

"Mr. Pearson, we read, 'has not been able to deal effectively with the Opposition Leader because he seems to be finding it increasingly difficult to take Mr. Diefenbaker seriously. Because he knows that Sir Diefenbaker has been discredited by all of the national and international Establishment groups which he regards as being significant, Mr. Pearson tends to dismiss Mr. Diefenbaker as an unworthy opponent."

"Mr. Diefenbaker, on the other hand, gives the impression of regarding Mr. Pearson as an impostor, a man who only pretends that he is a politician. Instead of allowing the Opposition to play a constructive part in scrutinizing legislation, Mr. Diefenbaker has come to view the House of Commons as an institution designed to serve his most cherished ambition to expedite his return to the hustings, where he can somehow regain his metaphysical contact with the average Canadian and keep his self-imposed appointment with destiny to return to power."

Expert marksmanship, indeed! But who, one is tempted to ask, is the "average Canadian" with whom this yearning for contact, metaphysical or otherwise, is so objectionable as compared with being solicitous about the interests of the "Establishment groups," national and international? Mr. Newman's obsession with this distinction runs through all his political observations, and we find it boring at times. But perhaps that's because we're so awfully "average" ourselves!

Turning The Tables

Some fun was had in the House of Commons on Thursday when, in paying tribute to Sir Winston Churchill, it was recalled that he had been a Liberal at one time—"like Conservative Opposition Leader Diefenbaker," as Prime Minister Pearson remarked. Not to be outdone, Mr. Diefenbaker recalled that Mr. Pearson at one time was a Conservative.

Sir Winston would enjoy this exchange of amenities, on a subject about which he had some amusing things to say himself. Actually he had crossed the floor of the British Commons twice. When challenged about having switched from the Conservative to the Liberal and then back to the Conservative side he replied blandly: "Well, it is not uncommon to 'rat', but you must admit that to re-rat requires some ingenuity."

It was because he could speak with wit as well as profundity that he scored so many successes in his parliamentary career. And he didn't hesitate to turn his wit against himself. On another occasion, when he scored by an opponent for having "made a mistake" in policy, Churchill—he was Prime Minister then—beamed on him and on the whole House and said: "Yes, and there may be more and greater ones of which the Honourable Member does not know."

Perhaps if Canadian politicians would be as frank in acknowledging their shortcomings, they would find a more receptive audience for their speeches.

Lunar Close-Ups

Studies of the moon by radar have shown a surface that is gently undulating on the large scale. It appears to be fairly smooth. But if one studies the way the moon scatters light from the sun, one concludes the surface to be extremely rough. Scientists concede that no one really knows what it is like.

One of the most hotly debated questions is whether the moon's face has been sculptured by meteor impacts or by volcanism. Another is the question of water. The stereotyped picture is of a moon utterly desiccated. Now it is thought the moon may contain vast amounts of water. But nobody really knows.

These are some of the tantalizing questions whose answer depends on observing the moon at first hand. It is expected that the pictures taken by Ranger 7 will prove to be fine enough to allow scientists to distinguish objects the size of an automobile.

This is what is cheering it all about at Pasadena, where the space scientists are congregated. They will have a field day examining the pictures, the first close-ups of unknown terrain where astronauts will come day tread. We shall not be there; but—who knows?—there may be moon pioneers among our grandchildren.



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BRITISH COMMENTARY

Malta Now Set For Independence

Malta now has a set of independence, and a problem which at times has seemed utterly intractable has been solved. It is a strange coincidence that this should come about on the heels of the Commonwealth "Prime Ministers' Meeting" for the statement issued at the end of that conference contained a section from Britain—welcomed by the Prime Ministers—detailing the progress of British dependent territories towards independence.

It is worth remembering that this operation has been proceeding steadily since the end of the war for a long time before, if one recalls Canada, Australia and New Zealand. As the after-conference statements pointed out, more than twenty countries, with a population of some seven hundred million, have achieved sovereign independence under British guidance.

The progress is constant. Nyassaland became independent last year, and the Prime Minister, Dr. H.K. Banda, to attend the London conference. In October, Northern Rhodesia became independent. This week the final talks will be held in London to give the Gambia independence. All the time the remaining dependencies constitute an ever widening stage by stage, to the point at which their leaders are ready to take over final control.

"HARD CORN" LEFT Britain is now just about out of the "hard corn" — in other words, those territories for various reasons present severe problems.

PUBLIC FORUM

NO HARRIS PAINTINGS? Sir—I hope some one will be kind enough to explain the absence of Robert Harris's paintings in the gallery of our new cultural centre.

It is a disappointing to reach the upper gallery without seeing one "Harris", and to find a long line of empty frames and signs taking up the entire length of the walls.

Certainly lack of space is not the reason. But whatever is holding up the display of our own art, it should be overcome. July is over and the number of Canadian visitors are going to leave this province, and even knowing about Robert Harris, let alone seeing his paintings.

I am Sir, etc. H. MORRIS 49 St. Clair Ave. A FEW SUGGESTIONS Sir—My family and I are very glad we can see the Prince Edward Island for a wonderful holiday at Cavendish Bay. The location of the island has charmed us and it was pleasant to see how well the majority of farms and houses and buildings on the island have been maintained.

Hair Distribution And Evolution Coming UN Showdown

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Hair is supposed to be a hairy animal, as a member of the order of primates. It is the possession of such a hairy animal an upright posture and other evolutionary changes. It is believed that hair to keep warm without it. But so-called hairless apes have been found in the fossil record, called the hairy man, and the hairy man of the days of the cave man. Dr. Ashley Montagu of Princeton, N.J., believes it served as a sensory device, warning the individual of the arrival of insects or other pests. This alerting device should be valuable to modern man.

Montagu believes baldies miss their touch for other reasons. They are also the scalp against the sun and protects it from cold. This prevents hair from becoming matted. A thick mop of hair is a cushion against blows to the head. The hair on the scalp cushions material for the delicate area over the frontal sinus, they also keep sweat from dripping into the eyes.

Barbers and those who make their living from hair, must consider beards useless decorations. Nature may feel the same about the hair on the face of men of some races as she does about the hair on the neck in cold climates and permits beards to walk about without the Styli. Men in hirsute professions. We have had burrades, Vandevyke, mut-chops, and handbreds. The hair we are in the shaggy man era.

Public hair protection is a skin in fray. It is a matter of the hair which protects. Hair in the axilla acts as a buffer against chafing. The hair on the arms are used extensively. This is a matter of the hair which protects the individual shaves this region. It becomes ugly instead of only hairy. The hair is a matter of the hair which protects. It is a matter of the hair which protects. It is a matter of the hair which protects.

Regardless of purpose, hair distribution is governed by the wax and waning of the sex hormones. Facial hair, for example, often becomes prominent in the late 20s. The hair on the chest, arms and legs, however, is present from birth. It is a matter of the hair which protects. It is a matter of the hair which protects. It is a matter of the hair which protects.

THE STERIOD STORY A.L. writes: My daughter is writing a term paper on corticosteroids. She is having trouble with the body, and had reactions of any case write on this subject. I have, from time to time. A BIT EARLY Mr. Editor: I am all right to start taking birth control pills the second week after the first of my period. REPLY Yes, but there is an outside chance of pregnancy. She is in a nursing home. OBSTRUCTED BRONCHITIS Mrs. C. writes: My husband, what causes wheezing? REPLY Wheezing noises are produced when air passes through a narrowed passage. This might be caused by inflammation (bronchitis), tumor, congenital malformation, or foreign body such as a peanut. PALPITATION AFTER A.T. writes: What makes the heart pound with a violent pounding? REPLY Coughing hard is work.

The Peppercorn THE LADY SLIPPER In the dappled light of deep woods green, Where the sun-children shine in mossy play, Delicate slippers of silken shade Are hung to dry on a summer's day. Nature bids her fairest blooms, In sylvan depths where none can spy, But grow and wait in forest gloom These rose-pink orchids cheer the eye. They are the flowers of our fair Isle, The Lady-Slippers, passing rare, Moccasins of the summer spirit; After the dance they hang them there. True jewels of Nature in Canada's crown, One of ten gems for her to wear, By these lovely flowers we are charmed and glad, She sits to wreath them for her hair.—Wm. H. Doucette, C.S.B. Rolfo Bay and Quebec City.

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THIS WEEK - END AT THE NATIONAL VISITATION OF THE QUEEN MOTHER, the army announced Friday. OTTAWA (CP) — A royal flight of 21 guns will be fired next Tuesday in each provincial capital and at Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. The occasion is the birthday of the Queen Mother, the army announced Friday. NATIONAL REGISTRATION Friday and Saturday nights \$1.00 per person No minors "Music by the Volvets"