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Promising Start

Briefly last night, Premier Shaw took the raps off a shining new policy of all-round expansion on which his government is appealing for support at this time—one which will involve the establishment of a Rural Development Authority which will embrace and coordinate all our development projects and which he predicts will bring a three-fold increase in our total product within the next five years, and a five-fold increase as a longer range objective.

Farm and fisheries expansion, tourism, roads and highways extension, handicraft training, medical care, increased aid to education, help to municipalities, immediate supplementary assistance to needy old age pensioners—these and other phases of the plan were touched upon, in a manner to keep us on edge for more details of what the future holds in store.

We shall all be waiting for more details of this program, on which the government has received expert advice and which it is confident can be carried through without imposing additional taxation.

Both parties now have indicated that they are supercharged with optimism as to the future. But the government is in the fortunate position of having talked this way all along, pretty much, while the opposition seemed chiefly concerned with our financial difficulties and the government's alleged extravagance in its industrial plant deals.

The campaign, of course, is young yet; a mere baby, in fact. But no one can say that it hasn't gotten away to a promising start!

Hard To Implement

Who would expect a Labor government to be charged with discrimination against trade unions? Yet that is one of the troubles Prime Minister Wilson's administration is facing in Britain. One result of the 1966 British budget with its increase in corporation taxes and a new tax on employment, is an expected rise in the cost of living with renewed demands by workers and their unions for substantial wage increases to meet these higher costs.

Finland's Way

Finland is no place for the fellow who drinks and drives. At least, not for the fellow who tries to drive when he has drunk too much and gets convicted for drunken driving. About 6,000 motorists fall into this category each year in Finland, and it's no longer a case of fining them or sending them to jail. Off they go for from three months to two years with labor gangs on building airports and other government projects.

It's a Spartan life for them while under sentence. They rise at 6 a.m., work a full day and retire at 10.30 p.m. They live in army-type barracks with tiers of bunks and little other furniture in the rooms except tables. For the most part, they are allowed visitors only on Sundays.

the age of 65, who need more attention than younger people.

Of course, the government's hand was forced so far as the medical pay increase was concerned. As Mr. Wilson said, there is an acute shortage of doctors in Britain; a growing number of young doctors leave the country after graduating. Moreover, 18,000 of the country's 23,000 doctors had submitted undated letters of resignation from the health service. In the circumstances it was understandable why Mr. Wilson has called the increases "reasonable".

The teachers, too, through their national union are demanding substantial increases in salary. The government is lecturing them too on the need for holding the line. But by giving in to the doctors, it has set a precedent which will make it harder and harder to implement the Spartan economic program it stands committed to.

Mr. Klein's Proposal

The Canadian Press reports the introduction in the Commons on Tuesday of a private member's bill that would oblige the judge and jury in any capital murder conviction to attend the execution. Introduced as an amendment to the Criminal Code section that now requires the attendance of sheriffs and jail governors at hangings, the bill was given routine first reading; and we shall be surprised if it gets any further. It goes to the end of a list of 125 other private members' bills awaiting debate in the restricted time available for such proposals.

The promoter, Milton Klein, Liberal member for Montreal Cartier, also introduced a bill that would allow judges discretion to pass a life sentence, rather than the mandatory death penalty, in capital murder convictions. It too received first reading and became No. 127 in the lineup.

These proposals at least serve the purpose of reminding Parliament and the country that it is easier to take a vote on the subject of capital punishment than to get rid of it entirely as a moral issue. If it is right that people should be hanged as a deterrent against crime, what is wrong with vesting the ceremony in all the dignity of state? It is just as solemn an affair, surely, as the trial which preceded it, or the formality attending on the imposition of the sentence.

Why should not the judge, in his robes of office, and the jurors who gave the verdict, be in attendance as a matter of course? And why shouldn't our law makers be present as well, with Mr. Speaker at their head and at least a goodly representation from every party in the House? Justice, as the old saying goes, should not only be done but should be seen to be done. And what more awesome demonstration of justice than this, or more fitting to be participated in by all concerned?

Of course it won't come to that. The judges would object; the jurors would revolt; our parliamentarians would think nothing of quitting their \$18,000-a-year jobs in disgust. The very idea is revolting! But just to think of it that way may shock us into realizing that there must be something damnably wrong with the present system.

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (May 12, 1941) Rudolf Hess, head of the German Nazi party and one of the oldest and closest confidants of Hitler, landed by parachute in Britain under circumstances suggesting the most profoundly important desertion in all history.

Bengasi, the western Libyan axis port and base, was bombed by powerful units of the Mediterranean fleet from point blank range. Damage was inflicted on shipping and military objectives.

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TRIP TO NOWHERE

Ottawa Report By Patrick Nicholson

Leadership Aspirants Play Watchful Roles

The two rogue elephants of Parliament Hill are locked in the mortal combat which may end the political life of both. Meanwhile the hopeful successors to their crowns are keeping very quiet about their ambitions.

There is no open leadership race in progress for either the Conservative or the Liberal party today. But lying doggo are many candidates for each. The Liberal aspirants include the smooth Paul Martin; the ambitious Mitchell Sharp; Bob Winters, the appointed of B. y. Street; the eager Paul Hellyer; and Jean Lesage, strongly Quebecois but proportionately unattractive to nine other provinces.

The Conservatives are even more in temporary eclipse. George Hees has calmed his ebullience and plays his parliamentary role very plain. Davie Fulton has covered himself with nation-wide doubts. Manitoba's premier Duff Roblin increasingly fits a cynical Liberal's description of Bob Thompson making like a scout leader: "setting his steatons squarely shading his eyes, bracing his bare knees, and calling out 'come a-fellows, follow me into the forest and we will search for news and trilliums!'"

Are there no dark horses in either party? The youth of Canada mistrusts everyone over 30 as much as their elders dislike their immature revolt against tradition.

Guinea continues to deal extensively with the Soviet bloc, but the competition between East and West has subsided somewhat. Guinea may some day become extremely prosperous. The soil may contain the world's largest deposits of bauxite. Iron ore is abundant. Diamonds have been found. Gold lures thousands of Guineans to pan stream beds.

Queen Is Welcome

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English Canada is ready to greet its Sovereign with respect and enthusiasm and it is hoped she will spare enough time to visit us coast to coast.

ART DIRECTOR DIES

New York (AP)—James J. Rortner, 61, director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, died Wednesday. An expert in medieval art, he helped plan construction of the cloisters, a division of the museum which houses one of the world's finest collections of medieval art.

Agent For Sunscreen

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen A new sunscreen agent that promises to be different from those now available is being perfected at the University of Minnesota. The liquid combines naphthoquinone and dihydroxyacetone. The latter was the active ingredient in Man-Tan, a questionable product of a few years ago.

The outer layer of the epidermis filters out ultraviolet rays but burns unless conditioned to the sun. This occurs after repeated exposures stimulate the pigment cells in the deeper layers of the integument to darken (tan) the skin. The new preparation is chemically bound to the outermost layers so that it acts as a protective filter. It is absorbed and cannot be washed off. The product does not stain, but time will tell whether some users develop a rash or side reactions.

Another Bastion Falls

That last, desperate refuge of masculinity—the men's barber-shop—seems finally to be drowning in feminization, too. Nothing is sacred from the feminine influence any more. At the end of the century (so we are told in song and story), the barber-shop was one place where masculinity reigned.

VARICOSE VEINS AND THE PILL

A reader writes: Can a person with varicose veins take birth control pills? REPLY: Yes, but there is a questionable evidence that the tablets encourage inflammation of the veins with blood clots. As a result they should not be used if this person has a history of thrombophlebitis.

STONY

Mrs. A. Y. writes: How did I ever get 300 stones in my gall bladder that I just had removed? REPLY: You cannot accuse your gall bladder of being a piker. But you can consider yourself lucky that the surgeon does not base his fee on the number of rocks found.

SHORT ESOPHAGUS

B. S. writes: What causes shrinkage of the tube that leads from the throat to the stomach? REPLY: The tube did not shrink, but was too short to begin with. In other words, this condition is congenital.

IT'S SAFE

B. S. writes: Can a diabetic who uses insulin safely take penicillin for an infection? REPLY: Yes; penicillin has saved the lives of many diabetics as well as nondiabetics.

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NAMED FOR PM

WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—A child baptized in the Cameroon Republic, western Africa, a few days ago was given the name Lester Ebongo Sibongo Tamufor. The Ebongo and Sibongo are family names but the Lester was in honor of Lester Pearson, prime minister of Canada. The choice was made by the child's father, Abraham Tamufor, a Cameroon Republic student in a special business administration program at Waterloo Lutheran University here.

War Theatre Broadening

WASHINGTON (CP)—A characteristic of the Vietnamese war has been that every major decision by President Johnson—however cautious and painful—has led even bigger decisions. And straws in the wind here now forecast a tougher U.S. role in Viet Nam.

For example, will the bombing of North Viet Nam, ever closer to the harbor of Haiphong and the capital of Hanoi, be extended to such previously-excluded targets as oil depots? Will the war theatre be extended to Cambodia? Thailand, or American aircraft over Laos, have been pierced. Cambodia has been shelled.

Can the manpower build-up toward 300,000 or 400,000 men in the ground in South Viet Nam be achieved without moving the U.S. closer to a wartime economy? Will 400,000 men be sufficient? What more has to be done at home in pruning U.S. domestic programs to finance the establishment of a vast military and economic-aid complex in and around Viet Nam?

Recent official acknowledgment has been made of American action against forces in Laos. American guns have fired into Cambodia, where the Viet Cong insurgents and their North Vietnamese allies have long taken sanctuary for training or for running supplies into the south. Behind the decisions that must be made in all these areas remains the question of whether China or even the Soviet Union will continue to avoid direct involvement in Viet Nam as the American presence increases.

More Wheat Sales

Australia is worrying about the political implications of not being able to meet its wheat commitments to Mainland China this season. Expressed in Canadian terminology, this means that Canada should be on the alert for the economic advantages of taking up this slack.

On the demand side of the ledger is the basic fact that China needs, and will need, hefty quantities of imported wheat. But because of drought conditions, neither Australia nor Argentina will be able to supply anywhere near their usual shipments to China.

BIG DEMAND

This will create a spread of 2,000,000 tons or more on the demand side—certainly a lucrative incentive for some "hard sell" tactics. But if Canada is to get a good piece of this action, she is going to have to do some upgrading on her dock-side delivery system.

China has honored her promissory notes on purchases made to date. But there has been some question about the ability of Canadian railways getting the grain to ports. If bottle-necks have existed on current shipments, efforts must be made now to insure smooth working delivery schedules in anticipation of increased cargo.

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While we have not been able to locate in new premises, we hope all our customers will follow us to P. J.'s Ltd., where my son Bill and myself will be only too glad to serve you.

"PLEASE COME" Bill & Wilf Cudmore.