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The Election Budget

What else, with an election pending, could one expect but an "expansionist" budget for the current fiscal year? And this is what Finance Minister Fleming was at pains to emphasize as the cardinal feature of his financial presentation in the House of Commons last night. It's another big deficit budget, which in these times amounts to the same thing. But it is hard, given Mr. Fleming's problem, to gainsay the need of "being careful to avoid a premature dampening down of the upswing which is under way."

So, while personal and corporation income tax rates remain unchanged, there are "incentive rebates", sales tax reductions and various income tax cuts of benefit both to families and to corporations.

Fiscal policy, says the minister, must continue to provide stimulus to the economy; otherwise there will be more unemployment, less industrial activity and less income. Penny-pinching won't do. Pumppriming must go on. Recalling the years, under another administration, when there were bulging surpluses at Ottawa and starveling provinces pleading unavailingly for enough to keep the wolf from the door, we can understand what he means.

One point in particular is worth noting in this connection. Mr. Fleming claims that the cumulative increase in contributions to the provinces during the last five years have exceeded by $376,000,000 the total of budget deficits during the same period. Since we in Prince Edward Island have been on the receiving end of these benefits, though perhaps not to as great an extent as we could wish, we are in no position to lecture him on the virtues of budget balancing.

Nevertheless, that huge deficit of $745,000,000 with which the minister expects this year to end carries its own grim warning. It is topped in peacetime only by the $791,-460,000 he incurred in the last fiscal year. But the latter figure was $148,400,000 over his own estimate of last June, and who knows how far short of the mark he will fall in his current year's prediction? We can only hope that his optimism with regard to a continued pickup in trade and industry will be justified, giving us the means whereby the balance can be redressed in part at least.

Senate Reform?

After all the fervent talk about Senate reform, Prime Minister Diefenbaker's bill to retire senators at the age of 75 comes as a sorry anticlimax. The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse. Indeed, is there any reason why this retirement-at-75 measure, to become effective after the forthcoming election, should be paraded under the banner of "reform" at all?

It is said the bill will have the concurrence of the Liberal opposition, and it is not likely that it will be opposed in the Senate for that would give the Government a good political campaign point in the election; but it is hard to see how the proposed change will effect any improvement in the calibre of the Senate appointees, who will all, presumably, be chosen in the same partisan manner as they are now.

Surely it must be obvious that the way to make the Senate more useful is to appoint persons of outstanding ability, character and independence, regardless of their political affiliation. Such persons would look upon the Senate as a real chamber of review, a place where legislation must be examined objectively and, if possible, improved. But, as the Ottawa Journal pointed out a few days ago, "no such Senate exists today. Half a dozen or so of able men still sit in it, but mostly it is comprised of men who are partisans first, last and all the time, or of men who sit there as pensioners, many seldom in attendance and too many not knowing, understanding or caring what legislation is coming before them."

The Journal goes on to demolish the argument that a remedy can be provided by the provision of an age limit for senators. If a bad appointment is made, it says, then surely it is small consolation to know that such a person can be got rid of by pensioning him when he reaches 75. On the other hand, if a good appointment is made, of a person of character, judgment, and political maturity, then the longer such a person remains in the Senate, the better—his best service as a senator could well be long after he is 75.

Nor is the analogy of judges, who retire at 75, a valid one. Judges, and notably trial court judges, are often overwhelmed with cases and work practically the year round. The Senate is in actual session less than six months of the year, and there is no such pressure on its members.

The proposed change will provide more opportunities than in the past for the government of the day to recompense its party stalwarts with plush jobs at the taxpayers' expense. Why not discuss it frankly on that basis, and keep the word "reform" for something more in keeping with its proper meaning?

Ontario Liquor Change

In Ontario they've at last done away with liquor permits, but patrons are not so pleased with the change as they expected to be. The permits went out on April 2, the day after April Fool's Day, and at precisely the same moment the price of everything in Ontario liquor stores went up.

As in this Province, the original Ontario liquor books were an example of something conceived with high purpose but nurtured in cynicism, or something close to it. They were books in which each person's purchases were laboriously written down. Their purpose was to provide some supervision of the drinking habits of the populace, and no doubt served that function during wartime and immediate post-war rationing. After that, it didn't seem to matter how many entries there were in one's book, as long as the purchaser had the ready money in the other hand.

A few years ago, the Ontario government squared its shoulders and announced that the books would be done away with—but a license would take its place. They cost the same amount—a dollar—and were naturally cheaper to produce. Now the final stage has been reached, and the government has swept away the last vestige of control at the purchasing level. It doesn't have to print any individual liquor licenses at all, but still gets the money by boosting the tax on liquor.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Douglas has announced that he will stand for nomination as the NDP candidate for the Regina constituency in the coming federal election. Regina is now represented in the House of Commons by a Conservative member, Mr. Ken More.

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A member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is protesting, with some justice, the naming of a U.S. Polaris submarine after William Penn. The Quakers are pacifists, and Penn was a leading member of the faith. Surely some better way could be found of honoring him than by associating his name with nuclear weapons.

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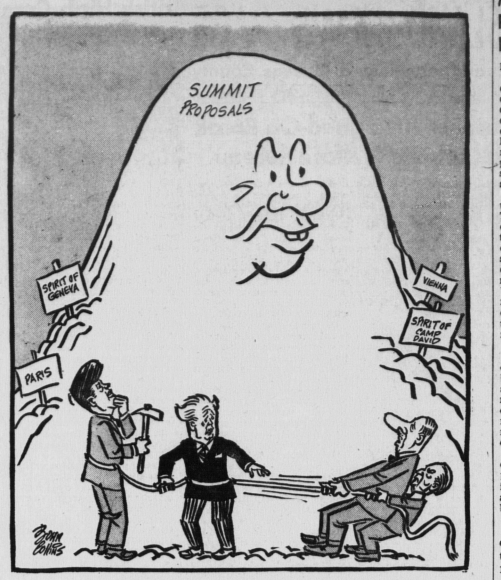
Lord Beaverbrook, a bitter foe of Germany and an opponent of Britain's joining the Common Market which includes West Germany, has issued an order to the editors of his Daily Express that henceforth the two world wars be referred to in its pages as the "First German War" and the "Second German War." The London Observer has noted drily: "Complications will doubtless follow: was the bomb on Hiroshima, for instance, part of the German war?"



ANOTHER TRY AT MT. BALDY?

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Harry Pope And The Harkness Stronghold

A name widely honoured through three generations of our history will be heard again in the coming election, when a bemedalled oft-wounded veteran takes to the hustings to fight his toughest battle.

William Henry Pope graduated from our Royal Military College to join Quebec's famous "Van Doos" in World War 2. Then, and later in the Korean war, he fought with distinction, gaining the Military Cross for gallantry, two mentions in despatches, and three wounds. By 1959, at the age of 36, he had been appointed second in command of the 1st Battalion of that French-speaking Royal Twenty-Second regiment.

This service to Canada was in the tradition set by his great-grandfather, William Henry Pope, a Father of Confederation from P.E.I.; and by his grandfather, Sir Joseph Pope, friend and confidant to Prime Ministers Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and for 30 years a deputy minister in Ottawa; and by his father, the distinguished General and Ambassador, Maurice Pope.

THE ARMY BARMY

"Harry" Pope was not a soldier who believed: "Their's not to reason why, their's but to do and die." He reasoned, and to him our foreign policy under both Liberal and Conservative governments failed to meet the true interests of Canadians. He decided that the organization of our armed forces is faulty and extravagant; and that Canada should quit NATO and NORAD, and foster the development of the non-nuclear club.

Great credit is due to Harry Pope that he implemented his beliefs by resigning his commission, thus sacrificing a military career that might well have led him to the very top. Then as a civilian he accepted the lower paid job of executive assistant to the Parliamentary leader of the CCF-NDP. He first served Hazen Argue—with whom he disagreed often and violently for reasons now not hard to understand—and now more happily but as loyally serves the new leader, B.C.'s Bert Herridge.

To bring his opinions and ideas before the Canadian people personally, he is now planning no less daring a frontal attack than to contest the riding of Calgary North, against the well-entrenched Minister of National Defence, Hon. Douglas Harkness—himself also a decorated veteran of World War 2.

This will certainly be the most important election battle in Alberta, and will serve as a focus for the Ban-the-Bomb movement.

A TORY FORTRESS

In the past five elections, Calgary North has shown itself to be a Conservative, or perhaps more truly a "Harkness," stronghold. In 1958 Doug Harkness won more than 70 per cent of the votes, while his Liberal, Socred and CCF opponents all forfeited their deposits through failing to win at least half the votes cast for the victor. The CCF candidate ran bottom with less than 5 per cent of the poll.

Harry Pope's platform will be that of the NDP. He believes that Canada should not be merely a tail to the US military kite. He considers that much of the huge total of our defence budget would be better spent in aiding the underprivileged millions in the emerging nations of Africa and Asia. He thinks our military effort should ultimately be limited to a Canadian contribution to a United Nations police force. He considers that the cause of world peace would be better served by working for human amelioration than for man's atomisation. In short, he agrees with the ultimate objectives of the Conservative and Liberal parties, but believes that the NDP program is more likely to attain them.

He admits frankly that even transport to his chosen battleground presents a problem; "my 1955 car, with 84,000 miles behind it, might not make it to Calgary." He himself will have an even harder task to "make it" at Calgary. But everyone must applaud the sincerity and record behind his candidacy. The pity is that such a candidate has not selected a riding where he might win, and bring his undoubted talents—whatever one may think of his politics — to the service of his country on yet another and greater battlefield.

PUBLIC FORUM

FREE CHEST X-RAYS

Sir,—It has been brought to my attention, that free chest x-rays are available for the rest of this week only for all hotel and restaurant personnel.

These x-rays are paid for, through the facilities of the P.E.I. Tuberculosis League and are done at 135 Kent St.

A certificate of being free of chest tuberculosis will be given those found negative.

All hotel and restaurant proprietors should take advantage of this opportunity.

I am Sir, etc.,
DR. W.L. MACDONALD
City Health Officer

CURRENT TOPICS

Sir,— The afternoon before the prorogation of the Legislature, I was fortunate to get a seat in the gallery of the House, and to listen to the major portion of Premier Walter Shaw's speech. It was a classic. I have heard most of the great Canadian speakers from the beginning of the century until today including our renowned orator and Leader at Ottawa, and in my humble opinion none has succeeded in declaring the accomplishments and situation of his government with such incisive clarity, acumen and oratory as did our own Provincial Premier in our House of Assembly on Thursday afternoon.

The closing portion of his speech was an inspired rhetorical declaration of intention and integrity on the part of himself and his cabinet in the interests of his people, and an earnest invitation to the opposition to give the government the help which honest criticism contributes. My congratulations and my gratitude to our Premier and my friend Hon. Walter Shaw for a delightful half hour, listening to an inspired leader expound policies designed to benefit the people who placed him in office.

I was pleased that interested parties, protempore at least, dropped the question of the initiation of separate school boards in sections of the Province. I hope I will not offend anyone, by referring to this rather touchy subject, but I am compelled to submit, that it is my opinion and my concern that there should not be an additional wedge to drive Christians apart.

Divide and conquer, has been the chief aim of combatants since history first recorded man's efforts at conquest. The destructive forces of scepticism, agnosticism, and atheism, at present centered chiefly in the philosophy of Communism, encourage division in those who believe in, and worship a supreme and benevolent Intelligence, personified by Christians in God and His Son Jesus Christ. This is a plea for closer unity instead of more segregation and division among Christians. We believe if children grow up and go to school together, with the tolerance and friendships that children have, it will go far towards eliminating divisions in each succeeding generation. This is merely my personal opinion. It is honest, whether correct or not, and is submitted with charity and respect for all opinions whether pro or con.

While we personally believe that religious thinking is designed for subjection to the influence of evolution paralleling man's physical and mental progress from his primeval initiation, we are slightly nauseated by the multifarious credos propagated by free thinking Christians with little study and outlined by each exponent as the one and only way to mansions in the skies. Nevertheless we cheerfully leave them with their beliefs and methods without argument and cherish them as we do the rest of our Christian brethren. The recourse for spiritual knowledge and discipline is available to all, and the way by which it is attained is solely the right of the individual and should be respected as such. Thus and so should tolerance obtain.

I am, Sir, etc.,
C.C. PRATT
St. Peters P.E.I

Mononucleosis Recovery Rate Is Termed High

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Every year the health services of our larger universities take care of 100 to 1,000 college students with infectious mononucleosis. The majority are sick enough to be admitted to the hospital or infirmary and remain there one to 32 days. Approximately 6 per cent of these students will withdraw from school because of the illness.

In the past the condition usually was mistaken for a cold. The true nature of the infection escaped detection because blood tests were not done. Mononucleosis usually causes a mild sore throat, fever, chills, and enlarged lymph glands in the neck, armpits, and groins. Weakness is pronounced and the majority have no desire to eat or study. Blood tests are positive and many show slight abnormalities in liver function.

Bed rest is most desirable during the acute phase. A antibiotic like penicillin or a steroid such as cortisone is of no value unless complications occur. There is no specific remedy to hasten recovery from mononucleosis, but virtually everyone recovers.

We do not know how the disease is passed from person to person. Mononucleosis stepped into the limelight several years ago when an eastern physician blamed its spread on kissing.

This was based, to a certain extent, on his observations that the disease developed so often 15 to 30 days after the Christmas and spring vacations. Others blamed shared toothpaste, formites in dormitories, or transmission through the air of contaminated fingers.

The disorder is most contagious in children, in whom it is likely to be so mild, symptoms are passed off as a cold. Mononucleosis is less infectious among young adults, possibly because the majority had the condition earlier in life. This may explain why it does not spread like a brush fire through the student body, even though they live and work close together.

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

SLEEP POSTURE

F. E. E. writes: A friend, in his sixties, falls asleep in his chair afternoons. I am 73 and in perfect health, but always lie down for my naps as I feel this is better for the internal organs than the sitting posture. What do you say?

REPLY

Take your naps in the position in which you are most comfortable. A person with heart trouble often breathes better when sitting up or lying on two pillows. But the reverse is not true in that the heart and other organs are not harmed by sleeping in a chair.

BUCKLING KNEE

E. C. writes: My neighbor claims she has unstable joints. What does she mean?

REPLY

This term is used occasionally in connection with various abnormalities of the knee. With weight bearing, the joint buckles, locks, and becomes painful.

Castro's Ransom Demand

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Premier Fidel Castro's demand of $62,000,000 as ransom for the 1,179 Cuban invaders is seen in U.S. diplomatic quarters as an attempt by the financially-crippled Cuban regime to crack the impact of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

For this reason, the U.S. government is reacting with unusual slowness to the ransom demands. It wants to show its sympathy with the invaders who face long prison terms if the money isn't paid but it doesn't want to ask Congress for money to bail out the rebels captured in the invasion fiasco a year ago.

Indeed, one U.S. diplomatic source suggested Congress may not be too eager to approve the use of such funds, especially when it is known Castro has imprisoned hundreds of other Cubans for political reasons.

"Where is the United States to draw the line? If it is prepared to bail out the invaders, why shouldn't it be prepared also to bail out the hundreds of other political prisoners?

While this line of reasoning is offered as argument why the United States should move slowly and perhaps eventually refuse to provide federal funds for ransom, an element that diplomatic quarters seem to ignore is that the U.S. supported and encouraged the invasion attempt and therefore, it may be reasoned, should bear responsibility for its fate.

Published reports by Cubans who were associated with the invasion even suggest the U.S. kept vital information from the rebels—such as the last-minute removal of promised U.S. air support—and that poor military planning on the part of U.S. Central Intelligence Agency may have led directly to the invasion disaster.

Last year when Castro offered to trade the prisoners for 500 tractors, the U.S. government did associate itself with a citizens committee to collect the necessary funds, estimated at $17,000,000. The U.S. offer was withdrawn when Castro demanded heavy tractors instead of light ones, increasing the cost.

Now another U.S. group, made up of families and friends of the Cuban invaders, says it is ready to negotiate on the basis of Castro's terms of $25,000 each for the rank and file prisoners and up to $500,000 each for the leaders. This group says it has money for some of the rebels but certainly not for all of them.

Undoubtedly the group would be prepared to launch a campaign for funds which might have a better chance of success if it had the government behind it.

Again the government may be slow to act. U.S. officials reason that Castro is in financial trouble. A food shortage has brought rationing to Cuba. Castro's popularity may decline, thereby increasing prospects of an internal uprising. That is what the U.S. administration wants.

OWEN REAPPOINTED

OTTAWA (CP) — Reappointment of George Owen as vice-chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation was announced Tuesday by Agriculture Minister Hamilton. Mr. Owen will serve as acting chairman until a successor is named for T. J. Rutherford who retired recently.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A millionaire advises us not to leave our children more money than they can reasonably use. It had never occurred to most of us that people with children never had any money to leave.

Many people these days are having more trouble in trying to live within an income than quite a few people in the early 30s had in trying to live without one — Galt Reporter.

Gerhard Neumann, a motorist in Wuppertal, West Germany, has covered the bodywork of his sports car entirely with fur. He says it stands up better to rain, flying stones and minor bumps and has applied for a patent. Instead of car polish he now uses a vacuum cleaner. — The Observer, London.

If we were to see an immense, fire-ravaged city, and were told that in it five thousand persons had perished in the flames, we should be deeply moved. Such a nightmarish figure would be presented if all the fire tragedies across Canada during the past ten years were gathered together in one place. — Hamilton Spectator.

In the next five years, it has been reported, teapots may be replaced by tea drops, sugar coated pills shaped like tear drops but containing instant tea in solid form. And there will be powdered milk cubes available for those who want milk. Times sure do change. — St Catherines Standard.

A science news item from Regina reports that some of Saskatchewan's earliest residents were "roving predators with powerful tails and paddle-shaped feet." That's no way for the present inhabitants to talk about people as they were in the days of the last provincial Liberal government. — Hamilton Spectoator.

Once you have lived to be 100, there's a good chance that life insurance agents will quit bothering you. — Chatham News.

There were probably occasions when Eve wished she had a mother to go home to. — Nanaimo Free Press.

Some of the new players' contracts in the major baseball leagues suggest that they will need the services of tax consultants as much as field coaches. — Edmonton Journal.

James Gostling, former Scotland yard inspector and founder of the "Phantom Brigade," has made a long-playing phonograph record for bankers and business men that recounts the tricks of gangsters and swindlers. The price is $30, but the record can be bought only by those who provide proper references and guarantees of good faith.—London Daily Mail.

The husband-and-wife argument had reached its height. "I wish I'd taken mother's advice and never married you!" the wife sobbed bitterly. The husband asked slowly: "Do you mean to say that your mother tried to stop you marrying me?" She nodded. "Good Lord," the husband whispered! "How I've wronged that woman." — Montreal Star.

The cross-country manpower survey has revealed three outstanding facts: First the "jaworks" are enjoying high wages and an excellent standard of living, while the "out-of-works", of course, are not. There has been in other word, no cut-backs of salaries among the employed. Second, there is little or no place nowadays in labor's ranks for the unskilled man or woman. And, third, that automation and improved techniques are throwing out of work an increasing number of skilled tradesmen. —Calgary Herald.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(April 11, 1937)

Captains Harold Messervey, and W. Andrew; Lieutenants Fred Brady, Russ Spillett, D. L. Mathieson; Second Lieut. A. M. Douglas; Acting Quartermaster Sgt. C. E. Walker, and Lance Sgt. A. E. Farquharson are taking a two-week course at the Royal School Artillery, Kingston, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. H.R. Stewart entertained in honor of Mrs. R. H. Jenkins of Calgary, formerly of Charlottetown, during the latter's visit in Ottawa. Mrs. Colin MacNeil and Mrs. L. D. Warren also entertained for Mrs. Jenkins.

TEN YEARS AGO
(April 11, 1952)

Four Avenger naval aircraft carrying 16 Canadian naval airmen from 881 Squadron, attached to HMCS Magnificent, Canada's only aircraft carrier, will land at RCAF station, Summerside today, to make a tour of the air navigation training center. They were preceded yesterday by four of the same type of aircraft, each carrying four men, under the command of Lieut. W. Atkinson.

Returning to Canada on rotation leave after many months of bitter fighting in the Far East are two Prince Edward Island soldiers, privates J. Hogan of Rocky Point and W. B. McAulay of Charlottetown. Both are attached to the Royal Canadian Infantry Corp. They are two of sixty - six Canadian soldiers being returned to Canada this weekend.

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