

A Partisan Herring

In his indignation over the Island's beggarly share of the \$140 million increased equalization payments proposed by his Liberal friends at Ottawa, Premier Campbell allowed himself to wander far afield in comments attributed to him from Ottawa yesterday, when he sought, in a partisan way, to bring former Premier Shaw into the picture.

All-Mr. Shaw did was express his surprise and dismay at the \$200,000 increase proposed for this province. Since Mr. Campbell had denounced it himself as "just a skunk tax"—equivalent to the \$2-a-head bounty our Legislature had voted on skunks a while ago—one would imagine that he would see nothing wrong with this comment from the provincial Opposition leader. Instead, he said, Mr. Shaw was "the last man who should be surprised," charging that before leaving office his government "ought to have been aware of the proposed new formula which was known to all the provinces some time ago," and which he, Mr. Shaw, had ignored in his election campaign.

In that case, of course, Mr. Campbell and his colleagues must also have been aware of the terms of the new formula since they took office on July 28, notwithstanding the Premier's complaint that our Island hopes had been "shattered" by Finance Minister Sharp's proposals at the Ottawa conference this week.

BRIEF QUOTED — Actually, it would seem the "shattering" process did begin before the conference—but not until well after the change of government in this province, if the brief presented on behalf of the province at the conference and dated Sept. 14, 1966, is to be credited.

Here is what it says on the subject: "We have had up until a month ago every reason for optimism in the fact that for the past two years the federal-provincial continuing committee of fiscal and economic matters have been conducting for the tax structure committee a comprehensive and exhaustive examination of the responsibilities, revenues, expenditures, and future requirements of the three levels of government in order to provide the new fiscal arrangements covering the next five years beginning April 1, 1967. In view of these studies we were quite confident that the ultimate result would provide substantial additional fiscal benefits to ALL provinces. However, our hopes have since been temporarily shattered with the unofficial announcement that the formula to be presented for approval of the provinces completely disregards the basic principles of fiscal arrangements necessary to assure a full and equitable share in the development and the use of major fiscal resources."

WHO'S TO BLAME? — This revelation, be it noted, came through within the past month, weeks after the Shaw government had vacated office, and if there is any blame for concealing its import from the public, it is Mr. Campbell and his colleagues who must be held responsible. They are the ones who should have warned of its implications, if they were really concerned about them at the time.

Actually, we are inclined to put the onus, here as elsewhere, on the federal authorities, for right up until the conference opening this week Mr. Sharp was assuring us that the "have-not" provinces would be well provided for. So they were—all excepting Prince Edward Island. But now were we to know that? We believe that to Mr. Campbell himself it was a shocking piece of news, as it was to our citizens generally. We are all wholeheartedly behind him in his fight for a better deal. But let him,

for goodness sake, keep his guns on the right target, and not waste ammunition on phoney accusations against his predecessor in office, who, on the Campbell government's own showing, had "every reason for optimism" with regard to the firm basis the new formula would provide for this province's development.

Mr. Campbell is new to his onerous responsibilities, and he has indeed run into a lot of them since he came to power. But the difficulties that beset him now are not of Conservative making. The public is well aware of this fact, and it would help a lot if he frankly conceded as much. Drawing partisan red herrings across the trail will get neither him nor us anywhere.

A Call To Action

Apparently the railway unions are going to fight for what they regard as their right to ride roughshod over the constitutional rights of this province in the matter of our vital Borden-Tormentine car ferry service. They want to retain their strangle hold on the province in the event of another strike, and will protest any transfer of control of this service from CNR agency to the government of this country, where it belongs.

Well, that's fair warning of what we may expect in the event of another strike showdown. To safeguard us against any such outrage as we were subjected to a short time ago, the provincial government is requesting a transfer of responsibility to more stable hands, and the Canadian Trucking Association and Prince Edward Island Tourist Association have done likewise. Let our boards of trade, farm and fishery organizations get behind the movement as well. And let them not waste any more time. The issue has been clearly enough defined. It is not a question of talk any more, but of action. If we fail to rally the support our provincial authorities need in pressing the justice of our claim in this regard at Ottawa, we shall have ourselves to blame.

What Really Counts

A person with a grade 12 certificate will get a job today ahead of someone who has only passed grade 8, but the net contribution to the national welfare is nil if the grade 12 graduate can't spell and so fouls up a clerical job that his employer must spend valuable time and money to teach him. This was one of the points made in a lengthy brief submitted by Air Canada officials to an inter-provincial conference on education and manpower recently. The brief has attracted widespread comment, for the reason that it deals with a problem of very practical concern: namely, that a great many high school graduates today are weak on the fundamentals.

The Air Canada brief went even further. It charged that school systems across the nation, already suffering from a lack of common standards, are on the whole geared to the non-industrial era which has passed us by. In other words, although we are stepping up the number of high school and university graduates each year, many of them have studied the wrong things.

The coincidental publication by the Economic Council of Canada of a study called Manpower Planning in Industry predicts a vastly increased corporate need for high school and university trained personnel by 1970. Requirements for university graduates will increase by 45.9 per cent and the 17 corporations used in the same study will want 37.3 per cent more high school graduates.

But as the Hamilton Spectator points out in this connection, reports like this trend to make people think in terms of graduation as an end in itself. In our rush to build more buildings and hire more teachers we overlook the content factor. As the Fowler Report said of the CBC, programming is the thing and all the rest is window dressing.

EDITORIAL NOTE

"Color television has come to Canada for real," comments the Edmonton Journal. "By now, the CTV and the CBC are offering color TV to almost every Canadian. And how many Canadians have color receiving sets? Less than one per cent, that's who. Most of them are in the Toronto-Montreal-Vancouver areas. What about all the others, who may never see the joys of Expo 67 in color on the tube? Impossible deprivation. All that color going to waste? Just wait to see which politician is first to (a) deplore the high cost of color TV sets; (b) declare he is for a color set in every home; and (c) ask for federal subsidies to that end."



NOT WHAT HE USE TO BE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Reaction Far From Enthusiastic

Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp recently announced an imminent increase in taxation, coupled with the bad news that the Liberal government now regards the threat of inflation in Canada as "important and urgent." The following day, a rash of blue and white bumper stickers broke out on cars in Ottawa. The proclaimed "Don't Blame Me I Voted Conservative."

Another bumper sticker much in evidence in Ottawa is, aptly in this era of the ten million dollar Commission on Bilingualism printed in French. It reads "Faites Comme Moi Lisez Le Droit". Some of the English-speaking majority of Ottawans welcome this as an exhortation to the capital's notoriously undisciplined drivers, loosely translatable as "Do like me Liza keep to the right."

POLISH MPs MEET. An unexpected Canadian parliamentary reunion took place in Poland last month when a number of senators and MPs were the official guests of the Polish government.

David Lewis, 57 year old Polish-born New Democrat MP from Toronto, went to call upon the man who had thwarted his attempt to become an MP exactly 23 years earlier. In the by-election in the Montreal constituency of Cartier in August 1943 Lewis, then a CCF candidate, ran fourth; the winner was the Communist candidate Fred Rose, born in Poland, son of Jacob Rosenberg. Two years later, Rose was one of the prominent figures in the Gouzenko spy case.

He now lives in Warsaw, working for the Polish government as translator for an English-Language magazine. One of the visiting parliamentarians from Ontario who saw him, says that Rose looks gaunt, pale of complexion, and appears to be aged in his seventies. In fact he is still in his fifties. He said that he would like to return to Canada. As husband, father, member of the Communist party, interned and MP, he had enjoyed 25 happy years in Canada which he repaid by treason.

VOICE OF AMERICA. James "Scotty" Reston has long commented upon the Washington scene for the New York Times with insight, fairness and the brilliance which one would expect from a star native of Glasgow, Scotland such as he. He has recently been holidaying in Canada — "chasing salmon up the Pabos rivers of the Gaspe Peninsula, and tramping through the fishing villages of

Novo Scotia," he writes — and he has been observing our news media on his travels.

"The Canadian newspapers and radio and television networks seem provincial," he comments. "They are much pre-occupied, even in the great cities of Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, with their own domestic concerns. Their railroad unions, now demanding a 30 per cent wage rise, make our striking airline mechanics (seeking 6 per cent), or even Jimmy Hoffa, look like statesmen. And their insistence on provincial rights make Mississippi or Alabama seem almost subservient to the central government in Washington."

That is a fair comment on the news, labour and political scenes. Our news media have been getting a lot of criticism recently, especially for their descriptions of the Ottawa scene. I will come back to that another day.

OTTAWA REPORT SPREADS. Bearing on Scotty Reston's criticism, Jim Tucker, the 56

year old Liberal MP for Trinity Conception, Newfoundland talked to me last week about a "Newfoundland Report," written three months ago, in which I described one of Parliament Hill's less significant occasions. I'm brought up by air a supply of fresh Newfoundland cod's tongue, scallops and salmon and invited some MPs and a few other friends to dine of Newfoundland sea food as his guests. I wrote about the food, and about Jim and his guests including Orillia's Dr. Phil Rynard and Moose Jaw's Ernie Pascoe and about the chit-chat around the table. Jim tells me that he had clips of that column sent him by friends and by strangers from the Eastern Townships, P.E.I., western Canada and even the USA. Then a newspaper in Newfoundland, reprinted it. "I got more publicity from that one supper, thanks to you, than from all the speeches I have ever made in the House," he said. "And Jim talks sense when he makes a speech too."

China Does Exist

Milwaukee Journal

Not long ago, to suggest that this country would recognize Communist China at any future point in history would bring down the wrath of an indignant nation on the head of the speaker. But now, even as China and this country are in a state of military confrontation, President Johnson can and did say that "reconciliation" with Communist China is essential to peace, and will come in time.

The acknowledgement that Communist China must one day be recognized and brought into the family of nations is welcome. So is the whole series of steps away from the position of refusing to recognize that China exists. The state department has removed the bar on travel to China except for the case of tourism.

That doesn't mean there will be much travel, for the Chinese aren't letting many people in, especially since the current political purges started. But at least it is no longer this country that locks the gates against travel.

We have yet to change in public our stand against admitting China to the United Nations. So far we have succeeded — last time by a tie vote in the assembly — in blocking such a move.

ENDS ROCKET TESTS

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia announced Tuesday the end of a test of booster rockets fired into the Pacific Ocean and said the test area is again open to shipping and air flights. Earlier tests have been part of the Soviet nuclear missile and space research programs.

SCALP WEN

J. G. writes: I have had a small wen on my scalp for years. Recently it started to grow. Does this mean cancer?

REPLY: No, provided the original diagnosis is correct. On the other hand, removal is so simple it would be better to have the lesion taken out rather than entertain such gloomy thoughts.

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Hoarseness Is Symptom

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. Hoarseness is a symptom rather than a disease. When the disorder lasts longer than 10 days, examination must be made to determine the cause. This should be done by a physician who has the equipment and the knowledge to make a thorough study of the vocal cords.

The main worry about chronic hoarseness is that it may be caused by a malignancy. But cancer is of one origin. There is a good possibility that a more innocent disturbance is responsible, because hoarseness stems from any condition that interferes with the functioning, tension, or vibration of one or both vocal cords. Paralysis, scars, secretions, and inflammation are not unusual causes.

Tumors also interfere with the workings of the voice box, but the majority of these lesions are not malignant and do not jeopardize life. But even when cancer is to blame, cure is the rule provided treatment is instituted early.

Acute laryngitis is a form of the disease that is associated with a cold or upper respiratory infection. It lasts two to three days and relief is obtained by resting the voice and avoiding irritants, such as smoke, fumes, and dust. A vaporizer is soothing more so when a teaspoonful of compound tincture of benzoin is added to each quart of water used. If hoarseness persists, other possibilities come up for consideration.

Strenuous use of the voice often causes thickening of the cords which may develop into tumors of a "benign" nature. These singers' nodes favor not only singers but those who are forced to raise the voice or shout. The growth rarely becomes larger than a pea. In some instances a polyp forms which has the appearance of a miniature punching bag. Surgical removal of these nodules is best in the majority of cases, but now and then a good response is obtained by complete voice rest over a long period of time.

DAYS TO MONTHS

L. W. writes: How long does it take to recover from jaundice?

REPLY: This depends upon the cause. In infectious hepatitis, for example, the condition may last for a few days to several months. Jaundice resulting from obstruction of the flow of bile by stone will persist until the rock is removed. Occasionally the origin of jaundice is difficult to determine and exploratory surgery may be needed.

BECOME CALLOUSED

B. K. writes: I find that guitar lessons leave my fingers sore. Will calluses form in time so that I won't find practicing so painful?

REPLY: Those who practice long enough must develop calluses, otherwise the ordinary guitar would have fallen out of favor long ago.

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Wilson's Rhodesian Policy

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

The path Britain will follow to bring down the Ian Smith regime in Rhodesia—if the ultimatum to end the rebellion falls—is long and tortuous and provides no assurance that it can succeed with any degree of speed.

Indeed, prospects suggest that the goal of a multi-racial government in Rhodesia, to be supplanted in time by a non-white administration, is not readily attainable and still another Commonwealth conference will have to be called on this crucial issue.

Britain's Prime Minister Wilson has been described as having yielded to Afro-Asian pressure by agreeing to turn the Rhodesian issue to the United Nations if the ultimatum is unheeded. But Wilson qualified his agreement in a way that ensures that the Rhodesian problem will remain under British control.

The African and Asian Commonwealth members have demanded that the full economic power of the UN be thrust against the Smith group. But what Wilson accepted was the use of "effective and selective" UN sanctions on items which Wilson has not yet spelled out.

The view among Africans is that if the sanctions are to be limited, they should be those

Food Prices Probe Urged

Montreal Star

Few Canadian households needed that recent dispatch from Ottawa to make them aware of steadily rising food costs. The message, in much more personal form, has been received each week at the check out counter of every grocery and supermarket.

Six years ago, the Royal Commission on Price Spreads of Food Products pointed a finger at high promotional costs of major food chains as a major culprit. The commission also explored the lack of adequate information on the relationship between incomes, prices and productivity.

Noting that there was a definite correlation between prices of food and those of other commodities, the commission recommended the establishment of a permanent independent commission which would keep the whole area of food industries under review and report annually to government.

The need for such precise information is even greater today than when the commission made its report.

EXPECT HYDRO NEED

Planners estimate Ontario will use 20,000,000 kilowatts of electricity in 1980, compared with today's 7,800,000 kilowatts.

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 17, 1941)

Two squadrons of Blenheim bombers, escorted by more than 300 fighters—one of the strongest air fleets Britain has sent over the continent since the aerial offensive started in June—swept over the Channel into Northern France in broad daylight to blast a power house and other important targets in the German-held Bethune area.

Red army troops have smashed the German panzer forces of Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, the "phantom general" of the French campaign, in a mammoth battle near Bryansk, 230 miles from Moscow.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 17, 1956)

Canada's once top secret atomic energy project at Chalk River, Ont., will be inspected for the first time by representatives of Communist countries.

Egypt claimed to have solved the Suez Canal pilot crisis and insisted she can—and will—run the vital waterway by herself.

