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Hamlet's Inconsistencies

To modern critics there is no great difficulty in reconciling the different "strata" of taste and style in Shakespeare's "Hamlet." The text was given an ungarbled rendering by the Canadian Players here on Saturday evening, and was taken in stride by both players and audience. Even Hamlet's obscene jest to Ophelia in the "play" scene passed without a lifted eyebrow. His coarser comments on the corpse of poor Polonius failed to stir us to revulsion. We were carried high on the tidal wave of the drama and our perspective had, unawares, changed under Shakespeare's spell until we could—or thought we could—"see life steadily and see it whole." The blemishes in taste were spots on the sun we hardly bothered to take note of.

They are there, nevertheless. Hamlet is full of unexplained scenes for which, by any moral standard, there is little excuse.

In the nineteenth century these blemishes were accounted for on the comfortable assumption that Hamlet was mad. He was the introverted dreamer, driven crazy by his murderous uncle and adulterous mother; and when he talked lecherously, and cruelly affronted those he loved with coarse jibes, he was merely talking in character. Shakespeare could not err, and Hamlet, his star creation, could not say a word amiss.

Modern criticism rejects this easy explanation. We know that there was an older play, "The Spanish Tragedy" by Thomas Kyd, based on earlier sources of the revenge motive which forms the plot in "Hamlet." There are verbal parallels which leave no doubt that in places Shakespeare was merely revising the text of Kyd, which in turn had been reworked by a third hand, perhaps George Chapman (Keats' "Chapman's Homer") before Shakespeare touched the play. It was transformed in spirit by Shakespeare's magic; but some of the material he found intractable, and left it that way after hasty revision.

The evidence of this haste is seen in the different styles of versification, some dating to Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" period, others to his more mature work. Critics are also probably justified in attributing the play to a period of crisis in Shakespeare's life, after which followed the tragic successes culminating in "Coriolanus." As T. S. Eliot remarks in an essay on the subject, probably more people have thought "Hamlet" a work of art because they found it interesting, than have found it interesting because it is a work of art. It is the "Mona Lisa" of literature.

These finespun cobwebs of criticism mean nothing to the ardent playgoer. Shakespeare's "Hamlet" it is! His unmatched genius is stamped upon it and we accept it, blemishes and all, as one of the greatest tragedies of all time. That, indeed, is how it was presented here Saturday evening and why those who, privileged to have seen it, will remember it for a long, long time.

Striking A Bargain

Not much information on the talks now going on between British Defense Minister Sandys and his American counterpart Mr. Wilson has been released to the public. It is known, however, that Mr. Sandys is not in the United States merely to seek United States' aid in lessening Britain's defense burdens. In fact, there is reason to believe that Britain is in a better bargaining position than the United States in the important field of nuclear research which, from all accounts is the chief subject being discussed.

American research officials have been saying for some time that British scientists are ahead of them in the development of plans for long range missiles as well as in the application of atomic energy for industrial purposes. This, apparently, has come about only in the last year or so. When the United States held the advantage there was great re-

luctance in Washington about sharing scientific secrets with Britain; but now that the advantage is with the other side the United States is calling for reciprocity. This appears to be quite agreeable to the British, provided reciprocity is to include manufacturing and technical facilities as well as the sharing of the secrets. In other words, it seems that Mr. Sandys is ready to trade whatever superiority the British have in research for a United States' undertaking to expand its manufacturing facilities for building missiles and other electronically-controlled weapons for Britain, this being the field in which the United States has the upper hand. It seems likely that something of the sort was suggested to Canadian officials, too.

One thing can be taken for granted. American defense officials are not going to pry any secrets out of Mr. Sandys and his team of experts without guaranteeing them something really worthwhile in return. The day is past when any tentative commitment by the United States was of any value in Britain.

Public Opinion

By mutual consent of the Yugoslav and United States' Governments President Tito's proposed visit to President Eisenhower has been cancelled, at least for the present. A spokesman for the Yugoslav leader has announced that although it was thought that the proposed visit would be in the interests of peace "the time is not ripe."

The simple truth, of course, is that public opinion in the United States, as expressed by more than 100 members of Congress, numerous organizations and a large section of the press forced President Eisenhower to change his mind, or at least his plans. This and the widespread opposition to King Saud's visit has, it is reported, brought a measure of dismay to State Department officials, one of whom declared that he did not see how the Government could carry out any foreign policy in the face of such "bitter expressions of public opinion." Another, referring to Mayor Wagner's refusal to give the red carpet treatment to Saud on his arrival in New York, observed that it marked the difference between a politician, meaning Mr. Wagner, and a statesman, meaning Mr. Eisenhower. A great many people in the United States and elsewhere will say that, on the contrary, it marked the difference between a politician who has the courage to stand up for moral principles in international relations and one who thinks that there are times when moral principles ought to give place to political expediency. On the evidence, they are certainly as much entitled to that view as the State Department is to the other.

One would imagine that American Government officials would be the last persons in the world to complain about expressions of public opinion respecting the country's foreign policy. The criticism at any given time may be right or it may be wrong; but surely in a country like the United States the right to express it must be numbered among the democratic freedoms.

Things are going to get better in England from now on. The "Bells of St. Clement" are ringing once again after being silent for 16 years, the result of the destruction by German bombs of the Church of St. Clement Danes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The incidence of tuberculosis is at its lowest point since 1929, reports the Bureau of Statistics. It still has a national rate of 57.8 per 100,000 population, however, which means that it remains a serious public health problem.

Pierre Poujad, the doughty French politician who built up quite a good following a couple of years ago by decrying taxes is said to be losing ground. There just doesn't seem to be anything these days on which a demagogue can hang his future safely.

On his return to London from his tour of the United States Earl Attlee was quoted as saying he found a great amount of anti-British sentiment on his travels. However, the charitable content of this view was slightly lessened when he added: "Americans generally don't seem to know a great deal of what's going on."



IN SIGHT AT LAST

OTTAWA REPORT

Dulles Under Criticism

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: "The unguided missile," as John Foster Dulles is mockingly nicknamed in Europe, has at least come under really severe criticism from the majority party in the U.S. Congress.

The American Foreign Secretary has made a disastrous mess of Middle East affairs," Congress man Wayne Hayes told a group of Canadian parliamentarians here last week.

Democrat Hayes, of Ohio, is chairman of an important congressional committee on foreign affairs; he is also president of the association of parliamentarians from the fifteen NATO nations. In this latter role, he visited Ottawa to meet and address the members of our NATO parliamentary group.

He adopted the theme that we are very wrong and wrongly pessimistic in assuming that "the West has all the problems, while Russia knows all the answers." Enlarging on this, he sketched some of Russia's very severe problems, ranging from technical backwardness to uncontrollable satellites.

TRAVELLING IN RUSSIA
Travelling in Russia last year, he said, he had seen an average of one Russian car per mile, broken down by the roadside. "That is about par for the course," he explained.

He himself was travelling in a 1955 Chevrolet. The nearest approach to such a car made in Russia, he said, is a copy of a 1939 Ford, priced at \$8,000.

Mr. Hayes told a group of Russian workers, through an interpreter, that nearly every American worker owns a car like his Chevy

or better, while some workers own two cars.

"He does not have a very dishonest face, but what a fantastic liar, he is," commented the incredulous and ear-less Russian workers.

When he added that cars like his Chevy cost only one-quarter the price of the cheap Russian car, his audience commented that of course it was well known that there are twenty million unemployed in America, so obviously cars could be manufactured by cut-rate labour glad to get any job even at low wages.

FORD AS ADS IN RUSSIA
To show Russians that modern American cars are far ahead of their own, the Congressman suggested in Washington last fall that some new model cars should be sent to Moscow for the use of the American Embassy staff, with orders that they be driven as widely as possible around Russia. His suggestion was at once adopted; thus Russians had a sneak preview of fifteen 1957 Fords before they were exhibited in the States.

"What is Russia's plan in the Middle East?" asked Mr. Hayes. "Frankly I don't know. I was only in Russia ten days, so I cannot pass as an expert on Russian affairs - even though some of our State Department officials know all about the most complex nation after a two-day visit," he added, in sarcastic reference to the unguided missile.

A NOVEL THEORY
"But it is my belief that Russia's motive is nothing more nor less than to use the Middle East as a land bridge to the huge,

undeveloped and wealthy continent of Africa."

"Africa is the richest part of the world: it contains all the resources which we will be needing for a thousand years to come. Russia could be planning to dominate Africa, and then sit down patiently and wait, not for a year, not for ten years - she is in no hurry - but maybe for a century. Then all the rest of the world, hungry for Africa's great resources, would fall under Russian control."

This carefully reasoned and novel argument, based on Mr. Hayes' long experience of international affairs, provoked some spirited comments by Canadian M.P.s attending this private meeting.

For the first time, our Parliament Building heard the longtime anti-Dulles whispers raised in outspoken comment.

"The U.S.A., by its inconsistent Middle East policy over the past six months, has played right into the hands of the Soviet Union, and right into the trap of betraying and striking down our strongest ally there, Israel," declared Walter Tucker, Liberal M.P. from Rosthern, Sask.

Mr. Hayes told me that a powerful majority party, the Democrats, in Washington has had enough of Dulles. But, he added, some people hope that he won't be thrown over by Ike until after next year's elections; "because he makes such an easy target for the Democrats."

Since Mr. Dulles has not merely boxed the compass, but also boxed up the world, feeling is strong against him in Ottawa, at least the Cabinet.

It may be accepted that most of the delegates agreed that the academic structure of the universities should be preserved. They would defend the ivory tower. And yet practically ruled, one small exchange exemplified how dollars and cents can check the hopes of the scholar who loves learning for its own sake.

UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE
Dr. Smith and others had spoken of the desirability of good university residences, comparable to those at the old English universities, where the scholar's thought might grow in congenial surroundings. Dr. MacKenzie of the University of British Columbia agreed but he went on to pose the dilemma of universities' authorities. Faced with the question of spending money on residences or on providing additional training facilities such as laboratories, which should have precedence? Dr. Smith agreed the "awful choice" had to be made. He did not doubt that additional training facilities must come first.

Thus the defence of the ivory tower and its bastions will not be easy or short. But it must be defended. While all the cry is for practical men—and we know sorely they are needed—our civilization will be a poor thing if the man of liberal arts and the scholar are cast aside, discarded as obsolete, a description dictators have ever been ready to apply to them.

TEN YEARS AGO
(February 4, 1947)
Today, according to officials of the Maritime Electric Company's local plant, citizens may expect their electric current to be cut off for longer periods than was the practice yesterday. Officials said they tried to give service every other hour yesterday but were unable to continue to give this service today.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

VISITING A NEW MOTHER? HERE ARE RULES FOR YOU

Everybody wants to take a look at the new baby as quickly as possible. So grandmas, grandpas, uncles, aunts and cousins often come flocking to the hospital to get a gander at the new addition to the family.

Many hospitals have wisely adopted regulations prohibiting just such a tiring parade of visitors to the new mother and her fragile offspring.

Some permit only the husband to visit his wife while others keep the number of visitors to two a day, exclusive of the husband.

Now there are good reasons for this. In the first place, the presence of too many visitors will fatigue the mother and interfere with her routine hospital care. Even more important, the more visitors there are, the greater is the chance of introducing infection into the mother's room.

Still, maybe you are the very person the new mother wants to see. Most if you are, here are a few suggestions to follow when paying your hospital call:

Check with the husband first to see whether anyone else plans to visit her at the same time you want to go. If another friend has priority, choose another time.

When you do get to see the mother, don't sit on her bed or toss your clothing over it. Probably within a very short time after you leave, that precious little tyke will be brought to his mother's loving arms. You don't want to endanger his life by contaminating the bedclothing.

Don't take your own youngsters with you. Most hospitals won't admit them to the mother's room anyway. This is an extremely important precaution, for children are more frequently sources of adults.

Don't tire the mother. Generally, hospitals limit visiting time to two hours. But if the mother begins to show any signs of fatigue before your allotted time is up, leave right away.

Don't visit her if you have a cold or any upper respiratory infections.

Do tell her what a cute baby she has brought into the world even if the squealing infant reminds you of your own scrawny first-born. After all, he's a good-looking youngster now, isn't he?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
J.M.G.: Should a woman who had her female organs removed be given any medicine to keep her physically fit?

Answer: In cases of this type, the administration of estrogens might be indicated. You should consult with your doctor about this matter.

The Age Old Story

For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers.



IN WINTER WEATHER UNDER All the world will keep dark in winter weather under. A burning hidden wonder: The tulip bulb that sheds its tissue paper gown. As light as sand, as brown, Then bursts its ribbon skin To let the flower begin: Or field of winter wheat A great far field of green That lies asleep unseen. Save by those who know to be cut Green spreads beneath the snow. Even my thoughts sleep dark in winter weather under, A burning hidden wonder, My dark, my sleeping dreams, Like locked and frozen streams That wait the winter over For meadows spiced with clover. —Louise D. Gunn, in the New York Herald Tribune

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 4, 1932)
With the completion yesterday of the extensive remodelling work on the old National Candy Factory building, satisfactory accommodation is now ready for the male Falconwood patients, and a number of the patients will be moved in immediately.

Decision to organize the Charlottetown Community Concert was reached yesterday afternoon at a well attended meeting of the Charlottetown Music Club, the Rotary and other musical clubs, Gyo Club and other organizations and individuals. A committee was appointed to select officers and a Board of Directors.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The catch was that when the dollar bought twice as much in Ottawa as it does in Toronto, it didn't always have one.—Ottawa Citizen.

Canadians are going to get better pay in 25 years, The Gordon royal commission reports. What will the dollar be worth then?—Toronto Star.

Experience teaches that being a good husband is about the same as achieving success in any other job. It's much easier if you like your boss.—Kiwans Magazine.

Just being enough to get by is not sufficient to win a top spot in either business or industry today. It's the little extra that counts.—St. Catharines Standard.

There was an item in the news reports the other day about "inexcusable mob violence," which, of course begs the question: Which kind of mob violence is excusable?—Hamilton Spectator.

Mr. Dulles is said to have been quite happy when Eden resigned. We wonder whether he's still happy now that Eden's successor is slashing Britain's reserve forces down to the bone.—St. Catharines Standard.

It is so easy, when the cigarette pack is empty, to drop it on the sidewalk, but it is equally easy to pocket it until it can be disposed of tidily. The same is true of almost all disposable wrappers, and what a difference it would make to the appearance of the town if everyone observed this elementary principle of tidiness. Why don't we all try it?—Dresden Times.

It is a break for the birds that they can overtake insects on the wing, otherwise such feathered creatures as swallows, which do their food-hunting aloft would be in a bad way indeed. According to Dr. Brian Hocking of the University of Alberta no living insect is capable of an air speed greater than twenty-seven miles an hour in level, continuous flight, although some can manage thirty-five mph in a short burst. One of the most efficient of travelers is the monarch butterfly. A long-range migrant, it can carry fuel for a flight of about 620 miles.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Automation has taken another step forward. A drive-through grocery has been opened in Houston, Texas, and is reported doing a thriving business. Here's how the system works. The customer, following arrows, drives into a shopping lane where a basket is attached to the car door on the driver's side. As the car moves along the lane, a store attendant walks alongside between the car and the grocery shelves. When the shopper points to the item she wishes to buy, the attendant takes it off the shelf and puts it in the basket.—Stratford Beacon-Herald



Duchess of Windsor Confides on Love

Do you believe in love at first sight? Are women more romantic than men? Can a person love more than once? The Duchess of Windsor, whose romance and marriage with Edward VIII created world-wide interest, gives frank answers to Star Weekly reporter Lester David. Read this week's issue for his exclusive interview: "The Duchess Talks of Love." The New STAR WEEKLY

A U.S. sports writer describes hockey as "Canada's favorite outdoor sport." Presumably the outdoor part is while you are looking for a place to park.—Peterborough Examiner.

Of all the girls who ever said they would not marry the best man in the world, none has.—St. Catherine's Standard.

If a man sees eye to eye with his wife it may just mean that his vision has been corrected.—Vancouver Province.

Too many organizations have developed the dreary habit of holding their annual meetings in Toronto year after year. This is very hard to understand, since one has travelled on the subway and lobbied at Queen's Park, Toronto can be much like any other city.—Hamilton Spectator

London's regent Park Zoo last week opened an animal hospital and received, as first patients, a lambs with one broken leg and a parrot believed neurotic. It would be strange if a pet parrot were other than ill, when you consider what parrots listen to and are expected to repeat.—Cape Breton Post

One of the nice things about winter, especially if there is a fall of snow on the ground, is that it creates a comforting quietness. The fact that doors and windows are closed has something to do with it, but the carpet of snow softens the noise of traffic. Even freight trains glide along more quietly, to the great relief of those who live alongside the tracks.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

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Defence Of The Ivory Tower

Ottawa Journal

So much has been heard about the financial troubles of Canadian universities that their other worries receive little attention. The universities' conference now in progress in Ottawa on what is called the "crisis in higher education" is concerned with more than the money required to accommodate additional students. In fact after the Prime Minister's assurance of further government help last night even the raising of \$285,000,000 Dr. Bissell of Carleton College said the universities feel that they must spend in 10 years does not look nearly as formidable a task as it did.

One problem is that which Dr. Sydney Smith of the University of Toronto raised in his paper in what he called "the defence of the ivory tower." It is the question of whether universities shall continue to give first place to scholarship which is not necessarily of practical application, or yield to the dominance of the engineers,

doctors and others who consider their practical skills most important.

STILL PRIMARY
In the English-Canadian universities he said the arts element still is primary; except for one Nova Scotia college, Canada has not developed degree-granting institutions with their chief emphasis on professional training. But now they must face a vastly increased demand for the training of professionals. Yet "university"—and Dr. Smith quoted Dr. Ashby, president of Queen's University, Belfast—has stood for something precious.

"A leisurely and urbane attitude to scholarship, a release from the obligations to use knowledge for practical ends, a sense of perspective which accompanies the broad horizon and the distant view an opportunity to give undivided loyalty to the kingdom of the mind." Dr. Smith put the challenge con-

Nature's Speed King

National Geographic Society

Ever since the dawn of the human race, men and animals have been running from and after each other.

The odds haven't improved. One of man's finest achievements on foot is running the mile in less than four minutes, an average speed of about 15 miles an hour. Compared to the grand champions of track and field, Homo sapiens hardly gets away from the starting line.

The cheetah, or hunting leopard, accelerates to a speed of 45 miles in two seconds—a feat that man can scarcely match in his latest racing car. And when the cheetah really goes into high gear, it proceeds at some 70 mph—a speed that would interest all but the most lenient patrolmen on modern expressways.

Such sprinters as the Mongolian gazelle combine extreme speed with endurance. Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews reported clocking these gazelles at 60 miles an hour in the Gobi. One was tailed by a car for 20 minutes at an average pace of 40 mph.

"Then he quit because he was so darned surprised that anything on earth could keep up with him," Dr. Andrews said. "When we reached him he was squatting flat on the sand waiting, not wincing a particle."
Numerous speedsters have been similarly clocked. Among the top runners are pronghorn antelope (American champion), the black-buck, springbok, lion, wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle, race horse, American elk, red fox, kangaroo, jack rabbit, wild ass, coyote, harebeest, zebra, greyhound and spotted hyena. Their speeds range from 60 to 40.
Even the African elephant can charge through the bush at 15-25 mph.
The clumsy rhinoceros, and unlikely contender for a speed title,

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