

Trade With Britain

Now that she is no longer negotiating actively for membership in the European Common Market, Britain is seeking more diverse trading partners than the Commonwealth can provide. For this reason she is looking hopefully to the rising in Geneva next month of the 43 nations that subscribe to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. For Canada, too, this will be an important meeting. It is being preceded by a meeting between Mr. Pearson and Prime Minister Macmillan in London this week, and a conference of Commonwealth trade ministers at which the problem will get a thorough airing.

The recent speech in Montreal by Viscount Amory, the British High Commissioner, gave some idea of the British attitude towards trade with Canada that the Pearson Government will have to face. "We buy from you more than half as much again as you buy from us," he said. "Unless you buy more from us, it is very unlikely that we should be able indefinitely to continue buying as much as we do from you."

Viscount Amory emphasized that Britain, while looking towards a world-wide trading front, was still interested in developing Commonwealth trade as much as possible. But the further development of trade with Canada was Canada's responsibility, rather than Britain's. There would be little hope that a lopsided trade would be allowed to grow greater.

Prime Minister Pearson's views on this subject have always impressed us as being sound and constructive. His government will now have an opportunity of making a real contribution to British-Canadian trade relations, and it has our very best wishes for success. As Viscount Amory pointed out in his Montreal remarks, it is not necessarily a question of Canada admitting more British manufactured goods to compete with goods from Canadian factories—though we believe this to be desirable to some extent at least. Trade between Canada and Britain could be balanced in another way, however, by buying less from the United States and more from Britain.

The Right And The Left

While the federal election has brought only qualified satisfaction to the victorious party and misery to the others, it has at least returned a House in which everyone, for the first time since 1945-49, can assume his appropriate place. In other words, there will be no "rump." All the members of the government will sit on the government side and all the members of the opposition on Mr. Speaker's left.

Before 1957 many a Liberal and after 1958 many a Conservative found himself a member of the "rump," so placed in relation to Mr. Speaker that he might well appear to visiting constituents as a member of the detested opposition. It was possible to "cross the floor" without going anywhere politically or to change one's party by merely crossing an aisle.

There was no "rump" after the inconclusive election of 1957 but there was a return to the traditional arrangement. The Conservatives and the Social Crediters were in approximate numerical equality with the Liberals plus the CCF. As a result Mr. Solon Lou, the leader of an opposition frag-

ment found himself by his announce- ment on several occasions—in a distant corner on the government side of the House.

The CCF, although sadly decimated in the 1958 election, found themselves in a position of vantage when Parliament assembled. They were accorded the opposition corner immediately to the left of Mr. Speaker. This is extremely valuable parliamentary real estate because the possessors are well placed to catch the eye of the presiding officer.

Mr. Douglas, leading the successor New Democratic Party of 1962-63, had no such good fortune. The voters produced a House in which the Conservatives plus the New Democrats roughly balanced the Liberals and Social Crediters. This caused much anguish on both sides. It forced the leftist New Democrats to share the benefits on the right while the Social Crediters, who described themselves as a party of the right, were consigned to the Speaker's left in company with the Liberals. In addition, both minor parties were banished to the outer-most reaches of the chamber—a situation which led to many harrowing appeals to Mr. Speaker to lengthen his field of vision.

We glean this interesting information from an article by Maurice Western in the Winnipeg Free Press, who predicts a much more satisfactory situation when the new Parliament meets. There will, he concedes, be minor difficulties. The probability is that the two small parties will share a corner, possibly remote; but the alternative would be to separate Mr. Thompson and Mr. Douglas by a wide Conserv- ative cordon sanitaire. This might cause the party of the left to cast envious glances at the seats to the right of the Conservatives. But, as the Free Press article remarks, "one cannot have everything in an imperfect world."

Roles Reversed

The difference, in perspective, between being on the inside looking out and on the outside looking in is strikingly exemplified in the current dispute between President Kennedy and former Vice-President Richard Nixon over the Cuban situation. In recent days both men have spoken to the American Association of Newspaper Editors on the subject, and it is curious to note the manner in which they have changed roles.

Part of Mr. Kennedy's strategy in the 1960 campaign was to attack the Republicans for having done nothing to rid the Western hemisphere of the Castro regime. He advocated that the Cuban exiles be trained as an armed force, to be unleashed upon Cuba to liberate their countrymen. Mr. Nixon then found himself on the defensive. He counselled caution and moderation, opposing the invasion idea as irresponsible.

As President, Mr. Kennedy maintains that beyond what has already been done to contain Communism in Cuba, great caution must be exercised. It would be a mistake, he says, to carry out either a blockade or an invasion today. But Mr. Nixon insists that the Communists must be ejected, or the threat of their presence will grow greater from month to month. "We must no longer," he says, "postpone a command decision to do whatever is necessary to force a removal of the Soviet beachhead."

These men, notes an exchange, were giving the best of their judgment and experience before an intelligent audience. And each took the other's position, and advocated only a little more than two years ago!

EDITORIAL NOTE

Prime Minister Verwoerd's all-white government in South Africa has banned white racialists well known to authors from Tolstoy and Kundera to Ernest Hemingway. Now, reportedly, government-appointed boards of censors have taken to book-burning. The Cape Town Public Library, which has 27 branches, destroys hundreds of titles every year. The banned books are first locked away for six months just in case the censors change their mind, as occasionally happens. Then, if the books are still on the withdrawn list, they are destroyed in municipal incinerators.



THE HOLD-OUT GLASSCO ON DEFENSE

Implications In Economy Proposals

No report of the Glassco Royal Commission deserves closer study than its discussion of the organization of Canada's defence establishment. Here is a department that accounts for about 25 per cent of all Federal spending. The total wage bill for defence last year was more than that of other government departments together. This report does not study defence policy; it examines the machinery for carrying out the Government's policy.

The work of the commission is a Canadian parallel for what U.S. Secretary of Defense McNamara and the British Ministry of Defence have been doing in their countries: bringing up-to-date old and rigid defence organizations. The commission's two main groups of recommendations would mean a closer integration of the three services and a stronger civilian supporting staff under the Minister of National Defence. The other recommendations call for greater use of civilians and a review of costly retirement policies are promising areas for action. But they do not involve basic reorganization.

TOKEN INTEGRATION

The kind of integration advocated so far within the armed forces has been little more than token. A tri-service laundry in Halifax, a united chaplaincy or hospital don't meet the essence of an old problem which is now of strategic as well as economic concern. The needs of modern defence cut across the old service divisions. The key to token integration, according to the Glassco report, is giving new authority to the Minister in the strengthening of the historic principle that the armed force as must be subject to civil power. If the Minister does not have the authority to have effective control of his generals he needs a strong staff.

NOT HEARD FROM

The Department of National Defence has wisely kept its counsel on the report. So far we have only heard from the retired general.

"Push-Button" Ships

Embassy of Japan Japanese shipping companies say the completion of three special ships is proof that the "push-button" age of ocean travel is here.

The three vessels have proven the worthlessness of remote control operation on vessels of 10,000 tons which usually require a complement of 46 to 50 crew. These ships can be operated with only 25 to 40 officers and crewmen.

Up on the bridge, only one man is needed to control all the ship's movements by use of push-buttons and levers on the navigational panel. Down in the engine room the former surroundings of heat and grime have been replaced by two neat operators seated in an air-conditioned room before a control panel which shows every operation of the ship at a glance.

The most fully automated vessel of the three is the Yamato Line's "Ocean Queen," a 12,000-ton Yamato Line ship with a \$6.5 million ship equipped with

\$100,000 worth of automatic devices. The other two are the Kinki Sun Maru and the Mitsui Steamship Co. and the Sasebo Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Co.

Japanese construction men say their country is now in a "golden age" of building boom, which began shortly after World War II.

Since Japan is one of world's richer nations in water resources, exploitation of these resources is being stepped up. In 1951, and the next year, the Electric Power Development Corp. was established to coordinate hydroelectric power plans.

Today, with six or more major dams under construction behind them, Japanese Dam-builders claim to rank among the world's leaders in dam building. An impressive one which measures some 6,000 feet in height, 1,200 feet in length, and has a volume of 800,000 cubic meters.

Bronchitis Said Lung Disorder

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Delan ... a lung disease, any unexplained phlegm-producing cough was called chronic bronchitis. We know that the condition is not just a collection of symptoms but a lung disorder in itself. It is characterized by irritation and inflammation of the bronchial tree. Destructive changes occur in the lining membrane, bringing an increased flow of mucus that is expelled in the form of phlegm.

Cigarette smoking and air pollution are high on the list of causes of chronic bronchitis. The condition seldom becomes a problem until after age 35. Winter colds last longer and the excess secretion of mucus and cough continue for weeks thereafter. In time, coughs become more frequent and hacking lasts longer. Ultimately, coughs become more continuous and severe, worse in the morning, and aggravated by fresh respiratory infections and the colds and flu of winter.

Tuberculosis, abscesses, lung cancer, and emphysema are certain heart disorders may produce identical symptoms and must be excluded before a diagnosis of chronic bronchitis is feasible. On the other hand, pulmonary emphysema, coexisting with chronic bronchitis.

The two are linked together when the thin walls of the air sacs distend and rupture. When the rupture occurs, the excess of breath is added to the phlegm-producing cough. Three-quarters of the chronic bronchitis victims have a history of chronic bronchitis.

Bronchial asthma is a related condition. It is characterized by an allergic tendency in present. Wheezing and thicker mucus are noted because of the added constriction of the bronchi resulting from asthma.

It is easier to prevent chronic bronchitis and emphysema than it is to treat these diseases once they have been established. Enough that lasts longer than that associated with an ordinary cold may be a harbinger of emphysema whether he is a candidate for chronic bronchitis. It is the best advice of the physician because this disorder ranks with cancer of the lung as one of the most serious diseases high on the list of diseases that bring disability and a day's lost from work.

HEART BLOCK W. H. writes: I bundle bread check a serious heart disease?

Yes and no, depending upon the cause. It could be serious if the heart has been damaged by epinephrine for many decades. Some persons have this type of heart block with no apparent reason. It may be a family trait.

CLOTHING IS SAFE F. H. writes: Can the germs of viral hepatitis be transmitted in clothing? I mangled some old dresses and things I've seen in the store before they were washed. I had had an attack of this disease. Now I'm told one of the children in my family that received the clothing has hepatitis.

REPLY No. COLLATERAL CIRCULATION A. F. writes: How does blood flow in the arteries and veins? How are they removed?

REPLY In a normal heart, from feet upward to heart. There are hundreds of veins in the legs and arms and a vast network of capillaries, the blood circulates through other veins.

INFLUENZA EFFECTS S. M. writes: Can a sinus infection cause fatigue and nervousness?

REPLY Yes, more so if the sinuses are bothersome. The sinus infection is making the person toxic. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Don't live in retirement.

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Barefoot To The Moon

Christian Science Monitor

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