

Covers Prince Edward Island Like The Dew... Managing Editor Frank Walker

The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink

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India's Choice

Once again India's multitudes are in search of a leader. Having paused to mourn the late Prime Minister Shastri in traditional rites, they have turned now to the problem of his successor.

Up until last weekend the most likely choice appeared to be Y. B. Chavan, current Defense Minister who was with Mr. Shastri in Tashkent and is said to be a politician of consummate skill.

Also named as being in the running last week was Food Minister C. Subramaniam, who recently visited Washington and whose current disadvantage seems to be that he is considered too favorably in that quarter.

Then there is Congress Party president K. C. Kamraj, who is believed to have ambitions for the prime ministership now or after the 1967 general elections.

In any case, the ruling party's decision will be a fateful one. Peace with Pakistan has still to be worked out. Empty coffers have to be filled.

Mr. Greene's Safari

As his first major chore since taking over the federal agriculture portfolio, Mr. Greene undertook a safari last week through the western provinces. Being the first easterner in over half a century to hold this office, he says he didn't expect to get "all the answers" in one trip, but it has enabled him to meet western farm organization leaders and get acquainted with their problems.

Following his appointment Mr. Greene said one of the problems the government must decide was whether the family farm is to be the basis of our agricultural economy—perhaps with "greater security"—or whether corporate production was to be the goal of the future.

He spent the second day of his western tour splashing around pest-infested potato fields on Vancouver Island, meeting B.C. producers of milk, vegetables, turkeys, broilers and eggs, and eloquently defending the

family farm at a press conference. He paved his way across the prairies in the next three days by blasting the CPR over the handling of grain shipments and tossing off a defense of the wheat and livestock producers he'd be meeting.

He said he didn't like the way the game is played in Parliament—using up time for "nonsensical partisan debate" and holding up legislation such as the farm policies proposed but not enacted during the tenure of his immediate predecessor, Harry Hays.

But he gave most of his time at the press conference to the family farm which, he said, has given Canada plentiful supplies of the cheapest food in the world. "Would we be better off if a very few people with large holdings had control of the country?" he demanded.

It's been a long time since we heard such outspoken statements from a federal minister. Mr. Greene may be heading for a lot of trouble when Parliament meets, but he seems confident of being able to take care of himself.

Padding The Payroll

At the rate things are going, notes the Hamilton Spectator, the Liberal MP who is paid only \$18,000 yearly will soon be in the minority.

The 26 cabinet ministers receive a \$15,000 salary and a \$2,000 car allowance with the exception of the minister without portfolio whose salary is \$7,500. Sixteen of these ministers now have parliamentary secretaries who receive \$4,000.

The Deputy Speaker's salary is \$6,000 and he receives an additional \$1,500 "in lieu of apartments." The Deputy Chairman of Committees gets \$2,000 as an "annual allowance" and finally the Chief Government Whip is paid a salary of \$4,000.

Now it is reported that Mr. Pearson intends to seek legislation increasing the number of parliamentary secretaries and adding another \$24,000 to the "government expenses" item in the budget.

Sooner or later, predicts the Hamilton paper, somebody will decide to pay the committee chairmen something extra. Then it will not be beyond the bounds of possibility that over 50 per cent of the elected members of the governing party will be paid considerably more than the fat salary and expense allowance the average citizen thinks they receive.

It's time a halt was called to this kind of thing. For our population, we have probably the most expensive government in the world. The aim should be to cut down its operational costs, not increase them.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The emphasis placed in the Economic Council of Canada's report on labor problems in this section of Canada finds additional justification in the latest official figures released from Ottawa. These show that unemployment in the Atlantic provinces in December jumped to 7.1 per cent of the work force, from 4.8 in November.

Looking into the future at a convention in Paris the other day, one university professor predicted that in 5 to 20 years, communications satellites will be able to send radio and television directly into homes and offices without relay points.

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'SIDEWALK SUPERINTENDENT' OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Up To PM To End Partisan Politicking

Many parliamentarians fear a further decline in their collective image, although all hope for a more businesslike session.

But on minor details, it is democratically reasonable that the honest consensus of the people's representatives should prevail.

The balance of power will rest on a razor's edge in the new House of Commons. Mr. Pearson has 130 Liberal supporters behind him; but one of these, probably Corwall's Lucien Lamoureux, will be chosen as Speaker, so his vote will not be exercised except in the event of a tie.

Against that government party will be posed the opposition of 134 MPs, with a paper majority of four votes. This consists of 97 Conservatives, 21 New Democrats, 9 Creditists, 5 Social Creditors, 1 Independent Conservative and 1 Independent. It is improbable that this mixture would ever unite to defeat the government on any straight legislative issue, because their broad spectrum brackets the Liberal Party from right to left.

MAJORITY SHOULD PREVAIL The tradition has grown up in Ottawa that any defeat of the government in the House shall be followed by the prime minister asking the Governor General to dissolve the House and call an election.

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Our Yesterdays

Death claimed Dr. Joseph Siris, 57-year-old Quebec City notary whose name became a household word in Canada because of his chairmanship of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations.

The miracle man of boxing, little Henry Armstrong, came to the end of the road. The spirit and the heart of the greatest little fighting man of the present generation were willing, but the machine had run down, and he was stopped in 12 rounds by Fritzie Zivic as he made one last, gallant try to win back his world welterweight championship.

The Kiwanis Club held their weekly dinner meeting at the Queen Hotel. President W. J. Smith was in the chair. The White Elephant Sale under the chairmanship of Lawson Jenkins was discussed.

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By free vote he means a he would take the whip off his supporters to permit each to vote according to his conscience, of course he hopes other party leaders would do the same.

Why should he not equally recognize the consensus of the chosen representatives of the people on other issues, and declare himself accordingly—except on those few specific cases?

Such freeing of each MP to vote in accordance with his conscience and the interests of his electors, instead of performing as the whip cracks, would re-create the interest and participation in legislation of all MPs. In short, it would restore the House to its democratic glories of the past.

Pay Lode For Lawyers

Dr. George F. Thomas of Los Angeles is a disappointed man. He failed to bag a tiger on safari in India and blames it all on a U.S. rifle manufacturer.

The circumstances of the case are weird. Thomas went to India to shoot a Bengal tiger. He hired hunters, baiters and guides and after several days penetrating the jungle finally flushed a tiger. But when he pulled the trigger nothing happened and the tiger stroled away. He hunted several more days, but did not find a tiger.

Following Pioneer Traits Americans traveling along multi-laned expressways often follow trails used by Indians and pioneers.

The first Europeans coming to North America found an extensive network of buffalo trails and Indian trails over the easiest terrain, fords, and mountain gaps. The explorers and settlers followed the beaten path and modern highway engineers have done the same.

CHISHOLM MAY BE MARKED During the 1870s and 1880s the Chisholm Trail served as a highway for one of history's greatest migrations of animals to market. In 1868 Representative Joe Chisholm, a half-Scottish, half-Cherokee, sent the trail led from South Texas across Oklahoma to railroad shipping points in Kansas.

CROCOILES KILL SIX BLANTYDRE (Reuters) — Six persons died from crocodile bites last month in the lower Shire river area of Malawi, a health department report said Friday. Six others were in hospital being treated for crocodile bites. The report says the Shire River now is very low and crocodiles lurking in the pools in the river bed have been attacking persons bathing or washing clothes.

Epilepsy Treatment

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen There are many optimistic reports on the results of our modern remedies in the treatment of epilepsy. It has been said that in 80 to 85 per cent of all cases seizures can be controlled.

Others assert that the attacks can be completely controlled in 50 per cent and greatly reduced in number in another 35 per cent. But physicians from the Michigan epilepsy center found that the number completely controlled decreases as the length of the follow-up period increases.

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Smith In Tough Mood

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

Prime Minister Wilson plans to step up his economic war against the outlawed Rhodesian regime, but there is no indication Ian Smith is ready to throw in the towel or even seek a compromise.

The rough handling of three British members of Parliament in Salisbury and demands on Commonwealth Secretary Arthur Bottomley before he could go to the Rhodesian capital suggest the majority of Rhodesian whites are determined to stand with Smith.

Measures now in force against Rhodesia, particularly the oil embargo, are slowly eroding the Rhodesian economy. Wilson says the screws will be tightened still more, perhaps in a few days. But he also wants to leave the door open for compromise.

The plan for Bottomley to visit Rhodesia seemed to be a step in that direction. While the purpose of Bottomley's trip—since called off—was described basically as to bring the isolated governor, Sir Humphrey Gibbs, up to date on the Lagos prime minister's conference, there seemed to be hope Smith would seize the opportunity to confer with Bottomley on possible negotiations.

After all, Smith faced the prospect that his country, under current conditions, could have no assurance of prosperity or tranquility and the best way out would be a quiet deal with the British administration. But Smith in effect demanded that Bottomley recognize the white regime before any talks could start. Any such agreement would bring African fire on Wilson's head.

The toughness of Smith's mood undoubtedly has made its impression on Wilson and his cabinet. Many African governments have demanded show-down action, but Wilson has wavered time and time again.

The London Evening Standard suggests he was helped enormously by Prime Minister Pearson. Wilson knows he will have difficulty getting further extensions without demonstration of concrete progress. British officials predict that within six weeks Rhodesian oil supplies will run out and the Smith regime will be on the rocks when white Rhodesians find they are forced to walk. But undoubtedly the minority white regime has anticipated the event.

The mood of the whites would suggest no early surrender. In the end, the use of force may be unavoidable.

May Freeze Tower Of Pisa

Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Amateur engineers in Italy are said to be bristling with ideas on how to prevent the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa from leaning any farther, but Walter Ronchi, a Milanese architect, has now come up with the oddest suggestion of all.

He thinks the entire tower should be temporarily frozen into a block of ice. Mr. Ronchi's plan, one of many submitted to the Italian Ministry of Public Works, holds that the 180-foot tower must be lifted right off the ground so that its foundation, which causes the tower to lean, can be reinforced with concrete.

But to lift the tower even a fraction of an inch, he says, might be enough to make it tumble over.

Shared Welfare Costs

Toronto Daily Star

The controversy over family allowances at the conference of federal and provincial ministers in Ottawa last week should not be allowed to overshadow the fact—which may prove more important in the long run—that the ministers are close to agreement on a measure to establish a more uniform standard of welfare across Canada.

This is the Canada Assistance Plan. Under its provisions Ottawa, for the first time, will share with the provinces the cost of mother's allowances, health services for persons on welfare, and the administrative costs of welfare services.

In addition, some of the existing federal-provincial programs—involving aid to the blind, to disabled and needy persons between 65 and 69 and to unemployed who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits—will be revised. At present, the federal treasury shares costs up to \$75 a month. This limit will now be scrapped, and Ottawa will pay half the cost of payments based on the actual need of the recipients.

This should help to iron out the great inequalities in welfare services between different parts of Canada. Widows and orphans, the disabled, and the needy generally have received much niggardly help in the poorer provinces.

With more generous federal support, this situation should change for the better. The day will be much nearer when the allowances received by a Canadian will be determined by his needs rather than by the province in which he resides.

STUDENTS GET PAID

About 5,500 Russian students receive monthly grants of 20 to 60 roubles or free hostel accommodation.

Canadian Club of P.E.I. Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 18th 6:30 p.m. Charlottetown Hotel Speaker DR. JOHN DEUTSCH Chairman Economic Council of Canada

CN travel bargains table with destinations: Montreal \$14.00, Moncton \$3.20, Saint John \$5.00, Halifax \$5.40, Sydney \$9.00, Corner Brook \$16.00, Toronto \$20.00, Winnipeg \$34.00, Vancouver \$56.00