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Monty's Actions Annoy Officials, Amuse Fans

By ROD CURRIE
LONDON (CP) — Most of the British columnists who impulsively and persistently urge Viscount Montgomery to stay home and shut up would no doubt miss him if he ever beeded their advice.

His travels, his comments and his interest—some call it plain interference—in world affairs amuse his dotting fans, astound others and more often do not infuriate the people at the Foreign Office.

But his visits to world leaders—sometimes at his own invitation—and his facility for breaking a world crisis down into tasty, if not caustic, school-boy language makes him the delight of cartoonists, columnists and headline-writers.

His career since he turned in his wartime beret and baggy corduroy trousers for the scarlet and ermine of the House of Lords has been a rough one covering thousands of miles. His fans say he is completely naive politically; that he has no comprehension of the damage that statements by a man of his stature can cause in international affairs.

But many of his supporters, who remember him as Britain's great wartime hero, resent his treatment in the press and feel his prestige is unfairly depreciated by the comic, almost clownish, figure he is sometimes made out to be.

ASSIS NO QUARTER
Emanuel Shinnel, Labor member of Parliament, once of this rather qualified support in the House of Commons "is it not time, leaving aside the merits of some of the speeches made by the field marshal, that we stopped attacking one of our finest soldiers and an honorable man?"

Such support, quite possibly, is wanted on Monty. Once, drawing a distinction between professional and personal criticism, he commented: "I, of course, suffer from both. I don't mind. I rather enjoy it, actually."

In 1959, when he termed the international situation "a frightful dog's breakfast," he hung on himself a catch phrase which still is synonymous with Monty and will follow his name into the obituary columns.

When he announced his intention to visit Moscow to "have a sit-down-round-the-table" with the "chaps" in the Kremlin, a wide circle of British officials, from expressed horror.

"As usual," wrote William Connor, columnist for the Daily Mirror, "few doubts enter his open-and-shut mind."

REFUSED TO FADE
Other newspapers joined in with headlines such as "Come off it Monty," and "Monty! To an old and meddling soldier—fade away!"

Said Connor, who writes under the name Cassandra: "Field-Marshal Montgomery has rendered his country great services. He can crown them with the final gift of silence." Monty was undismayed. "I'm blushing if I can see why I should not go." And off he went.

For foreign office officials, still blushing over his then-recent television interview during a visit to the United States, the reasons were painfully clear. Monty, on that occasion, told the American people their delusions—Eisenhower and Dulles—

were "not awfully well."

In world problems it was "a question of wisdom," he told the coast-to-coast audience, "and I would say that you have quite a bit to learn."

After Russia he went to Communist China and returned saying he found Mao Tse-tung "a fine chap" and that he would be happy to "go into the jungle with him." The humor writers had a field day with that one.

PRESCRIBES POISON
His most recent flash onto the front pages followed his comment that what Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany needs is "a dose of weed-killer."

"He's an old man and over-sensitive," the 75-year-old Monty told 400 senior officers at the Royal Military College of Science. "A small dose would do."

In South Africa, where he went for a personal study of racial problems, he caused stir by telling his white hosts that if they found themselves threatened by blacks from the north "I shall draw my sword and come and help you myself."

Not long ago he entertained the House of Lords by describing the house of a man is occupied during 21 years in the army. He spends seven years in bed, according to Monty's calculations, and three more years asleep—"mostly in the afternoon."

Replied War Minister John Profumo: "If we look at these statistics we could make a very strange interpretation of Field-Marshal Montgomery's existence. Over the last 21 years the Field Marshal could have spent six months shaving, 3 1/2 years eating and six years in telling other people what to do."

Sales Tax On Services Is Seen As Possibility

By FORBES RHUDE
Canadian Press Business Editor

Should the sales tax be applied to service industries? The possibility is suggested by John de M. Marler, Montreal lawyer who is chairman of the board of governors of the Canadian Tax Foundation.

The purpose of such a tax would be to broaden the base from which taxes are collected and so make possible reduction in other areas where rates may be considered excessive.

"The present federal sales tax," Mr. Marler said in a discussion at the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, "is imposed, generally speaking, upon the sale of goods produced or manufactured in or imported into Canada."

"It is not imposed on services 'sold' in Canada. Yet, there is evidence that Canadian service industries are expanding at a very considerable rate, greater even, it has been suggested, than our manufacturing industries. And economists complain that unusual distortions result from the taxing of one segment of economic activity and not another."

SERVICES NOT NAMED
Mr. Marler did not name the services that might be considered suitable for the sales tax, but they could include a very wide range, such as banking, insurance, barber shops and beauty parlors.

Some quarters, he continued, feel it would be possible to combine the federal sales tax with provincial sales taxes.

Under a broadened base, Mr. Marler said it is estimated that the combined tax could be kept at or below 10 per cent.

Presumably this would be on the basis of a tax at the retail level, the one at which provincial sales taxes of varying amounts are levied. The present federal tax, applied at the manufacturers' level, is 11 per cent, including three per cent for old-age security.

Mr. Marler prefers the broadened-base approach to taxation

NEWSPRINT ROLL USED IN STUNT

TIMMINS (CP)—Thirteen men have delivered an 807-pound roll of newsprint to the Timmins Daily Press by pushing it all the way from Trout's Falls, 44 miles away.

The party completed the gruelling trek in 17 hours, 36 minutes and 42 seconds—an average of about 2 1/2 miles an hour.

The stunt marked the opening of Abitibi Paper Company's golden jubilee celebrations, which continue until Sunday. The pushers were all members of the Ansonville and District Chamber of Commerce.

WRESTLES 'KHRUSHCHEV'

Professional wrestler Haystacks Robinson, who weighs 475 pounds, won a surprisingly easy bout with a wax effigy of Russia's Nikita Khrushchev at a wrestling show in Niagara Falls, Ont. He applies a headlock to his opponent which might lead to wonder whether the bout was rigged. (CP Wirephoto)

48,451 Polls Will Operate Across Canada

Ottawa (CP) — Upwards of 48,451 polling stations will be open across Canada Monday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. local standard time to accommodate the estimated 9,000,000 persons eligible to vote in the federal election, chief electoral officer Mr. Caouette said today.

Mr. Caouette said the figure is an estimate, based on latest reports from returning officers in the 362 constituencies, two of which return two members, where voting will be held Monday. Election in one constituency has been deferred to July 16. The final figure may vary from the estimate by 300 or so.

Including the estimated 1,509 advance polls which were open last weekend, it is expected that this year's election will have a record total of 50,319 polls against 44,595 in 1958 (46,655 in 1957 and 40,242 in 1953).

Estimated totals by the Atlantic provinces and Quebec, including advance polls, for Monday (1958 figures bracketed): Newfoundland 1,548 (1,345); Prince Edward Island 203 (271); Nova Scotia 1,589 (1,851); New Brunswick 1,429 (1,288); Quebec 14,946 (12,103).

CARRIAGE BUSINESS IS IN TROUBLE

A policeman tells Andre Derepenyng, driver and owner of one of Montreal's Mountain Park's popular horse-drawn carriages for tourists, that he can't stay on Chateaufort road without passengers. The drivers say this kind of treatment is threatening their business and have complained to Montreal officials. (CP Wirephoto)

Convoyer KILLS MAN
CORNER RUCKS (CP) — Raymond Toope, 25, of 718 Cove, Nfld., was killed Friday when he became entangled in a conveyor belt at the Maritime Mining Corporation's mill at 718 Cove.

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Canadian Financier Calls Dollar Peg 'Silly Thing'

By DAVE OANCA
LONDON (CP) — President Eric W. Kierans of the Montreal and Canadian Stock Exchanges has expressed doubt the Canadian government will be able to maintain the fixed dollar rate.

He described the move pegging the dollar at 92 1/2 American cents as a "silly thing" and predicted that if the Conservatives regain power on Monday's election they may have to abandon it before the end of the year.

He argued in favor of a flexible exchange system in which market forces would set the rate in terms of foreign currencies.

Mr. Kierans made the comments during a lengthy question-and-answer session following an address strongly supporting British moves to join the European Economic Community.

He spoke to some of Britain's top industrialists and financial correspondents at a session on Canada organized by the Federation of British Industries.

He said Canada should follow a fiscal policy based on low interest rates and free trade.

"We can control inflation by the simple expedient of opening our country to competition," he said.

He expressed the view that the low interest rate policy would be essential in government and other programs to deal with Canada's unemployment problem.

Kierans noted that Canada could draw on the resources of the International Monetary

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