

A Case In Point

The myth about a man of Premier Shaw's age being too old to be in politics was sedulously propagated by his opponents in the recent election campaign.

One of the outstanding examples in recent times is that of the former West German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer—still spry at 90—who has started to write his autobiography and whose "Memoirs 1945-53" have been published and now translated into English.

"At the end of September 1944 I was arrested again and sent to the Gestapo prison at Brauweiler, near Cologne, after a rather exciting escape from the concentration camp on the Cologne Air Grounds where I had been taken during the aftermath of the attempt on Hitler's life of 20 July 1944.

The Nazi prison commissioner couldn't have known, of course, that the man whom he regarded as having "nothing more to expect from life" was only on the threshold of his true career, and was to attain the apogee of power in his 80s.

"He installed democracy among the archaic ashes of Hitler's Reich. He forced upon the Germans a realization of their appalling sins, above all against the Jews. He attempted in some small way to appease the memories of frightfulness by restitution to Israel, to France, to other symbols of the suffering wrought by Hitler.

The Rescue Squad

The stately procession began on the night of June 4, writes Arthur Blakely in the Montreal Gazette. At first, it attracted little attention. Transport Minister J.W. Pickersgill, speaking in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, to a group of young Liberals complained of the "new Tory line" to the effect that the only way to save Parliament and restore good government in Canada was to get rid of the leaders of both historic parties.

during a Commons speech to set out on the trail Mr. Pickersgill had blazed. Trailing along 24 hours behind Mr. Sharp came Health Minister Allan MacEachen, another potential leadership contender.

Why the procession? Liberal claims to the contrary, the Tories, for once, were innocent bystanders. What set the Liberal Party on its ear was the revelation, from a public opinion poll, that the Munsinger affair had done more damage to Prime Minister Pearson's public image than it had to Mr. Diefenbaker's.

"It is doubtful," says The Gazette writer, "if there is a single politician on Parliament Hill who regards the Canadian version of the Gallup poll as being within hailing distance of infallibility.

Salute To Paul Martin

Mr. Diefenbaker is frequently pictured as a devastating critic of Liberal policies and politicians—good, bad or indifferent. Such is not the case, of course. He can be generous in his commendations, if he feels they are deserved.

What he did, in short, was to obtain support for postponing until fall a decision concerning movement of the NATO political directorate from Paris to Belgium. He felt that the United States, Great Britain and West Germany were wrong when they proposed to move the headquarters from the French capital; that the proposal had its roots not in reasoned decision but rather in pique at President de Gaulle's withdrawal from the alliance's integrated military command.

Basking in the sunshine of such unusual support, Mr. Martin modestly reminded the House that the crucial issues facing the alliance remain and that the part he played in delaying the decision simply "bought time."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Although it was "talked out" in the Commons, a recent proposal to Parliament by the news-making member for York-Humber, Ralph Cowan, stands a better-than-usual chance of someday becoming law.

Auto insurance firms are rejecting many requests for insurance from teenage drivers and first-time drivers of any age. According to the Financial Post, accident rates are so high that the companies cannot afford to insure them.



"THE COLD WAR IS OVER"

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Tribute Paid To Veteran Parliamentarian

After 49 years on Parliament Hill—as M. P., as Cabinet Minister and as Senator—Tom Creer has bowed out on the eve of his 90th birthday, which he celebrated last week.

Two unusual events marked his resignation from the Senate, which was not prompted by his own age or health. First, he delivered his now famous swan-song speech, which he himself subtitled "What I would do if I were Prime Minister of Canada."

Second, on the evening of the day when his resignation took effect, he was paid the well-deserved but perhaps unequalled tribute of being invited as guest of honour at a farewell dinner.

Ontario, it appears, also has been invaded by specialists in that form of crookedness, and high on the list of victims are the provincial and federal governments. That is Mr. Nielsen's assertion, at least, and in view of his earlier accuracy in such matters the statements he makes will carry weight.

Looking back, it was too much to assume that bankruptcy racketeers would restrict their activities to Quebec when the riches province of them all, Ontario, offered even better returns.

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The Big Sneeze

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Seasonal hay fever is an allergic condition which occurs at certain months of the year. Pollen is the chief offender and causes trouble when the concentration in the air is high enough to bring about discomfort to those allergic to these specific substances.

When the physician is confronted with this story he usually recommends a series of skin tests with extracts of pollen. The first material selected is a reagent of the year in which the individual complains.

Tests are done with other pollen that come from vegetation in the neighborhood, because they often show up as potential irritants. After all, hay fever sufferers may be sensitive to one or any combination of weeds, grasses, or trees.

Most allergists grade the positive reactions by size. One plus, for example, is mild whereas four plus has all the trimmings. But a positive reaction to a particular irritant does not mean that it is producing symptoms, the culprit must be in the air at the time that the individual is bothered.

The most effective way to contend with hay fever is to avoid the allergens. This is done by escaping to the northwoods, mountains, sea shore, or taking an ocean voyage. Air conditioning with special filters is next. Nasal decongestants and the antihistamines also are of value. The steroids such as cortisone are helpful but should be used only for a short time.

REPLY: A positive Schick test means that the individual is susceptible; to be on the safe side, toxoid antitoxin should be given. MUSTARD GAS: L. D. writes: Is mustard gas used in the treatment of cancer?

REPLY: It is used in leukemia, with variable results and occasionally in cancer of the lung and Hodgkin's disease. SKIN ERUPTIONS: E. R. writes: Is contact dermatitis the same as eczema?

REPLY: No. The rash in both conditions may be identical but in one the cause is internal and in the other, external. TIGHT SHOES: C. writes: My feet seem very prone to ingrown toe nails. The man, who sold me my last pair of shoes said tight footwear causes this. Please advise.

REPLY: This is a cause. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT: Keep scissors out of the reach of small fry. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.) OFFER BARGAINS: MONTREAL (CP)—A co-operative apartment house on Montreal's fashionable Sherbrooke Street advertises two-bedroom apartments for sale at \$65,043, not including operating costs.

Ronning's Hanoi Mission

The great diplomatic breakthroughs of the cold war have usually resulted from patient and painful negotiations conducted strictly in private. That is why it is extremely unlikely that anything, official or unofficial, will be said for a long time, if ever, about the missions of Canadian special envoy Chester Ronning to Hanoi.

More than two years after the event, the details of how External Affairs Minister Paul Martin set up the United Nations peacekeeping force in Cyprus have still not been disclosed. For another example, which involved Mr. Ronning himself: In 1964, China-born Mr. Ronning, who speaks Mandarin fluently, attended the Korea political conference at Geneva as a member of the Canadian delegation.

To this day, not a word on what transpired between Mr. Ronning and the Chinese has been divulged. Mr. Ronning, 71, went to Hanoi in March on instructions of the Canadian government. He has returned there, presumably to continue the exchange of views on the possibility of negotiations to settle the Viet Nam war.

Officials in Ottawa said any possible success of the mission would be immediately destroyed if the nature of the talks or any details were made public. The point here is that privacy permits the principals to change views and positions. Publicity can force the principals into public positions from which they often feel they cannot retreat.

So far, that channel of communication simply exists. But, officials said, there's no telling when it might spring into sudden significance. Mr. Ronning may be telling the Communist North Vietnamese: If and when you're ready to negotiate, the commission's channel is ready and open for use.

A New Entry

Bilingualism and biculturalism, the game that only two can play, does not appear to be much of a spectator sport. Some of those who have watched English Canada and French Canada walloping the B1 and B2 ball back and forth have become bored and irritated to the point of revolt.

Hence the birth of the Citizens Civic Action Association, a body intended to give expression to an estimated 6,000,000 Canadians who are of neither French nor English stock and who feel that the two major language blocs are so engrossed in their battle that they are ignoring all others.

Every livestock man knows that proper feeding is essential to the production of fine beef, pork, and other meats. It isn't only food that is important, however. An animal nutritionist says the more water hogs drink the leaner and better the bacon.

Those Flavorful Days Ottawa Journal In those flavorful days when woman cooked food instead of frightening it into limp submission in a hissing pressure cooker, families bought tangy, saliva-starting molasses by the gallon. An earthenware jug with a goosy, dark-stained cork stopper was standard pantry equipment.

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