

government comment as yet, although Whitehall is said to entertain no regrets about the downfall of the Diem family regime.

Except for the Communist Daily Worker, the British press has discounted allegations that the overthrow of the regime was manoeuvred by the United States. American influence on events in Saigon is realistically accepted. At the same time there has been some blunt criticism of what are considered errors of United States policy.

Writing in the Sunday Times, veteran Asia expert Richard Hughes states that the South Vietnam Army junta "could not and would not have struck unless it was persuaded that the Americans would look the other way." The paramount task for the incoming military regime, he adds, is to convince the war-weary South Vietnamese people, despite inevitable pro-Communist propaganda, that the United States presence is restricted to United States aid against the Communist invasion, and that the future of the South Vietnamese people is their own.

When the revolt was in the making, the London Daily Telegraph carried this wry comment: "Once more the world has seen demonstrated what a brittle thing a regime under the American aid-embryo can be. It is hardly likely that the President Kennedy was ever surprised at his financial sudden upturn after his financial fall to President Diem's special forces was cut. But nobody seems to draw the obvious deduction that former colonialism was not so bad after all."

**Scotch Invasion**  
From an Athens correspondent of the New York Times comes word that Bacchus, Greece's ancient god of the vine, is fighting a losing battle against a Scotch invasion. The Greeks are changing their drinking loyalties as fast as the bottles of whisky land on their shores. The vine has a local tradition of centuries and two very powerful allies—the government's punitive taxation on whisky, and a major drive to promote wine drinking; but the new habit is growing apace.

Five times as many Greeks have taken to whisky drinking in the last six years and consumption rose from 40,000 bottles in 1956 to 200,000 last year. By the end of the year it is expected to rise to 250,000 bottles, representing 4,500,000 double tons, one for each male member of the population, including infants.

Whisky gained popularity in Greece soon after the Second World War, when thousands of British soldiers were stationed there. A heavy tax failed to deter consumption. A proposal to clamp additional deterrents was given up as soon as the government realized that it would be cutting down welcome customs revenue for its own budget.

"We," he it noted, didn't want to take this course; not "I". Presumably it was for the Government that Miss LaMarsh was speaking on this occasion at least. And the Free Press comments the move as a wise one. Agreement, it points out, must first be secured from the provinces. Ontario—Quebec has already contracted out—and the scheme must also be discussed with the other provinces, at the federal-provincial conference which starts on November 25. All of which means "that even Miss LaMarsh's prediction that the plan will not become law until the next session of Parliament, some time in 1964, may be on the optimistic side."

Whatever the outcome, it's going to be heads the Government wins, tails Judy loses, so far as our Winnipeg contributor is concerned.

**Restrained Reaction**  
Canada, for the time being, is suspending judgment on the South Vietnam revolution. External Affairs Minister Martin says we will not "quickly or lightly" extend diplomatic recognition to the new government. And Opposition Leader Diefenbaker has suggested that before making a decision, the Canadian government make sure it is not "just following the policy of another country" but will investigate all the circumstances.

It seems that, just like people, books need their vitamins to be healthy, especially if they're old. So reports the Library Journal, telling the work of Dom Mario Pinzuti of the Vatican's Institute for the Scientific Restoration of Books. He has found that B vitamins restore the health of parchment, while vitamin C is better for aged paper. Old paper also regains its youth by absorbing protein from a gelatin dip. The vitamins are administered by hypodermic injection and spray. The Vatican is impartial in this matter. "Heretical volumes," Don Pinzuti says, "get the same treatment as orthodox ones."

**AERIAL VIEW, CHARLOTTETOWN**  
**OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson**  
**Seeking A New Party Shibboleth**  
Canada has been described by the authoritative British weekly—the Economist—as "a rule-less mess." It certainly seems like an unsteady hulk, blown now this way by winds from Quebec and now that way by winds from Washington. And as for its parliamentary crew—that looks like a football field with both offensive teams, no 11 defensive teams, both kicking units and both punt-return units, all running around the field at the same time with no referees in sight.

The Liberals are split, so a crying "Go right" and others "Go left" some saying "Go slow" and others "Go fast." The Conservatives are certainly divided. The Social Crediters are recognized as two separate parties. And the New Democrats have split in two to vote. In these circumstances, it was bound to happen. Many of the Canadians, in various parts of Canada, are being to raise a banner which would attract the majority of their sensible brother.

In Ottawa, a "Confederation Club" has been formed. In Montreal, a similar club has been formed. From the west we hear talk of a Confederation Party. In Philadelphia, the national unity philosophy of christian democracy. SEEK UNCLE AND PURPOSE. The present Balkanization of our politics may well be the melting pot out of which is separate parties are emerging. The only alternative to unstable minority government is a fluid and variable coalition. We have no tradition of firm coalition in our politics.

The need for, and advantages in, some new vehicle for political action has been recognized by Mr. Robert Thompson, the national leader of the Social Credit Party. In a recent report to his party's national council, he had this to say: "This Social Credit movement has come to the dividing of the ways. The question is whether to adhere blindly to the financial analysis and terminology given us by Mr. C. Douglas, or to Douglas under the name 'Social Credit', or basing itself firmly on the philosophy of the analysis of Douglas, work out for itself a coherent policy of government which respects the rights of the individual, and the demands of basic Christian principles. I am convinced that the latter is the correct course, and one which could unite under a single political structure."

**PUBLIC FORUM**  
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**COMMUNITY SPIRIT**  
Sir,—An excellent example of community spirit is the variety concert now being held each weekend in York. This show features a large cast of local talent in the district and provides significant, sell-out audiences every night. The men, women and children of York have done much work and put on a most enjoyable production. But, think about the performers for the TEN consecutive nights since November 1st. How many of these wonderful Yorkers are such a progressive community with that kind of initiative and spirit.

This even shows what can be done in the city, towns and villages of the Province and it indicates how the cultural interest of both large and small places can be expressed in the talents and work of the people. Why not have more of these events throughout the Province for the next year and for the interest and enjoyment of all our people, young and old, every day?

I am, Sir, FRANK MCKINNON  
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**Excess Sweat Is A Problem**  
By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen  
Some people perspire, especially certain areas of the body. This condition exists not only under normal circumstances but also during work, and exercise—but when it is excessive, it can be a problem. It is called hyperhidrosis and is characterized by excessive sweating of the skin almost continuously.

This is a real problem when an individual is engaged in social engagements. A physician, salesman, musician, or a draftsman will be at a disadvantage because of the nature of his work. He may never marry because of his unattractive appearance.

A young dentist recently wrote me a difficult letter he was having because of excessive sweating. He was a first-year dental student. At times it is so profuse the water runs from his forehead. The sweat flows spontaneously and is difficult to control. It is a source of embarrassment to him.

An emotional disturbance, anxiety, or mental effort is the most common cause of localized excessive sweating. The hands, feet, forehead, brown, lip, nose, over the chest, or at the back of the neck. In some instances, this appears to be a family trait. It is aggravated by fatigue, warm, alcohol, and certain drugs such as coffee. These factors should be avoided, if possible, to minimize the secretion.

The emotions are not easy to control and excessive sweating can slow down and minimize stress and excitement. Excessive sweating, and antihistaminic products may lessen the pace and calm the nervous system. Antihistaminic sprays usually are ineffective against excessive sweating. A strong antihistaminic help occasionally when the discharge is profuse. X-ray therapy is also used but rarely is recommended because of the need to destroy the sweat glands.

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It is rather — as Secretary-General U Thant suggested in a speech last June—that member nations make provision for a suitable amount of work made available at short notice for UN service and thereby decrease the degree of improvisation necessary in an emergency.

**GAINING SUPPORT**  
This approach has drawn increasing support from Western bloc and neutral nations since the Secretary-General's address to the UN's external affairs minister, was instrumental in getting U.N. peace force to be strengthened until it had sufficient troops and armaments to be able to meet any challenge.

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