

Mac's Double Shuffle

Provincial Opposition Leader Matheson started a rumour among some of his followers here when he emphasized the need for younger men as Liberal party candidates.

This is Mr. Macmillan's reply to critics that his government is "too old" and "too tired" to try fresh approaches to domestic and world problems.

Many are wondering whether the Prime Minister shouldn't have fired himself along with his colleagues. Others are saying that "the old maestro hasn't lost touch."

Another reason for his drastic course of action may lie in the fact that the Prime Minister must weld together an effective team for selling the British people the desirability of British entry into the European Common Market.

Ill-Prepared Teachers

Few will disagree with Dr. Frank MacKinnon in his contention that the Canadian College of Teachers' banquet Monday night that French teachers should be able to speak English.

Even in the United States, the melting-pot of nations, a high proportion of foreign language teachers fail to measure up to minimum standards, and many are unable to speak, read or write with any degree of fluency the language they teach.

school language teachers along these lines.

The four basic aspects—understanding, speaking, reading and writing, will be tested. The teacher will be expected to speak without faltering and to use the common idiom of the country involved with a pronunciation which a native would have no trouble understanding.

These tests will offer to state education departments a guide for the revision of certification requirements now contemplated in many places. There is no doubt that this reform will spread in time to Canada, effecting a much-needed change in language-teacher training that will aim more effectively at the skills needed by teachers rather than at traditional course credits.

A Cheap Gesture

Featured in newspapers across Canada last week was an Associated Press picture of Saskatchewan Liberal party Opposition Leader Ross Thatcher giving the door of the Saskatchewan Legislative Chamber a hefty kick as he tried to get in.

This, presumably, was intended to point up the fact that Mr. Thatcher had called upon Premier Lloyd to convene a session of the Legislature immediately. He knew before leading his followers to the chamber, however, that it was legally and physically impossible to call a session on such short notice.

As a contribution to the solution of the serious problem facing Saskatchewan in the medicare dispute between the Government and the doctors, this exhibition on the Liberal leader's part leaves much to be desired. There is a need for sound Liberal leadership at this stage in Saskatchewan's history, and wiser men in the party will grieve that Mr. Thatcher isn't measuring up to the opportunity.

Returns To The Fold

Stormont is one of only two ridings in Eastern Ontario with a Liberal member in the Legislature. There are 12 committed Liberals for every seven diehard Tories in the constituency, and the swing of uncommitted votes to the Conservative candidate in the last federal election was regarded as an unfortunate accident.

To make sure that Stormont didn't break ranks again in Monday's federal by-election, the Liberals put 12 members of Parliament into the campaign, "going from door to door like a team of brush salesmen," as one commentator (Tory) observed. If so, their activities paid off at the polls. Stormont has returned to the Liberal fold, though by a scanty margin.

Psychologically the victory was important, coming as it did so soon after the June 18 general election. The Liberals have a right to make the most of it, though it still leaves the Conservatives encouraged by the close race they made. The splinter parties were far behind. Social Credit, though it polled more votes than in 1958, didn't win the measure of support from French-speaking voters that it did in Quebec ridings last month. This is a fact which the other parties are noting with a considerable amount of satisfaction.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Premier Khrushchev, of all persons, has taken to quoting "Hit-waths". In his speech at the Moscow peace conference last week he quoted two lines of Longfellow's poem ("Bury your war-clubs and your weapons... Smoke the calumet together...") and added that he would be glad to smoke the peace-pipe with all world leaders "even though I am a non-smoker."



HOW THE PICTURE HAS CHANGED

WELCOMED IN BRITAIN

Declaration of Interdependence

By W.N. Ever United Kingdom Information Service there can be no question of rivalry between an Atlantic partnership and the rest of the free world.

In fact, when Mr. Kennedy urges his countrymen to think intercontinentally, he is not speaking simply of two continents, but of the continents. The theme of the essential interdependence of free nations is a familiar one here.

Today it is through the Commonwealth that the concept of interdependence is spread over all five continents. For nearly four centuries her economy has been very largely interlocked with those of Asian, African and American countries.

Disarmament Strategy

By Harold Morrison Canadian Staff Writer

Part of the pessimism surrounding the renewal of disarmament talks at Geneva may be attributed to the jockeying by both sides to gain world support.

This time the West may be in a position to do so, having developed a strategy more flexible and resourceful than any which shows before.

ATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP In spite of the relationship as that of an "Atlantic partnership." Again, the thought is familiar here.

It is, I think, important to note, however, that in the mind of the President now to the minds of British statesmen is the concept of interdependence.

WON'T BUY IT The Russians have indicated in the past that they resumed Geneva talks that reduction in on-site inspection won't be an acceptable compromise.

PROGRESS IN A SMALL WAY Washington Star In this age of computers, it is not too surprising to learn that an experimental farm in Canada is supplying up its efforts to develop smaller rather than larger vegetables.

LOST FOOTPATH Well I remember when a footpath led between the township road and cedar fence.

Between the township road and cedar fence. When fields beyond were sheeted gold through May. And June, a sugar-sifted snow of daisies in July. Oh it was fun to be in that timeless age to fill.

Exercises Lead To Easing Pain In Lower Back

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Low back pain is a common complaint of five out of every six walks of life. In many instances, distress stems from weakness of the muscles that contribute to the support of the pelvis and the lower spine.

Dr. Frederick I. Sheffield, of the United States Army medical center at Ft. Belvoir, is strengthening all the muscles, particularly those of the abdomen, to help reduce the strain.

He recommends a specific abdominal strengthening exercise program for everyone with low back pain who is in need of rest.

One has only to follow the story of the current negotiations about British entry into the European Common Market to realize this.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

ONSET OF LEUKEMIA J. T. writes: My wife's leukemia came all at once or gradually?

REPLY The acute types develop rapidly whereas chronic leukemias have a more insidious beginning and it is reasonable to assume that there is a period of incubation.

REPLY C.T. writes: My son has a routine... he must cry 10 minutes before falling asleep.

REPLY No, because starch is poorly absorbed and adds little to the caloric intake. This practice is not advised.

REPLY MURMUR AND SPORTS T.T. writes: Is it advisable for 12-year-old children to compete in sports such as baseball, football, and boxing?

REPLY Yes, because the heart is normal. When the murmur is functional.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO July 18, 1937 The Canadian Government Steamer Aramoan in command of Capt. MacDonald, left Friday on the northern lights and Quebec.

TEN YEARS AGO Plans are now underway for reworking the original chairs in the Confederation Centre.

GOOD FARMERS The Clacksons, or "White Menks" whose chief occupation was farming, had 339 acres in 1851.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"I'm beginning to suspect that your mother has a low opinion of me," complained the bridegroom. The towels she gave are marked "Hers and His" — Hamilton Spectator.

Railroads of Moscow

There is much boasting in Moscow these days about how workers have laid out 250 miles of rails on the heels of Major Tito's frequent comments in this country about how terrible it is that we have so many automobiles.

Apple And Superapple

"They're about the size of golf balls on my tree," he said to a neighbor who called to ask about the apples. The neighbor had no doubt that this was, so there were other things, too, that he probably didn't know and didn't even ask about.

Re-enter The 'Little Tramp'

It has been ten years since the United States Government physicist Charles Spencer Chapin, a native of Britain who had lived in the States for many years without becoming a citizen, could not be readmitted after he was expelled from the country.

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