

**Politics & The Press**

The Commons has passed the government bill increasing old age pensions to \$65 a month from \$55, effective Feb. 1, thus putting an end to a debate in which the fine art of campaigning was displayed with almost unprecedented gusto on both sides of the House. But every issue now will be loaded with political implications, and it will be to the press gallery rather than to Mr. Speaker that the oratorical blasts will be directed. It is through this gallery that the streams of hot air must pass to reach the public; for few voters read the official Hansard reports but all scan the newspapers. As the general election date nears they are being scanned more closely than ever.

And when the bell rings and the campaign gets down to brass knuckles, there'll be no substitute for slugging it out on the public platform. That way, when the leaders and the rank and file candidates get out and campaign from platform to platform in direct personal appeals to the voters, they get their pitch into the press, where it counts most. If there was any doubt on this score, it was dissipated in the five recent Ontario byelections. The results there re-confirmed what politicians say they knew all along—that in "selling" the political market, the local daily newspaper is absolutely indispensable.

**SECOND THOUGHTS**—This point is made convincingly by an Ottawa Journal gallery reporter, who recalls that for a time since the 1957 and 1958 federal campaigns there was something of a disposition to regard television as a sort of political magic lantern. It was so easy; so comfortable and cozy. Not a great deal of work either. "Just write a short speech, even a 30-second plug—depending on how much money you wanted, or could afford to blow—and then show your handsome features on the living room screen, speak your piece, and sit back and watch the votes roll in!" That way, some of the politicians for a while seemed to think, the warm, intimate TV studio could be substituted for the cold, impersonal school or church hall.

Radio and television did come in handy at times for the national leaders. When they had something to say of broad national appeal, they could get it across—and have to travel only as far as the nearest studio—if people enough were listening and watching. But of this, they could never be sure. So they got out on the road for six weeks criss-crossing the country, because even for the leaders there was nothing so effective as the personal touch. No one was more keenly aware of this than Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who pushed himself just short of the point of utter exhaustion in six incredibly fatiguing weeks of campaigning.

**ONTARIO LESSON**—Too many other MPs, however, thinking how easy it was to use the new gadgets, began to look on campaign rallies with platform speeches as too old-fashioned. So, for a time during the '58 campaign, candidates did cut down on the hard, tedious grind of public meetings and concentrated on electronic engineering and the new gimmick of tea and coffee and card parties, making a kind of social occasion of the thing. For many Conservatives it worked; but that was hardly surprising the way things turned out in '58. Almost anybody could have ridden in on John Diefenbaker's coat-tails.

tried in a few byelections since, but it didn't go over, as the Conservatives found in losing Peterborough to the NDP and Leeds to the Liberals. By the time Ontario's "little general election" came along it was realized that this take-it-easy-type of campaigning wouldn't do. It was too impersonal, too indirect. Chiefly it wouldn't get the candidates into their hometown and regional newspapers.

The federal MPs, watching closely, have been busy since in the privacy of their offices and collectively in their party caucuses with post-mortems of that Ontario campaign, and planning for the federal campaign soon to come. According to our Ottawa informant, it will not be in the studios of the show business world that this campaign will be fought, but back on the old stamping ground once more—face to face with the people who mark the ballots.

**Moscow And Heusinger**

We haven't heard much lately about Moscow's demand that General Heusinger, chairman of NATO's military standing committee in Washington, be turned over for trial as a war criminal. The demand has been dismissed at Washington as a "crude and ludicrous propaganda exercise," and the rest of West Germany's allies seem to agree with this characterization. But that isn't likely to prevent the Soviets from pressing the matter. They have found "crude and ludicrous" propaganda to work effectively before.

So far as is known, the NATO military chairman was never on any of the many lists of war criminals compiled by the Allies and associated powers of World War II, including the Soviet Union. Yet he was Hitler's chief of operations for several years and a General Staff colleague of two of the German generals, Keitel and Jodi, who were hanged after the Nuremberg war-crimes trials. Heusinger, however, was never actually a member of the Nazi Party, and he seems to have confined himself strictly to the role of military strategist.

Nevertheless, there is a taint on all the generals who labored for Hitler, whatever their personal records have been. Communist propaganda was served by the choice of this man to rebuild the West German Army. It was served even better by Chancellor Adenauer's retention, against all arguments, of Dr. Hans Globke as the State Secretary in the Chancellery. Dr. Globke was co-signer of the legal interpretation of the Nazi's Nuremberg racial laws that were used as the basic excuse for prosecuting and persecuting the Jews.

But, to come back to General Heusinger, the Communist charge against him as a war criminal has its ironic aspect. It was not long ago that he was being invited to Moscow as an honored guest of the Soviet Army leaders!

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

It must have been embarrassing for the U.S. Army Secretary, Elvis J. Stahr Jr.—a former university president—to have one of his speeches censured on a point of semantics. Mr. Stahr had written: "The Soviet Union has for many years deprived its citizens of the necessities of life..." The censor coldly pointed out that even a Russian citizen wouldn't exist for too long without the necessities of life.

It is reported from New York City that at a busy intersection pedestrians were allowed to walk swanwise. This is done in Canadian cities too but the words take some explaining. "Peds"—you've guessed it?—is traffic engineering for pedestrians. "Swanwise" is a little more difficult; it means crossing in any direction when all traffic comes to a halt. Another New York traffic term

Last year, in the Ontario Legislature, an unsuccessful move was made to gain approval for a sweepstakes plan to assist in financing hospitals in the province. This year, in the House of Commons, a measure sponsored by Mr. Ferguson Browne, Conservative MP for Vancouver Kingsway, called for the establishment of a national sweepstakes, the proceeds of which would go to provincial governments to defray hospital costs. It failed to reach the voting stage during the first private members' hour of the current session.



HERE WE GO AGAIN  
BERLIN REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

**Mr. Pickersgill And The Flag Issue**

Many mature observers here regard it as tragic that Liberal Spokesman Jack Pickersgill is advocating the abandonment of the Union Jack. "Dis-union Jack" Pickersgill is warping politics by trying to make Canadians treat this essentially na-

tional issue as a sectional political issue. His bone of contention concerns the historical and unalterable fact that it was under variously the flags of France and England that Canada was first settled, and then expand-

ed, unified and finally accorded full independence. There is a substantial body of Canadian sentiment and history attaching to France and Britain, and this is exemplified by the presence of the Fleur-de-Lis and the Union Jack on our Canadian flag. This flag was accorded official status as the emblem of Canada by the former Liberal Prime Minister, MacKenzie King.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**JAIL CONDITIONS**  
Sir—I was pleasantly surprised to read the letter in your edition of February 7th which is signed "Inmates of Queens County Jail". The writer intended to be complimented as his literary style and arguments resemble very closely those of a provincial government employee with whom I am acquainted. The only criticism I have of this style is that the writer says that the windows were broken by "inmates" and that the orders (cleaning) are carried out "by the prisoners themselves". I suggest that it would be much more realistic if he had said "we" broke the windows and that the orders are carried out by "us", otherwise someone might think that the letter was written by someone who is not an inmate. I am not saying that such is the case but just trying to be helpful.

ed at least some of the people to give some thought to this subject. For too long have we chosen to ignore something because it was unpleasant to think about or because it did not directly affect us or our families. This having been done perhaps we should give some thought about how the situation might be improved instead of thinking what we are going to write in this column. I know that I for one have no intention of getting involved in any long debates on the subject. Before closing I wish to compliment the Attorney-General and his Deputy Mr. McGuigan. I know that they are sincere in wishing to make the prisoners' life a better one and they will achieve this if they establish the new prison farm and ear down the structure now being used. I am, Sir, etc., ALLISON GILLIS, Charlottetown.

**WHAT IS "DISTINCTIVE"?**  
But the shibboleth is heard in our land that Canada requires a "distinctive" national flag, which is a meaningless phrase since our flag is distinctive and cannot be mistaken for the flag of any other nation. It is of course similar in design, but not in appearance, to the flags of Australia and New Zealand, which also have the Union Jack in the first quarter; but they both have blue grounds in place of Canada's red ground, and both have their own symbols in place of our coat of arms in the fly. Every time our Governor General leaves his official residence here, the first thing likely to catch his eye is the flag of the Republic of South Africa, flying outside that country's Embassy opposite the gate-house of Government House. Although South Africa is a republic, and no longer even a member of the Commonwealth, its flag proudly incorporates its unalterable past history and development. This may well make our wise French-Canadian Governor General wonder at the antics of "The Bed-sheet Boys", who recently draped a government building here with a bed-sheet, part dyed red, on which was sewn the registered trade mark of a foreign commercial enterprise selling maple sugar candy. In a divisive gesture which unfortunately introduces history and tradition into our domestic politics, the Liberal Party in National convention here a year ago adopted the promise that "A Liberal government will establish a distinctive Canadian flag within two years of its taking office."

**INTRIGUED BY LETTER**  
Sir, — I am rather intrigued to learn by your issue of February 7th, that the Queen's County Jail is such a pleasant resort for those who wish to spend short vacation periods among such comfortable surroundings during our otherwise often arduous outdoor winter conditions. Apparently, not having personally enjoyed at any time a sojourn under such favourable conditions, I have undoubtedly been misinformed, not only by the representatives of the Boy's Parliament but by the public at large who, I believe, have always considered confinement of this nature to be quite undesirable. Although we sometimes assume that inmates in these institutions are likely to be of low educational standards, I would consider the writer of the letter referred to as being of a very high order indeed, especially in view of the fact that this complete letter would have had to be written under rather trying circumstances, neither a chair to sit upon nor a table to write upon, being available.

**ONE WHO WAITS.**  
I am, Sir, etc.

**CIVIC AFFAIRS**  
Sir,—The news that the Charlottetown City Council had been elected by acclamation came as a surprise to many civic-minded residents. The question uppermost in the minds of civic taxpayers at the moment is "Is this a healthy or decadent sign?" Time alone has the answer. Another question has crept into the picture: With the sharp rise in the personal and real property tax rate put into effect in 1960, how come the revenue obtained was a mere \$1,397,869, an approximate \$400,000 below the revenue obtained in 1959? In some circles that is known as finances in reverse. The opinion has been expressed that in this acclamation, the principles of democratic government have been set aside. Be that as it may, all that is left for us to do now is keep our fingers crossed and hope for the best. I am, Sir, etc., CIVIC TAXPAYER.

**TWO-FACED PROPOSAL**  
To correct this confusion, Jack Pickersgill expanded his thoughts before a French-Canadian audience last week. He is reported to have said that Canada should have two flags. "He recommended," said this ear-witness, "first, the choice of a flag on which would appear the Union Jack, to represent Canada in Britain and in other countries of the Commonwealth. Second, he recommended the adoption of a distinctive flag, without any emblem of dependence, to represent Canada across the country and at the United Nations."

**REPLY**  
Poor circulation. In intermittent claudication (cramping) pain develops in the calf of the leg after walking a block or two and is relieved by resting a few moments. See your physician for circulatory tests and advice on how to remedy the condition.

**LUMPY JAW**  
D. C. writes: How does actinomycosis start? Does it affect the glands around the neck? Can it be cured?  
**REPLY**  
This infection begins usually as a painful swelling of the jaw that comes to a head and ruptures through several small openings. The disease often extends into the lung and intestine. Involvement of the glands is not a characteristic feature of the disease. Cure or marked improvement follows the use of penicillin or the tetracycline groups of drugs.  
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**No Remedy Seen For Arthritis Of Voice Box**

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
ARTHRITIS of the voice box involves the small joints that control movements of the vocal cords. It is suspected whenever a person with rheumatoid arthritis develops persistent hoarseness, difficulty in breathing, noisy respiration, or fullness in the throat on swallowing or breathing. Rheumatoid arthritis is a generalized disease. The swollen, stiff, and sore joints are the external manifestations. The victim seldom feels up to par, loses appetite, and develops anemia. Involvement of the larynx is new to me but a group of New York City physicians found definite evidence of arthritic changes in this area in several victims of rheumatoid arthritis.

An autopsy study was done on the vocal cords of eight patients who had suffered from rheumatoid arthritis. The joint surfaces of seven were damaged by an inflammatory process similar to that of rheumatoid arthritis. Autopsies on persons who never had arthritis failed to disclose these abnormalities. The cricoarytenoid joint is too difficult to visualize except through a special mirror examination (laryngoscope). When a group of 64 individuals with rheumatoid arthritis were examined in this way, 17 (27 per cent) had joint changes in the larynx. Of these, 13 had definite complaints.

There is no specific remedy for an arthritic voice box except to treat the basic disease process. Aspirin and the use of gold or one of the steroids such as cortisone relieves distress. Heat to the neck also may help. The general condition of the individual also must be strengthened through a balanced diet, extra vitamins, ample sleep, and a careful program of physical activity.

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

**WALKING CRAMPS**  
E. H. D. writes: I'm 65 years old and always was a healthy man; could walk miles without fatigue. Now, when I walk two blocks, the calves in my legs stiffen and ache. After I rest a while I can go on for two more blocks. What causes this difficulty?  
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**NOTES BY THE WAY**

When a suitor promises his prospective bride to be faithful to the last she's apt to wonder who were the others. — Galt Reporter.  
Deserving your sympathy is the person who has learned rapid reading, but still forgets as fast as he reads. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

**The Algerian Conflict**

By Dave Gaudin  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The end of the Algerian conflict at last may be in sight. Current prognostications are that the shape of a settlement should be known by March 15. The hope is that it will be a peaceful accord between the French government and the Algerian "provisional government" — the Tunis-based leadership of the Moslem rebel forces that have tried for more than seven years to achieve independence from France.

**OUR YESTERDAYS**  
From the Guardian Files

**TWENTY - FIVE YEARS AGO**  
(February 9, 1937)  
A special train will run to the Western Capital tonight, to convey the "Abbies" and their fans, to the Crystal Rink, Summerside, where they will engage in a return "hockey night".

Miss Lella Worthy, 3 Elm Avenue, will be presented with an honorary associate certificate and badge from the Royal Life Saving Society, according to an announcement made by Mr. Mark Veary of Montreal, honorary secretary treasurer. The society has deemed it fitting to award this certificate to Miss Worthy for her services, untiring energy and ability to further the welfare work of the society.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
(February 9, 1952)  
The "Fun Fair" sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in aid of the Boys Camp, opened at the Holy Name Hall last evening. The "Lads and Lassies" provided fine entertainment with their bag-pipe music, Scotch songs and Highland dances. The audience was particularly pleased with the efforts of these young performers.

Believed to be the first time presented here, the Canadian Forces Decoration has been awarded to W.O. I Eugene G. Lewis, Regimental Sergeant Major of 21st Armored Brigade Headquarters here. The award to W.O. I Lewis was based on his 12 years service with the Reserve Army Force, and his excellent record during that period.

Most of the leaders, however, are believed to feel that co-operation with de Gaulle's government now is essential if transition to statehood is to be achieved with a minimum of further bloodshed.

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