

Stability With Mobility

The various provincial premiers are discussing many things at their Toronto conference; all of them are important to us in Prince Edward Island, some are vitally important.

One which we believe to be of great importance is the first step in the standardization of education across Canada. It seems ironic that the only comment on this was that of Ontario's Mr. Robarts who stated "I think there is agreement standardization is desirable".

This is an age of mobility—they even plan on portable pensions—but along with mobility there must be some stability. Education of Canadian youth right now is neither stable nor portable.

How much simpler and better it would be for educationists and pupils alike if there were one system of teaching, one set of books—one standard curriculum that was Canadian-wide and into which any child could fit and feel at home.

Standardization of education is too-long overdue and it is high time premiers quit 'agreeing' it is desirable and got around to doing something about it.

Another Way

Canada is fighting in South Viet Nam up to the hilt. But there is this difference, that Canadian involvement is not directed towards participation in a shooting war against the infiltrating Viet Cong and the North Viet Nam regulars.

It has been made public by the External Affairs Department at Ottawa that this country is putting up a million dollars this year in medical aid to South Viet Nam under its foreign aid program, and the polio campaign is part of it.

As a pilot operation, Canada is providing the materials to the health ministry of the South Viet Nam government for the inoculation of 165,000 children in the capital city of Saigon against polio.

But the medical assistance from Canada does not stop with the polio program. A Canadian doctor from Burlington, Ont. is already on the spot caring for two thousand tuberculosis patients, but his work is hampered by lack of proper facilities and

staff assistance. This country is so interested, it is contributing more than a hundred thousand dollars for the capital cost of building and equipping a proper clinic.

There are no protest marches over this form of South Viet Nam intervention.

Sacrifice For A Principle

The chairman of the Canadian Labor Congress wants this country to nationalize all forms of power supply in Canada. It might be well for both labor and government to take a couple of long second looks at this idea.

Nationalizing industry may be the answer to ending private profit, but it has also sometimes proven to be the source of inefficient service. Once the incentive to profit is removed then all too often the incentive to provide good service disappears.

The public is properly doubtful of the success of government-run business. But perhaps an outstanding example of the very opposite of that may be seen in the liquor business.

Formidable Heritage

When school lets out for the average young Canadian, there are whoops of joy at the prospect of the long summer vacation.

The heir to Britain's throne has long been accustomed where he travels, to the press of crowds behind the ropes, the pop and flare of photoflashes and television cameras.

This time the 17-year-old boy had to stand at the head of the jet liner's gangway and read a formal message saying how glad he is to be in Mexico for three days.

No doubt the Mexican papers will bristle over being denied an interview with the visiting member of royalty, but surely a 17-year-old who has just landed from the long hop from Australia is entitled to some British uncle style help from the burly embassy men.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Passion dominates a four sided triangle of desire and greed. We'll never be able to understand the new math.

The high demand for alligator hides on the shoe and purse market has jumped the price of raw hides to \$6 a foot, created an incentive for poachers and forced the U.S. Interior Department to seek extended authority for the protection of the reptiles.

Is Man the No. 1 threat to wildlife? Dr. George Wallace, University of Michigan zoology teacher sees something even worse. "He lays it right on the line. 'Pesticides—worse than any threat North American wildlife has ever faced. We shall have been witnesses, within a single decade, to a greater extermination of animal life than had been recorded during all of Man's previous years on earth.'"



IT'S HOLIDAY POSTCARD TIME OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Summer Calm Returns To Parliament Hill

Most MPs have gone home for their summer holiday, taking away with them the hectic partisan mood. This leaves a valuable atmosphere of calm on Parliament Hill, in which those still here can at leisure review the past and speculate about the future.

Thus Hon. T. C. Douglas, the national leader of the New Democratic party, talked to me about his views of our long-term political trends, as we sat relaxed in his office.

That Scottish-born Baptist minister led North America's first socialist government, as CCF premier of Saskatchewan from 1944 to 1961. Now he and his followers feel for the first time confident that their capture of power on the federal scene is within sight.

SOCIALISM MODIFIED

His party has changed its outlook in many ways. It differs from his first socialist government 22 years ago in philosophy and platform. This is partly because other parties have adopted—and altered—some of the programs, such as broadly-based welfare payments and social fringe benefits.

Today the socialist is distinct from the left wing of the Liberal party more in degree than in philosophy, he believes. Both would impose economic planning, although Tommy Douglas would advocate a little more in some areas than Walter Gordon. But, as Saskatchewan's present premier, Ross Thatcher, says, socialism is like pregnancy.

Tommy Douglas looks at our foreign relations clearly and starkly. For any reasons, Canada should not allow herself to be gradually absorbed by USA, he believes. We have too much to lose. We should take vigorous steps to preserve our political independence and sovereignty, and to resist our economic dependence.

Our Yesterdays

Widespread reports that the differences of opinion which have led to a rift between Hitler and Goering and resulted in the No. 2 Nazi retiring from the supreme command of the Luftwaffe are "correct," says Die Zeitung, German language newspaper published in London.

TEN YEARS AGO

State Secretary Dulles called Egypt's sudden move in nationalizing the Suez Canal "an angry act of retaliation against a long list of grievances."

laws. This is one field where nationalisation might be necessary, as a first step to reselling such companies a mere economic colony of USA, with USA enjoying all the economic power while undertaking none of the political responsibilities.

THE TWIN 'OLD' PARTIES

Then Tommy Douglas chided about the slowly unfolding drama of political change. Mr. St. Laurent's achievement of a huge majority in the 1949 election convinced him that nothing would alter the pattern of the two old parties, as alike as two peas in a pod, both dominated by the corporate elite and especially the banks.

Whale-Watch On The Rhine

A telephone call to the local German consulate reassured us that the Moby Dick of old Father Rhine had made it safely back to the North Sea. This ended a sea saga which had kept all West Germany agog for weeks and even embittered the politics of a state election.

The Dragonflies

We libel their kind by calling them dragonflies, and we compound the libel with myths and old wives' tales, describing them as horse-stingers, devil's darning needles, snake feeders and snake doctors.

'Mr. Speaker' - In Cherokee

These are the days when ideas fly swiftly over national borders and land almost anywhere. We were moved to this original reflection by word that Gwynfor Evans, first member of the Welsh national party ever elected to the House of Commons, had been refused leave to take the oath of office in his native tongue.

between Sharp and the Fleming type of Conservatism. The Liberals are already wrapped in their final suicidal straits as Sharp and Winters line up against Gordon, MacEachen and Sauve, he believes.

Too much caffeine leads to nervousness, a tremor or palpitation of the heart and indigestion. Some persons tolerate a more coffee than others, and this individual may be able to drink 12 cups without becoming jittery.

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Skin Cancer Is Common

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Cancer of the skin, one of the most common malignancies, is easily cured, the lesions are detectable in the early stages.

The majority of victims are warned for ahead of time when a painless sore fails to heal or a mole increases in size, changes in shape, deepens in color, or starts to bleed or ulcerate.

In southern regions, where there is more sunlight, cancer of the exposed areas of the skin is more common than in the north. The lesions also are more prevalent among older farmers and sailors whose work has kept them out in all sorts of weather for long periods of time.

Anyone may develop skin cancer but those with light or ruddy skin are more susceptible than those with darker complexions; the disorder is relatively rare among Negroes.

On Farming Grass

Homeowners who have tried growing grass and ended up with a lush crop of gravel may envy the sod-farmers of Ontario whose business has grown to \$10,000,000 a year from only \$100,000 in 1950.

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Its Size Hampers Nigeria

Maj. Gen. Johnson Aguiyi-Ironi told a meeting of ambassadors this summer that Nigeria's size marks her out for leadership on the African continent.

But this size could also prove a handicap in achieving purely national aspirations, Ironi added. The "supreme commander" was speaking after some 600 persons died in Nigeria's northern region following his proclamation of a unitary state.

Ironi's words are none the less true now that he has been swept from power in an army mutiny which left his fate unclear. His fall only underlines once again the extreme difficulty of evolving a suitable system in a big country with deep divisions of race, tribes and religion.

MADE PROGRESS

Ironi, with the determined air of an honest soldier, restored a remarkable measure of stability to Nigeria after taking charge or being put in charge of the revolt that toppled the democratic government last January.

MUST SELL IDEA

The crux of the military government's problem, however, was how to devise a system whereby the north could be included within a popularly accepted scheme of national unity.

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