963, however. Production per cow set a new record high average of 7,848 pounds for the year compared with 7,545 pounds for 1963 and 6,995,000 for the 1958-62 average.



"IT LOSES SOMETHING IN THE TRANSLATION"

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

History Of Closure Rule Recalled

Closure has been described as "the throttling of Parliament." What is closure? Standing Order number 33 of the House of Commons provides: Immediately before the order of the day for resuming an adjourned debate is called, any Minister of the Crown may move that the debate shall not be further adjourned.

In the 1957 election, the new Conservative leader, Mr. Diefenbaker, stumped the country blasting the Liberals for abrogating the right of Parliament to debate. He promised that, if elected to power, he would abolish Standing Order number 33.

PUBLIC FORUM

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GOOD NEIGHBORLINESS

Sir.—Today with all the mistrust and misunderstandings among nations of the world, we of the United States are indeed blessed to have Canada as our good neighbor—especially here in the Province of Prince Edward Island, whose beauty is surpassed only by her wonderful people.

The cure for what ails them is a bit of growing up. Young people have pretty well always had nothing but harsh words to say for the best laid plans of their elders, university students in particular are noted for their disenchantment with political life as they see it through lime-colored glasses of inexperience.

An Uneasy Truce

Israel's border with Syria is the shortest of all her boundaries with hostile Arab neighbors, and also the most inflammable. One has only to look at the current news stories to realize their deadly repetitiveness: Syrians and Israelis exchange artillery fire over the rights or wrongs of Israeli farmers plowing their winter grain in a demilitarized frontier zone.

seemed to come. In fact in 1959 Mr. D perhaps indicated some doubts on the point, for he told the House that "when the government has given the matter consideration, it will be brought to the attention of the House." Meanwhile, as any witness of Parliament in 1964 can vouch, the "ancient glory" of Parliament has been further tarnished by other means.

PROVEN NECESSARY AGAIN

Last month Prime Minister Pearson chided Mr. D for his failure to implement his promise, although his steam-roller majority could have enacted it. Mr. D in reply confessed that "we did not in fact abolish closure as we said we would. Though the legislation was ready when defeat came to us." Maybe, if his government had not been toppled on February 5, 1963, he would have introduced the very next day or shortly thereafter the abolition which he promised in that first speech on October 16, 1957.

So did the Pearson government commit the crime of throttling Parliament by imposing closure last month on the flag debate? After 33 days of debate and 278 speeches, I think not. But the electors, in the unhappy event that there is yet another election in 1965, may hear more about the crime of the Pearson Government in imposing closure, than of the omission of the Diefenbaker Government in failing in its promise to abolish closure.

Tomorrow's Another Day

Hamilton Spectator

A story from Ottawa late last week was as top-heavy with pessimism as any we've seen in a long time. It told of young Canadians from every walk of life showing such discouragement with federal politics that it was feared that few if any of them would ever want to enter public life.

What Counts, of course, is Modern History

In this generation's war between Israel and the Arabs, Syria was never defeated. It won and held territory, quitting only under the pressure of the UN armistice. Now, while other Arab states talk of diverting the tributaries of the Jordan — to frustrate Israel's move to pipe water from Lake Tiberias for irrigation purposes—it is Syria that demands sterner action. Syria wants an early offensive against Israel which would make the diversion scheme unnecessary.

There is nothing that makes more noise than a husband trying to get up quietly and not disturb the family.—Door County Advocate.

Unique In All History

By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

The place of Sir Winston Churchill, man of action, in history is assured but it should remain uniquely vivid because of his own prowess as a writer. His six-volume series The Second World War was not, in his estimation, a history of that conflict but a history of a contribution to history the like of which had never been seen before.

Word Of Warning

London Free Press

There is a note of triumph and a warning against complacency in the tenth anniversary of the discovery of a successful vaccine against poliomyelitis — one of the most exciting medical stories of all time.

Heat Camera For Diagnosis

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

The thermograph is a relatively new heat camera, used to diagnose cancer and a variety of circulatory disorders. The skin is warmer when the circulation is good and cooler when the flow of blood is reduced. Tumors also emit heat and malignant lesions are warmer than benign growths.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Elvis Presley is now 30-years-old, but with fatherly old fellows like Lorne Greene qualifying as "te: go idols" it seems he needn't worry.—Ottawa Journal.

"Do you pretend to have as good a judgment as I have?" exclaimed an enraged wife to her husband. "Well, no," he replied slowly, "our choice of partners for life shows that my judgment is not to be compared with yours."—Toronto Star.

It was quite appropriate that the Ontario government should decide to rename its handsome highway to the Quebec border the Macdonald-Cartier Freeway.

The carotid artery in the neck divides into two branches just below the ear. One branch (internal) penetrates the skull and brings blood to the brain. The other (external) goes to the temples and forehead.

The temperature of the skin is the same on both sides of the forehead of healthy persons. If the flow of blood to this area is blocked by an obstruction in the common and internal carotid artery, the skin is cool on that side.

The sensitive thermograph detects the difference. The developed film (thermogram) reveals a pattern resembling a dark smudge over the eye and root of the nose on the involved side.

The apparatus is a new tool to help diagnose stroke and to locate the site where the circulation is blocked. This is important because it now is possible to bypass with a graft an occluded accessible artery. To avoid misunderstanding, we must make it clear that other diagnostic methods are available for this condition.

Thermography still is experimental in detecting cancer. We hope it will prove helpful as a screening device in locating tumors of the breast that are too small to be felt with the hand. It also is used to localize the placental site prior to birth. This information is helpful when doing a cesarean section and in obstetrical emergencies.

DARK LENSES

I. R. writes: Is it harmful to wear dark glasses to view television at night?

REPLY

No, but dark lenses may strain the eyes. These glasses are used to screen out the sun's rays and there is no advantage in wearing them indoors, more so when viewing television. It is easier to lessen the brightness of the television screen.

ROUGH WART

Mrs. M.S. writes: How does a keratosis wart differ from other warts? Even if these warts do not annoy, should they be removed?

REPLY

A keratosis wart is scaly and is considered precancerous. It should be removed via radiation or surgery.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

A foreign body in the ear or nose should be removed by a physician.

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