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Triumph For Good Temper

It would be wrong to begrudge Mr. Pearson any of the satisfaction he must be feeling over the outcome of last week's federal-provincial conference, the first such gathering over which he has presided as Prime Minister. Certainly many of the results are desirable, and it is natural that much of the credit be given to Mr. Pearson's graciousness and diplomacy, although neither of them ever had been called into question.

But it would be equally wrong to forget too quickly that any "victories" now credited to Mr. Pearson also involved for him qualities of surrender —of withdrawal from previous positions—of correction of earlier mistakes.

Still, the end result is to be welcomed—a $400 million municipal loan fund made more workable than first envisaged, and somewhat broadened in scope, through discussion and in response to pressures from the provinces.

It is an excellent thing, too, that what was reached was a general agreement accepted by all the provinces, rather than something that might have been regarded as a private victory for Quebec's Premier Lesage, even though he did emerge from the gathering with special reasons for saying: "I'm elated."

It appeared, happily, to be part of a common elation arising out of shared satisfactions and general good temper, rather than an expression of private or provincial gloating.

Indeed, the good spirit displayed at the conference, not only between the provinces and the federal government, but between the different provinces themselves, may have been the gathering's most important feature. It may have paved the way for success at future federal-provincial conferences, which must be called soon to deal with even more difficult matters, and moves to improve this whole area of relationship.

Left pending for such future gatherings was the plan for the new pension fund, which seems to leave in abeyance the expected $10 increase in the Old Age Pension—a prospect that is unlikely to be accepted quietly by the country.

Certainly if the Commons goes ahead today to increase the salaries of members, senators and various political figures, as forecast, and completes this move ahead of acting in behalf of the pensioners, a vigorous and justified outburst of protests is to be expected.

Currencies And Madness

George Schwartz, who laces his wit with wisdom (or vice versa) as a columnist for London's Sunday Times, recalls in the current issue that three chief things are traditionally accepted as being able to "drive men to madness—love, ambition and the . . . currency problem."

And, dissimiliar though they seem, there is at least one way in which these things are alike in their ability to push minds along the haywire trail. Each carries within it many forces and qualities, which, when viewed separately, appear altogether familiar, understandable and largely controllable; but which are capable of becoming wholly changed through their interaction on each other.

When this happens, forces that earlier appeared familiar are made unrecognizable; the understandable ones become incomprehensible; and controllable qualities move outside the reach of any known controls.

Let latent jealously brush against amorous ardor, and who can tell what will happen then to those forces which, when viewed separately, could be regarded as the "known qualities" within love?

When a character defect (or moral weakness) appears side by side with an idealistic aspiration, there can be no forecasting for sure which will prevail, or what result will be produced by the thrust of ambition.

And a psychological influence, perhaps arising out of some change in the climate of world politics or trade, can collide with a governmental action to produce uncertainties of the same sort about currencies—to make a mockery of all forecasts as to the purchasing power they will be accorded, or the direction of travel they will take, as between countries.

Still, if men are made mad by these things, it is not chiefly because they are difficult (perhaps impossible) to understand fully, but because of their unwillingness to approach them in the spirit of that fact. It has become the habit of so-called experts—perhaps it is expected of them—to speak positively, in absolute terms, about love, ambition and currency problems while scarcely ever showing the regard required for the ways in which they are subject to the influence, or even the control, of imponderables and unmeasurables, many of which are highly capricious.

Mr. Gordon, as finance minister, has not avoided this danger, nor did any of his recent predecessors.

But when men are without flexibity to make allowances for the capricious, the unpredictable, they're on the road to madness in the sense meant by Mr. Schwartz. If they are in position of sufficient prominence, there is the danger they'll lead many of the rest of us similarly astray.

Odd Mental Quirks

If the manufacturers of tranquillizer pills have, as alleged, made millions over the past two or three years, then reasons for their financial success can be found scattered throughout the brief news items of the daily press.

In those brief-item columns we read of men attempting to cross oceans in what are little more than rowboats, of clergymen suggesting that boys on their first dates should carry contraceptives, of men and women shooting members of the other sex "because I loved him —or her," of parents hanging their children to the walls of a room by their wrists, and of hundreds of other events just as bizarre.

Perhaps, none of those people is crazy. Perhaps, it is the frustration experienced in living in a world in which the welfare and the destiny of untold millions are in the hands of an untouchable few that is responsible for the demand for those tranquillizer pills which can, for temporary periods, give relief from the prevailing pressures.

But all the eccentricities of the mind cannot be cured by pills.

Take, for instance, Clifford B. Caudill of Denver, Colorado. Last week, in municipal court, the 35-year-old Clifford argued on religious grounds the law had no authority to require his dog to take a rabies vaccination.

"I'm not required," he told Judge William Conley, "to take a rabies shot because of my religious beliefs, and neither should my dog."

Clifford also contended that Denver's leash law improperly restricted his dog's liberty and should be abolished because dogs have the same rights as humans.

It is a tribute to the fair-mindedness and tolerance of the jurist that he listened patiently to Clifford's defence. On the other hand, it may be that his patience can be attributed to his curiosity in wishing to see to what lengths Clifford would go in addressing the court.

But Judge Conley did not accept the argument. He fined Clifford $61.00 allowing him until August 5 to appeal.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Here's a moment to be awaited: At a press conference today, President de Gaulle is expected to present definitions of France's attitude to the new partial nuclear test-ban, the Russo-Chinese ideological rift, Britain's relationship with continental Europe and his estimate of the place of President Kennedy and the U.S. in the general scheme of things. A lot of history is waiting to be influenced by what the general has to say.

ECLIPSE OVER CANADA

PARLIAMENTARY FORUM

Quest for Power Keeps Issues Hidden

(Editor's note: While Patrick Nicholson, Ottawa columnist for The Guardian, is on vacation, a series of guest columns by MP's — sort of a parliamentary forum — is being presented. Today's contributor is Dr. Guy Marceux, MD, Independent Social Credit, MP for Quebec-Montmorency.)

For years, in fact since Confederation, the Canadian people seemed to have been lying dormant before almost all the political problems that were appearing before the House of Commons. Of course Ottawa has always been a "long way from home", but I might say that the electors were satisfied to have the privilege to get rid of the Tories when they were fed up and to do the same job to the Grits when time had come.

Unfortunately for the country, the political parties soon realized that they had to do something to stay in power, and they decided to follow the trend rathed than give true leadership. So, instead of governing on sound principles, they preferred to lean on easy electoral weapons. They even set up teams of regional scouts to look upon very profitable vote-getter propositions in order to make attractive electoral platforms.

DEEP ISSUES HIDDEN

Almost no true national issues have ever been presented to the public and, as a result, compromises of all kinds had to be made after representations from various groups. No concern whatsoever for national dignity, pride and self-respect; almost no interest in the real problems of the majority of the population.

So much so that we are facing today the shameless problem of unemployment, the humiliation of foreign ownership, the lack of a national anthem and a distinctive national flag, etc.

That explains why dedicated people have judged it necessary to be prepared to get aware of the whole national situation and to give their time and talents for the benefit of the country. And that is exactly the period where they found that almost nothing could be done within the ranks of parties without any definite and specific principles and ideology.

To me, these are the reasons why new political parties were obviously necessary.

Another feature that is staring in one's face is the economic chaos which the two traditional parties have brought us in. Session after session, year after year, the "best brains" of our country have proven themselves incapable of solving the problems of deficit budgets and to make credit out of the tremendous potentialities of the many millions of Canadian citizens that are living in that Canada of ours.

Money is as good as the confidence you dare put in it. Credit is ordinarily granted according to the value of assets that can be couched. Money is undoubtedly a practical commodity as a factor of any economy but is not and has never been the main factor of a nation's productivity. Nevertheless many achievements proved to be impossible due to the sole fact that they were impaired by an improper financial situation.

CREDIT BASED ON FAITH

Wherever is the actual solution to this particular problem, one cannot find any apparent intent or attempt to deal objectively with this peculiar situation. Yet it is obvious that this is the very source of any minister of finance's headaches, along with the ease of any official opposition party's critics and one of its choice targets. Everything seems to be possible when you are in opposition and things seem to be much more difficult when you sit on the treasury benches!

Of course nobody has ever denied the confidence one has in the population of our country; nobody has ever contested the fact that this population represents considerable wealth which could be monetized for the benefit of Canada as a whole. Unfortunately, not one tradit i o n a l party has ever dared tackle this very important aspect. One can easily suspect that those parties are so closely related to some forms of vested interests that, even if they would envisage such action, they could not do it due to the fact that they already have more or less strings attached.

This situation, resulting from complacency, very easily explains why new parties are now badly needed.

PUBLIC FORUM

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SENIOR CITIZENS' PENSIONS

Sir,—May I be permitted space in your Public Forum to ask why the promise of the present government is apparently "cast aside" regarding the senior citizens' pension of $65.00 a month. Their promise of a $10.00 raise was given pressure at that time and possibly was the cause of the present government being elected in April. Cheques for $75.00 should have been issued in June at least and to give some comfort to the older citizens for the few years ahead. Steps should be taken immediately to see that this promise is fulfilled. This matter should be given attention and priority over all other matters.

I am, Sir, etc.,
MARY R. GAVIN
Tignish

BAND'S ROLE LAUDED

Sir,—While reading the Wednesday edition of The Guardian, I came across the "Public Forum" column and the letter from Sheila entitled "Women and Bagpipes".

In regard to this letter I would like to say that the ability of these band members to play as well as they do and the fact that they gave something to the Lobster Carnival parade for which they received nothing in return should far outweigh the incorrectness of their dress.

We realize it may differ from the original Scottish Highlanders but the job they did of entertaining us as well as our tourist guests made up for this.

Being a band member myself, I know that feelings would be greatly hurt if the quality of the music was not taken into consideration.

I am, Sir, etc.,
KEITH HYETT
Summerside.

This Cabinet 'Went Fishing'

Winnipeg Tribune

It has become increasingly popular of late to find virtue in Shakespeare's "books in running brooks and sermons in stones." Especially for executives creaking under the strains of decision this is considered the bucolic restorative.

Some people just don't believe it.

They think it's a lot of guff to disguise a fishing trip, or even a few cool beers under some far-distant pine.

Anyhow Premier Duff Roblin believes in it.

He took his 12 cabinet ministers to a secret retreat on Monday to ponder the affairs of state in solitude. The cabinet was not to be disturbed. For them the sting of the mosquito, and the whir of the deer fly instead of the rasp of constituents and the insistent ding of the phone.

They moved out to their mysterious rendezvous with all the precautions of a commando raid. And they've been out there heaving the elements for us. No one, it is said, with perhaps the exception of a forlorn Civil Defence officer, knows where they are.

And if the bomb goes off, no one knows how they'd get back. Not that they necessarily would want to.

Anyhow, despite the laments of soreheads, left behind in the sweltering city, a whiff of Waldenism can do the cabinet no harm. No one quite understands the secrecy —it isn't likely that roads along the way were going to be burdened by exalting crowds. Who knows, maybe they're in one of those fishing competitions.

"Sales tax if we catch most Jacks. Another trip to Ottawa if we get pickerel!"

'Take Heed Of Cassius!'

New York Times

When Cassius Marcellus Clay returned to New York from his London exhibition of prophecy, prizefighting and poetry, one somehow expected spear-wielding Roman legions straight out of Julius Caesar to be on hand to greet the brash young boxer.

Not in years has so refreshing and so corny a figure emerged from the miasma of a violent sport — abolition of which we would gladly see.

Mr. Clay once again has successfully predicted in his own reprehensible verse far removed from Shakespeare ("how wisely doth this cynic rhyme") the exact ground in which he would win, his latest victim being Henry Cooper of England.

He has done so in 13 of his 19 professional fights — even when it has meant, as in this bout, that he would hold back.

Shakespeare and Caesar sometimes played to the pit and the mob.

They are not to be confused with Mr. Clay, who always plays for a more lucrative gate — ("Cassius you yourself are much condemn'd to have an itching palm"),

Yon Cassius' lean and hungry look has been fattened by some impressive paydays.

Unfortunately many of our friends abroad took Cassius too seriously ("I do not like your faults") and the cause of U.S.-British relations was not enhanced by his poetic bravado.

Most of the 55,000 spectators attended the Cooper bout in hopes of seeing Cassius get his comeuppance ("Set you so, hence, saucy fellow, hence!").

In time, Cassius Marcellus Clay may meet a modern counterpart of Mark Anthony or Octavian who will take his measure.

But until then, this Nostradamus of the prize ring will twit the public imagination ("For I am fresh of spirit and resolved to Meet all perils very constantly," as another Cassius said).

SWEETSBURG, Que. (CP)— Pierre Veilleux, owner of Wendybrook Farm which has 400 head of top Jersey cattle, has sent 22 of his best animals on a six-week exhibition tour of Western Canada in a special railway car. It is equipped with milking machines and electric fans.

Proper Clothing Can Defeat Heat

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Deilen

I am asked almost every year to suggest ways to overcome the heat and humidity during muggy summer days. Those who ask this question obviously do not work in an air conditioned office or factory, drive to work in an air conditioned car, nor live in an air conditioned home. This is the way to remain cool but this luxury is beyond the means of most people.

Start the day by putting on light, loose clothing. It is not true that a person is cooler wearing as little as possible. Going nude is warmer than wearing one layer of clothing. Dark hues absorb heat more readily than light colors. Many men also like to wear an undershirt because it collects and evaporates perspiration. In addition the shirt retains the salt from evaporated perspiration, which prevents it from irritating the skin. Every clothing or department store has a wide selection of summer garb and the lighter, the better. Loosely woven shoes also will help. A light, broad-brimmed hat shades the face from the sun and keeps the head cool.

Keep up your normal diet. In the past, a reduction in the total caloric intake was recommended and many went overboard on cold cuts, salads, and fruits. This regimen causes weakness, especially in those who work hard. A high protein diet maintains energy and nutrition.

Drink more liquids than usual. Extra salt is not necessary because most of us use more in the summer, especially on radishes, celery, and corn on the cob. Avoid salt if you have liver, kidney, or heart disease.

Alcohol and heat do not mix. These beverages ease the discomfort of feeling the heat but, beyond that, have an adverse effect upon the body's heat control mechanism. Don't do any heavy work, particularly during the hottest part of the day, unless it is your job. A shower or bath offers only temporary relief but it is cleansing and improves the feeling of well being.

Think cool. Too many children have been conditioned by their parents to hate the heat. It is tolerable and is not as bad as some things we have to contend with.

WINDOW FAN

J. V. writes: Is it harmful to sleep with a fan blowing directly on you?

REPLY

Many people are chilled by drafts, especially if they are perspiring or underdressed. Chilling usually is more uncomfortable than harmful but many predispose to nasal congestion or muscle stiffness.

HUMAN CAMERA

C. K. writes: Is it true that the pupil of the eye is just a hole?

REPLY

Yes, and it resembles the opening of a camera with a built-in light meter and range finder. It opens and closes reflexly, depending upon the amount of light and the distance of the object.

GREASY FOOD AND SKIN

K. H. writes: I'm underweight and have tried eating lots of fatty foods. I don't gain a pound but do get an unusually greasy skin. Have you any explanation for this?

REPLY

Fatty foods may have this effect on some skins but the mechanism is not known.

COLD FOR COLDS

S. A. writes: Is it harmful for a child with a cold to be given ice cream and refrigated drinks?

REPLY

No, and the cold may have a soothing effect on the sore throat.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Keep children away from electrical outlets and sharp instruments.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

July 29, 1938

Prof. Henri Blanchard, Charlottetown, was among those receiving a medal from the French Academy in Paris yesterday "for services rendered abroad to the French cause."

Bringing 350 passengers, 11 more than her second trip a fortnight ago, the SS North Star, Capt G.W. Welch of the Clark Steamship Co. Ltd., docked in Charlottetown yesterday morning.

TEN YEARS AGO

July 29, 1953

Terming it "another milestone in the many recreational facilities provided the youth of this city by service clubs" Mayor J. D. Stewart officially opened the new Kiwanis Club wading pool in Victoria Park last night.

A pleasing ceremony took place in the Guardian news room yesterday when Miss Florence Bradley, a veteran member of the typesetting department, was presented with a handsome gold wristwatch, suitably inscribed, marking her 40th anniversary of continuous service with the newspaper.

USE MANY NUTS

YELLOWKNIFE, N.W.T. (CP)—About 50 tons of nuts and bolts—about 500,000—are being used to hold together northern Canada's largest fuel depot. The storage centre, being built at Yellowknife, will hold 3,000,000 gallons of fuel in 21 tanks.

The FLYING DUTCHMAN RESTAURANT "Your Island Steak House"

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Drive - in banks were established," the father explained to his son, "so that the cars could see their real owners." — Wall Street Journal.

Those American clergymen who have been willing to face arrest for demonstrating against segregation are literally practising what they preach. — Ottawa Journal.

Wearing a hat, says a London hatter, is a sign of middle age. Or of premature baldness? — Peterborough Examiner.

The trouble with the tourist promoters at the Lakehead is that they are simply too honest for their own good. What we need is a monster — a monster to end all monsters, right here in Lake Superior. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Tough Questions on NATO

By DAVE McINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Gen. Lyman Lemnitzer, supreme Allied commander, Europe, came to Ottawa for a courtesy call last week. But he spent two days answering tough questions thrown at him by Defence Minister Hellyer.

Why, Mr. Hellyer asked in effect, did NATO assign the RCAF Air Division in Europe an exclusively nuclear low-level bombing role when two of its bases are in France, which doesn't permit American nuclear warheads on her territory?

One of the most peculiar aspects of this problem is that Canada agreed in 1959 to take on this NATO-requested role for the air division after the United States pulled squadrons out of France because they couldn't be supplied with nuclear armament.

SITUATION UNIQUE

About the only explanation in Ottawa for this is that it was believed Gen. de Gaulle's position in not allowing American nuclear weapons on French soil was only temporary.

There was some support for this belief because France signed a bilateral agreement with the U.S. for provision of American nuclear warheads for French squadrons based in West Germany.

In any case, as Gen. Lemitzer told reporters, Wednesday, Canada is the only NATO country with nuclear carriers in Europe which can't be armed with nuclear warheads.

He said there are alternative proposals to minimize this "limitation" on the eight-squadron RCAF Air Division of supersonic CF-104 low-level jet bombers.

ALTERNATIVES COSTLY

He didn't say what these alternatives are. But they are understood to include use of satellite fields in Belgium and Germany and possible catapult launching of planes from tiny clearings. But whatever they are, they involve money.

Another odd aspect of the problem is that while the Canadian CF-104s are "exclusively atomic"—the words are those of Air Chief Marshal Frank Miller, chairman of the chiefs of staff committee—the CF-104s being built in Montreal for the U.S. mutual aid program have a conventional as well as nuclear capability.

Mr. Hellyer's probing questions put to Gen. Lemnitzer are part of his "operation reality," as it is known in the defence department.

TO DECIDE ROLES

In other words, he is asking: does this program make a real military contribution to defence? Does that program make sense? Are we doing that just because we've always done it? If Canada made such and such a commitment to NATO, why can't Canada change it?

When he gets the answers, he will be able to decide what the roles of the armed forces should be. And once they are decided—with cabinet approval, of course — the 20-year-old minister can decide on the weapons needed to carry out these roles without, in the meantime, lopping off or attaching piecemeal equipment programs.

GOING ON VACATION SOON?

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