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Another Glasco Report

The reports issued so far by the Glasco royal commission on government organization run to almost 700,000 words, and are the result of a two years' study costing nearly three million dollars. The report released this week was the fourth. The fourth is expected in about four weeks, and the fifth, to be issued about the end of February, will sum up the commission's views on the whole federal organization.

The initial report, made public last September, went into the broad subjects of management in personnel, financial affairs and paper work. No. 2, in November, studied seven fields in which the Government supplies itself with goods and services. The current report continues the theme of No. 2 and also branches into five areas in which the Government provides direct service to the public. No. 4 will deal with the CBC, defence department, external affairs and scientific research.

Nothing so extensive as this inquiry has ever been attempted in Canada before. While a government committee is reported to be already working to put many of the proposals into force, it is safe to assume that others will run up against political snags, or be sidetracked for other reasons. For the commission would use its scalpel on expenditures with the precision of a surgeon cutting flaccid growths to the bone, and there would be squawks from those affected that would be heard from one end of the country to the other.

This is the value of the inquiry, that it is a surgical diagnosis and not an attempt to prescribe quick remedies. Fortunately the operation can be carried on in stages if the patient so insists. All political parties will doubtless agree with the main provisions of the report, and the Prime Minister has assured the Commons that the Government intends to adopt most of the proposals "at the earliest possible date." But the controversial matters, such as those affecting civil service and military personnel, will be handled more gingerly.

Eventually, perhaps, all the cardinal recommendations will be implemented, or at least tested out in principle. But in the meantime emphasis will be on the reforms that will hurt least, from the standpoint of the voting public. These in themselves may add up to a great deal in governmental saving, and should more than justify the commission's appointment.

That Norstad Interview

An examination of the text of General Norstad's interview at Ottawa, which he claimed that Canada had committed its forces serving in Europe under NATO command to acceptance of nuclear warheads, leaves a good many questions unanswered. For one thing, it seems that the former NATO commander refused to be pinned down on just when Canada would be falling to live up to her nuclear agreement. It would not be a problem, he conceded, until the Canadian air force contingent to NATO was fully equipped with planes designed to carry tactical nuclear warheads.

Then, apparently, these weapons would not be used under NATO or under Canadian control. They would be "in American custody and control," but would be "available"

to Canadian forces under a bilateral agreement. Such an agreement would have to be reached before the Canadian commitment could be put into effect. "I am advocating such an agreement here and in the U.S.," he told the reporters.

General Norstad was asked if any Canadian nuclear commitment existed in writing. He confessed that he did not know. "The commitment to provide the units," he said, "is certainly in writing." He can't specifically recall whether it states they should be atomic or not. "Asked, further, if these Canadian forces have any capability without nuclear weapons, he said "they could have"; but in his judgment it would "degrade their deterrent value by making them conventional."

At the close of the interview the General was asked if it would be fair to suggest that Canada had not now met her NATO commitments. His reply is worth noting. "No," he said. "It would be unfair. Canada is one of the two or three countries who have done their best to meet their commitments in every sense."

It is regrettable that in the summarized report of the press conference, this statement did not get the publicity it warranted. It fully substantiates the statements made by External Affairs Minister Green and Defense Minister Harkness on their return from the NATO Council meeting in Paris.

This still leaves unanswered the question of whether Canada is, or is not, committed to the eventual use of tactical nuclear weapons in its own strike aircraft in Europe. General Norstad maintains it to be, but he is vague as to the details. The Government has never said that Canada is so committed.

There should be a clarification of this whole matter when Parliament resumes. Already, however, it appears that the furor raised by the garbled report of General Norstad's remarks was pretty much a tempest in a teapot.

A Stealthy Killer

If carbon-monoxide smelled like hydrogen sulphide, it would smell like rotten eggs; in which case no one would ever die of carbon-monoxide poisoning. But it doesn't, and every motorist has to be on the alert for the ravages of this stealthy killer during the "closed-windows" season.

This warning comes from Mr. W. S. Chalmers, manager of the Dominion Automobile Association, who states that every year, increasing sharply during the fall and winter months, come reports of death from this source. And for every death directly attributable thereto, probably five others have resulted in traffic deaths—a direct causative factor being a drowsiness or even unconsciousness due to carbon-monoxide poisoning, with a subsequent traffic death frequently attributed to other more obvious causes.

This colorless, odorless, tasteless gas, while relatively harmless in outside concentrations, is deadly poison in an enclosed space, such as a garage or a tightly closed automobile tonneau. And in most cases, no warning is apparent until the victim slips from drowsiness into unconsciousness and final death from asphyxiation.

Leaky mufflers and exhaust pipes probably are the villains in most cases. It is advised that on long trips, one car window should be left slightly open, even on cold days. The same applies when the car is parked for a minute or more, with motor running. Simple precautions, and well worth taking at this season.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Egyptian ministry of Education is ordering a team to investigate, England, to record, for the benefit of students, the clear accents voices which are said to flourish there. Which prompts a "Punch" of London to remark that "if other countries follow suit, the results may well be rather shaming for us. Already television has shown that policemen in Reykjavik, brigadiers in Jordan and students in Bangkok often speak clearer English into the microphone than some of our native consonant-swallowers and vowel-twisters. The world may yet teach us our own language."



"GOOD HEAVENS - RUM!"

OTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

No Queen's Honors For Canadians

On New Year's Day, Queen Elizabeth bestowed honours and decorations to reward some 2,200 deserving citizens of Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Rhodesia, Trinidad and other monarchial nations with honours in the Commonwealth—but not Canada.

Most of those recipients were given a metal badge dangling on a piece of coloured ribbon, costing a dollar or two. They also received the right to add some distinguishing letter after their name. That was their reward for years of devoted service to their country or their community, and they were happy to accept from their Monarch what they regarded as a simple recognition.

Why were no Canadians included? Well of course we are proud to call our country democratic, of that holder than thou socialistic type which believes in equality but considers that all should be levelled downwards. So we do not permit our fellow citizens to be honoured with anything so undemocratic as a distinction which would lift the undeserving. More specifically, successive governments have not permitted any Canadian to be honoured with anything so undemocratic as a title of distinction.

WHAT IS A NAME? In Canada we may be called "Sir." But it is okay for our public forum.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest to the Canadian public. It is not a party platform or the opinion of correspondents. The editor reserves the right to edit and condense where necessary. Letters should be typed and enter into any correspondence regarding letters submitted.

EMPHATIC DENIAL

Sir,—The letter appearing in the Dominion columns entitled "Mr. Wheatley's Reply" has necessitated further comment from me. To the effect that Mr. Wheatley's reply would be doing Prince Edward Island Frosted Food Limited company and its officers a gross injustice. As the chief negotiator between the Government and my company during the early stages of development, I was familiar with every phase of our development, and therefore am fully qualified to state that not one penny of my business money was ever offered, or given to my company at any time before, during or since. Furthermore, not one member of the company has any knowledge of the "free taxpayers' money" which Mr. Wheatley makes reference.

As for the External Auditor's report, I have neither seen it, nor have I heard of it. Therefore, it is impossible to intelligently comment on it, other than about which I have no knowledge, but from the standpoint of curiosity, I have endeavoured to obtain a copy of the report. I have adequately dealt with all of Mr. Wheatley's statements in my letter of December 14, and have no reason to comment further on or alter my remarks, which were quite clear. The purpose of this letter is to rectify my impression over the careless insinuations of Mr. Wheatley and to emphasize that my company has endeavoured never at any time was offered any "free taxpayers' money" in connection with the construction or the establishment of my business in the Province of Prince Edward Island. Yours very truly, P.E.I. FROSTED FOODS LTD. W. H. HEENEY, President, Le Prairie, Quebec.

Meat Considered Strength Food

Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, Primitive warriors drank blood and gnawed the meat of wild animals in the mistaken belief that such would give them strength and aggressive Meats still is symbolic of strength and energy. Athletes consume it as a tonic and cheer up through the strength of the butchered animal was transferred in every mouthful. The same is true with many of the older men who believe they will be weak without red meat. Vegetarians are considered weak, a feminine, even though they may contain substitute proteins of complete value.

According to Marion H. Zietler, New York dietitian, certain meats have come to be associated with foods. Fruits symbolize love and affection. A basket of fruit is a token of a gift and the apple for the teacher is part of our culture. It is not surprising, therefore, that the apple a day that keeps the doctor away fits in. Fruits also are associated with health, vitality, (fruit) and they are symbols of beauty, esteem, and luxury. Dr. Kaufman believes certain foods have emotional significance. When a person is thoughtful and serious, he is likely to reach for a reward or party foods such as chocolate, ice cream, cake, or hot dogs. Petish foods are those many of us think we cannot do without. They are a gift and his red meat is an example. Bread, the staff of life, is another. So why are we the new man? We have a long list of nutrients that fall into this category.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Cars with snow tires may not get stuck in the snow but they do get stuck behind cars without snow tires.

They laughed at his red flag in unimentionable, but in a fine way. Great Grandpa hardly ever when it was a window.

Britain In Africa

Britain's latest move in the complex Central African Federation problem is in the right direction.

At its simplest this is a party ranging over three territories: Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia and the little Nyasaland—among three main bodies of opinion: white supremacy, which reflects the belief of the African nationalists that "partnership" is a grossly unequal relationship.

Since Southern Rhodesia depends largely on British power for its position in the federation, the British Government has just withdrawn its support for the federation, by recognizing Nyasaland's right to withdraw from it. This has provoked a violent verbal attack on London by Sir Roy Welensky, the federation's Prime Minister.

Nyasaland appears prominently in a struggle because that province has almost totally black population. It has been restive for years while the more moderate and liberal Sir Edgar Whitehead, until now Southern Rhodesia's Prime Minister, was in the office.

The latter still London support the federation. It appears now, however, that Britain has decided to try to preserve the economic benefits of the federation through new relationships while further dissociating itself from efforts to delay the coming of a new political equilibrium in Africa.

Odds Favor Goulart

After a long struggle, it looks as though Joao Goulart may win this year's presidential election.

While results of Sunday's election have not yet been reported from Rio de Janeiro, the odds favor the 44-year-old Goulart, who has been the strong presidential power taken away when he assumed office in January 1961.

Goulart, then vice-president, was in Peking talking trade when the abrupt resignation of the president Janio Quadros brought chaos and the threat of civil war late in the summer of 1961.

Although a wealthy rancher, Goulart was a leading labor leader while he headed the Labor Party. Conservative elements in army and government have tried to impose a parliamentary system, transferring executive power to the president to a premier and cabinet, before allowing his succession.

Since then, while the economy went from bad to worse and Congress passed through successive crises, Goulart has carefully laid the groundwork for a return to full power.

While retaining support from labor and left-wing elements, Goulart has appeared to move closer to the centre of the political road and has gained support of many industrial and military leaders in the military.

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