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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Adenauer's Difficulties

Chancellor Adenauer's impending visit to Moscow—some months, incidentally, before he originally had planned to go—may prove to be an important event for other nations besides West Germany.

If that appraisal of the situation is in any way responsible, it means that Chancellor Adenauer is in for a difficult time. Along with the charm and bonhomie of his official welcome the Russians will find any number of little ways of reminding the visitor that the dream of reunification, which is in every German's heart, will be contingent on certain reciprocal arrangements between the two governments.

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Anticipating criticisms which the Conservative national leader is likely to make in his nation-wide speaking tour, a prominent Liberal newspaper, the Winnipeg Free Press, says it is important for Liberals to recognize their own shortcomings and examine them honestly with a view to correcting them "before they are crowded out by the irrelevancies and exaggerations that Mr. Drew may produce."

"First, Liberal MPs on the backbenches have grown, as a whole, lazy. The Government having been safe and successful so long, they are far too ready to believe that not merely the Government collectively but individual Ministers are almost always right. There is far too little of the questioning from their own side that keeps Ministers on their toes. There is too much spineless acceptance of policies and too little thrashing to-and-fro of ideas."

"Secondly, the present Ministers are, with very few exceptions, poor parliamentarians: not in the sense Mr. Drew alleges, that they despise and override Parliament; but in a technical sense. And the technical sense is here very important. A good parliamentarian is a man who is not overly concerned about seeming to be right every time on every detail.

We care less about his own dignity, in that trivial respect, than about the need for genuine, democratic discussion promoting a collective wisdom. He knows that this means being tripped up sometimes himself; but he does not mind because he realizes that in the process he will lose less than he gains on other occasions. He is happy to encourage lively and vigorous debate, because he is confident of generally coming out of it pretty well. That fighting spirit has faded from Parliament. Far too much, the Government plays safe. Either because they are too pre-occupied with administration, or because they lack confidence in themselves, most Ministers do not take the trouble to conduct parliamentary business in the way that would give Parliament its full stature as the focus of political debate.

Thirdly, and most important, Ministers themselves have become somewhat slack about their collective responsibility for government policy. Just as backbench MPs take Ministers' policies too much for granted, Ministers take each other's. Too many matters get too far on the responsibility of the individual Minister, or of one or two Ministers; and the cabinet as a whole then fails to convey that sense of its collective responsibility to Parliament which is the keystone of representative government."

These faults, says the Free Press, "are not remotely like the terrible things that Mr. Drew gets so incoherently indignant about. They are not the product of evil Government intentions. They have grown up because the Opposition is weak, and it has therefore been easy for Ministers to have a quiet parliamentary life." But this, it adds, "does not free Ministers and Liberal MPs from the responsibility to reform. There is a genuine public uneasiness about the condition of Parliament. And, whatever the origin of the faults, the Government will rightly get the blame if it allows them to continue."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Italian barber who says he can shave a man in 16 seconds "from lather to lotion" evidently is not allowing any time at all for the traditional comments on current events.

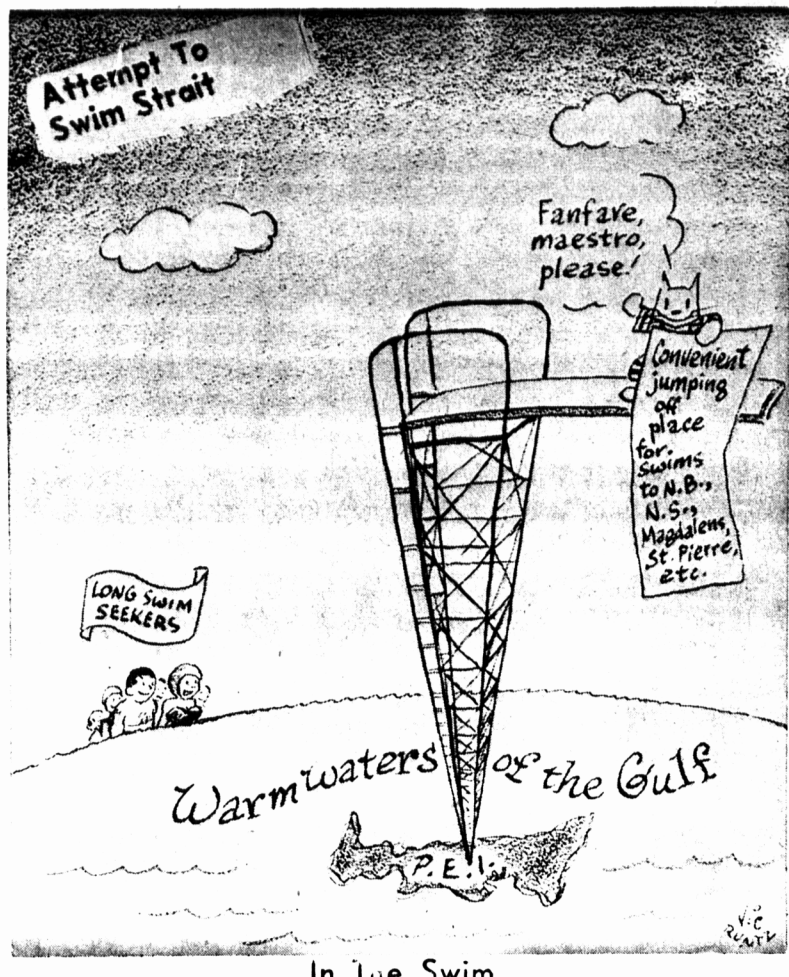
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An authority on cattle feed has announced after lengthy research in the subject that it is better for cows to select their own forage than to have it selected for them by experts. That way, the man says, they are more likely to get what's good for them. It's an interesting discovery; but, from all reports, the cows have known it all along.

A Norwegian government official, after being on a visit to New York, addressed a club meeting in his home town in this wise: "Who would want to live in New York when one can live in Kristiansand and go out in a boat and fish for mackerel? In this country we have bigger opportunity for creating happiness, balance, and harmony than is possible in most of the thoroughly industrialized communities. Perhaps we are the happiest nation in the world." There is a lot of sense in what he said.

Mr. Jean Paul St. Laurent, son of the Prime Minister, has been nominated as Liberal candidate in the forthcoming Federal by-election in Temiscouata. In the event of his election, we shall have the interesting spectacle of a prime minister and his son in the House of Commons at the same time. But it will not create a precedent, remarks the Ottawa Journal. Hibbert Tupper not only sat in the House with his father, Sir Charles Tupper, but was actually solicitor general in his father's ministry. And Hugh John Macdonald sat in the House with his father for six months before Sir John's death in 1891.



OTTAWA REPORT

Spurt In Home Building

Saskatchewan has led Canada's building boom over the past four years. Prosperity in the construction industry has been the backbone of our national prosperity. Therefore, one could reason, bumper wheat crops are still the cornerstone of our wealth.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has just announced that the value of construction in Saskatchewan jumped by a staggering 78 per cent over the past four years. This figure is reached by comparing the total construction cost last year with 1951's figure. The all-Canada building boom showed a 28 per cent increase in the same period.

More than half a million workers are averaging \$3,950 a year in wages in this construction boom, and over two billion dollars a year are being poured out in materials to be included in these new buildings. The chartered banks have now been in the home-mortgage business for just over one year, and the filling given to our building industry by this extra source of mortgage financing is clearly shown in this year's acceleration in the boom. The volume of new home building financed by National Housing Act mortgages has jumped by 45 per cent in the first half of this year, in comparison with last year.

Accompanying this spurt in home-building is a decided change in home design. The Home of Tomorrow is being optimistically designed on drawing boards all over the country, but meanwhile the Home of Today has "taken very definite shape as something which our parents, and even our immediate post-war selves, would never have considered." This new home, according to the Central Mortgage and Finance Corporation head office here, is the bungalow. More than 17 out of every 20 homes built with N. H. A. mortgages last year were bungalows, or one-storey dwellings. Another two out of every 20 such homes were part-bungalows, that is to say one and a half storey homes. The remainder were split level or two-storey dwellings.

No Verbal Skvrockets

THE TWO BRITONS who had breakfast in London, luncheon in New York and were back in England to dine with their wives, all on the same day, were unchalant about the dazzling performance, but there was nothing casual in what they accomplished.

"Just routine," one of them explained. Nonsense. The understatement is positively quaint. What Pilot John Hackett and Navigator Peter Money penny did, scintillates with success.

The twin-jet Canberra plane which so neatly did their epic biding in the 6,914-mile round-trip trans-Atlantic flight, shares in a triumph that rebounds to the science and skill of British aeronautics as well as to the personal credit of the two airmen. The pair flew a photo-reconnaissance version of the Canberra bomber. It was the first London-New York round-trip ever completed in one day. An earlier model of the same plane made the first trans-Atlantic round-trip in a single day three years ago—from Northern Ireland to Newfoundland and back, 2,766 miles shorter than the flight Tuesday.

In New York, during the 35-minute intermission of the flight, the United States Navy supervised the refuelling of the Canberra, setting

College Objectives

A college should not be considered chiefly a marriage bureau, nor an employment agency, nor a social club, nor an arena, nor yet a technical school for crafts and skills; and if we force the faculties to think of universities primarily in these terms we are perpetrating a perversion, and a very grave one.

It seems to me that in our present world a college is the one place where standards are considered and not prices, the one place that is not a market. Everywhere else for the rest of our lives we will be called on to justify ourselves and render account. Here we only recognize.

Here it gains us nothing to say a thing is sound if it is not. We can have the joy of thinking for the intoxication of thinking and for no other purpose — not because, for instance, it will enable us to buy a more expensive dinner. Here we can ask, "Is this true?" without the withering caution as to what might or might not accrue to the answer. We can say, "This is beautiful — my heart turns to it," in pure love.

The questions asked during these years are fundamental questions and the answers given are classic — that is, they are enduring and passionate. And the people who dedicate their lives to helping us ask and answer are set apart from others.

Teachers exist and work not wholly for themselves but in large part for others; and they seldom have axes to grind. They ask only attention. They ask this, and they ask that the student do the best he can with no thought of immediate profit. It seems little enough, but in actuality it is very much. It will not be demanded again of us in a hurry.

This is the point of view of the artist and of the pure scientist, of the true scholar and of the true friend. This is an important moral experience and one which we certainly cannot afford to miss. Remember that free thought has always been kept alive by students in cloister or university, that the university is always the first line of battle.

Remember that Hitler hit the universities first and destroyed their freedom. And until he had done this he could do little else; and once he had done this all else he accomplished followed as a matter of course.

It was the universities in Poland that gave the first evidence of the breach within the state as it was the Polish faculties that were murdered first. Remember always most solemnly that the person who determines your way of living and your chance of salvation is not the man who pays your wages, nor your president, nor your doctor or policeman, nor yet even your spouse, but the one who looks you in the face when you are young, calls you by your true name, and says "Go forth."

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Medically Speaking

OF BRONCHIAL ASTHMA While hay fever is an extremely annoying type of allergy, asthma is a much more serious problem. These recurring attacks can leave you gasping for breath and totally disabled.

Between three and five of every 100 persons in the United States suffer from asthma. Some 2,000,000 of them have bronchial asthma, the form of the disease usually meant when we speak of asthma.

Bronchial asthma strikes both sexes and is most common among white persons. About one-third of the cases begin in children under 10. Like hay fever, asthma frequently is found in families with histories of allergy. Because of this we think heredity might be a factor.

While asthma may be caused by allergy to various foods or some sort of infection, we'll consider here only those attacks brought on by ragweed and other inhalants.

CONTROL ATTACKS There is no cure for bronchial asthma except to avoid the pollen to which you are allergic. We can, however, control most attacks by a variety of well tried medicines.

An asthmatic has difficulty breathing when a thick, rubbery mucus secretion plugs the bronchial passages. The bronchial tubes contract. It is easier to breathe in than it is to exhale since expiration usually is a comparatively feeble act anyway. For a while you will breathe in more air than you can expire. Little by little your lungs become over-distended with residual air.

DANGER OF INJURY Most attacks occur at night and if untreated might last from an hour to several days. The longer the attack lasts and the more intense it is, the greater is the danger of causing permanent injury to the heart or lungs.

Probably the easiest way to prevent an attack is by inhaling epinephrine spray from a nebulizer. In severe attacks, injections of epinephrine or adrenaline usually provide relief. Ephedrine may be taken by mouth. Cortisone and hydrocortisone usually give good results. And strong coffee or strong decoctions of tea help relieve attacks for some persons.

QUESTION AND ANSWER C. R. W.: I have a number of sebaceous cysts on my head and body. Is it wise to have them removed before they become infected? Is there anything like vitamins which help eliminate them? Answer: It is wise to have the sebaceous cysts removed. Use of vitamins would not cause these cysts to disappear.

The Poet's Canon TEACHER REMEMBERS Here are the wild flowers he would carry home. Where had he seen them one short month ago? Here is a grassy pathway he might roam. but still, beyond, the deer is with her doe. He went the long way round and by a brook, splashed brow with water: mirrored in the pool were washed eyes. He had seen somebody lool like that last month, before the end of school. Sidney it was who wandered late to class, who walked as one walks in the deer's still place: in his label, from some green hidden pass, wild blossoms; on his washed and glistening face, his own found knowledge. Till a far September, the boy kept after school he'd long remember. —Joseph Joel Keith in the Christian Science Monitor.

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It takes a man of iron resolution to let a cough drop dissolve in his mouth without speeding the process by chewing. — Stratford Beacon-Herald

A solar cooking stove, composed simply of a concave mirror and a support for pots and pans, is to be marketed commercially by an Egyptian firm, which expects to manufacture about 18,000 stoves a year. The invention was perfected by Dr. Tarciel, until recently the representative of the state of Yemen at the United Nations. In Eastern countries, where fuel is scarce and sunshine plentiful, Dr. Tarciel's stove will provide an economical means of cooking for thousands of people. — Niagara Falls Review

The way things are going in the United States the day may come when the men will remain at home to look after the household chores while their wives take over the earning of the family income. Dr. Henry David, secretary of the National Manpower Council, told a regional conference that female employment has increased 125 per cent during the last 10 years. Man's employment increased but 85 percent during the same period. Last year we men held 20,000,000 of the nation's 64,000,000 jobs. — Saint John Telegraph-Journal

It is a safe guess that at the next session the Federal Liberal Leader will be a good deal more respectful of the Opposition and of the rights of Parliament than they have been for a long time past. The threat to our traditional system of government has been eased considerably. The result is often described as a Progressive Conservative triumph, yet it was much more of a triumph for parliamentary government and for the Canadian people. But it will depend fundamentally on the vigilance of the public whether the victory is permanent. — Edmonton Journal

Adolf Hitler has been "missed, believed dead," for ten years now, but interesting bits of information about him still come to light. The latest disclosure is that he was probably history's greatest "ix-dogger." According to a former U. S. occupation officer in Germany, official records indicate that by the end of 1934 Hitler owed \$150,000 in back taxes. These were quietly cancelled by a secret and probably illegal decree. From that time on the fuhrer simply ignored the tax-collector and enjoyed his official salary, and his enormous royalties from the compulsory sale of "Mein Kampf," tax-free. It is a curious thought that if Adolf Hitler proved to be still alive, and came back to Germany, the authorities might have to put him in jail for not paying his income tax, like Al Capone. — Edmonton Journal

How can you tell when a cow is getting ready to cross the road? Tom Burson, the Camilla editor, raises the question. Tom's theory is that you must keep your eyes on the cow's tail. If the tail is hanging straight down and stiff, that means indecision. The animal is trying to make up her mind if the grass is greener on the other side of the pavement. But, says

The Age Old Story Sing unto the Lord, all the earth; show forth from day to day his salvation. Give unto the Lord the due unto his name; bring an offering, and come before him; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

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