

A New Alliance?

Quebec Conservatives were headlined as having "rallied to Camp's call" over the weekend, by voting with a crushing majority for a review of the national party leadership once every four years, beginning in 1967.

While no official statement has been issued, it is understood that the two leaders agreed to push for a Confederation conference to give Canada a new constitution, made in Canada, for Canadians. This was Mr. Diefenbaker's pitch in the last general election, and recently, Mr. Johnson has favored the idea, as a preliminary to Quebec's own constituent assembly to draw up a constitution for the province.

Mr. Johnson had sent his car to the airport to bring the Tory chief to his office with a police escort. Mr. Diefenbaker greeted him with: "Well, Dan," and they got to talking about previous meetings and a visit to Australia for a Commonwealth gathering.

Just to make sure that his views on one subject at least would get due publicity, Mr. Johnson told Dief before the secret talk began: "I want you to know that I agree 100 per cent with your reactions to the Spence report and the actions of the judge."

This meeting with the Quebec premier wasn't supposed to happen—not at least, according to the information which supporters of Mr. Camp had in advance. But that's the way things happen in politics.

Unique's The Word!

Defense Minister Hellyer's proposals for unifying Canada's armed forces will shortly come before Parliament, and it will then be necessary to define them in words that can be clearly understood. This has never been done, for some reason or other. But despite lack of official information, two Ottawa correspondents of the Globe and Mail have gone to work assembling all transcripts of this year's meetings of the parliamentary standing committee on defense, and have come up with the clearest picture we have seen of what will be done and how it will be done.

Briefly, the point is made that while unification has been touted as a money-saving device under which the three services will be combined under one command, in one uniform, it is much more than that. And the plans are so far advanced that only a change of government could arrest them now.

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left the service this summer on precisely this issue.

A draft of the unifying legislation was delivered to Mr. Hellyer within the past few days. It is expected to be bitterly opposed when presented in the Commons within a few weeks. But this will be merely a formality and, if passed, will serve only as travelling music for a virtual fait accompli much more startling than any considerations of a common uniform and common pay and rank structure.

Under unification, the main effect will be that the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force will disappear as unique functions to become army supports only. That this is fully understood in the services is reflected in the fact that air force and naval officers have been in the majority among those who co-operated at first, then cried whoa, and finally, when they were unable to slow the momentum, got out or were fired.

The evidence of army ascendancy is everywhere, although it will take some years before the process is complete. Some pure air force roles still exist for the RCAF (Air Division in Europe, Air Defense Command in Canada) but there are no plans to extend or replace the aircraft types involved, the CF-104 in Europe and the CF-101 Air Defense Command.

How will this affect our Air Force centre at Summerside? How will it affect other centres across Canada? We haven't got a naval training station in Charlottetown to worry about—Mr. Hellyer took care of that some years ago—but other communities have and we may expect their angry reaction to the scheme. But it is said that as far back as three years ago the minister and his executive assistant, William Lee, agreed that "the realities of the situation demanded a unique approach," and that, sure enough, is what we're going to get.

Seeking Space Men

The U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration has put out another call for space men. This makes its sixth call since April, 1959, and its second for scientist-astronauts. Why are more needed when only three can go on an Apollo trip to the moon and plans do not call for Apollo shots oftener than every three or four months? One reason is that while only three men fly on Apollo spacecraft, it takes three more to train with them as backup crew, also because of the complications and intricacies of a flight the crews have to train six months to a year for each flight.

Pilots of the first two manned Apollo shots already have been named. These flights, according to a Washington report, will only be in earth orbit. It will be mid-1968 before an Apollo crew heads for the moon—if then. The only commitment the United States has if it is to keep President Kennedy's announced goal is to put men on the moon before the decade is out.

The first three-man voyage, scheduled to last two weeks (the time it would take for a trip to the moon and back) is set for mid-December. Both these sets of crews already are training for their missions, at Cape Kennedy and various other sites around the country. And it's a gruelling occupation.

Exacting Profession

This is Pharmacy Week in Canada, and the occasion serves as a reminder that the modern pharmacist does much more than just dispense and deliver drugs when they are required. In this modern age where advances in drug therapy have widened the horizons of medicine as never before, the pharmacist's role depends not so much on what he does as on what he knows. Although centuries old in fact and legend, his profession constantly undergoes a renaissance as new, more complex, and more potent drugs are developed at the rate of some 400 each year.

More than 90 per cent of prescriptions written today are for drug specialties that did not exist twenty years ago. This means that pharmacists have to keep on the move all the time to cope with their responsibilities. They rank high on the health team personnel of every community, and rate a salute from all of us for the service they perform.

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THE SURFERS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

'Concerned Canadian' Form Protest Group

This column has referred to our anxious young people, who are adopting a pattern of non-conformity to protest against our present social leadership. Even more significant and sophisticated is a widespread group of older people, who are just as anxious, and are protesting against our political leadership.

This is a non-partisan movement. Its membership is not confined to the supporters of any one political party, but, as its name makes clear, consists of Canadians who are concerned about the direction in which Canada has been headed by recent governments at Ottawa.

Its policy declaration advocates many desirable corrections to our present drift: an equitable sharing of the benefits of automation by consumer, labour and investor; the provision of comprehensive and coordinated welfare services; but only for those who are unable to provide for themselves; a revision of labour laws to protect the public interest, to make Canadian unions autonomous, and to maintain the individual's right of choice and recognition of ability; educational policies to equip all Canadians with equal opportunity; and reformed tax legislation to provide incentives to Canadian ownership, and, through more efficient government administration, to permit the reduction of taxes.

The philosophy of the concerned Canadians is neatly summed up by the slogan repeated to me by one of them: "If my brother is sick, I will heal him; if he is hungry, I will feed him; if he is ignorant, I will teach him; if he is in danger, I will protect him; but if he is lazy he can get off my back!"

The ultimate goal of the new movement is a free, affluent and strong nation, its strength stemming—as in our pioneer days—from the self-reliance of all Canadians. It aims to assist the election to Parliament of a dedicated and responsible representative, who will place first the interests of the nation and the constituents and never be like performing seals—the puppet of their party. In common with such diverse politicians as John Diefenbaker and Walter Gordon, C. C. C. be-

Our Yesterdays

Violent fighting has developed in two main sectors of the central front before Moscow but Russian armies, supported by troops rushed up from the rear, were declared to be breasting with counter-attacking the shock sized offensive.

TEN YEARS AGO

Atomic power is giving heat and light to offices in Calder Hall, England for the first time. Cattle 400 miles from the scene of Britain's current series of atomic tests in Australia were reported heavily affected by radioactivity.

leaves it to be essential that Canada should actively protect its sovereign independence. PROGRESSIVE GROUP
The creation of this grass roots movement by ordinary Canadians was inspired by the recent performance of parliaments and governments in Ottawa.

Whether or not the aims of this movement meet with universal approval—and they will—we are serving a valuable purpose by stimulating discussion among concerned Canadians. It already has chapters in every major city and in many rural communities. It plans to grow through regional councils which will in turn spread out into more rural communities through local councils.

Not So Different

It was only two years ago when Americans were stunned to hear a presidential aspirant, Barry Goldwater, urge defoliation in Viet Nam to win the war.

His seeming callousness and irresponsibility contributed to his defeat in the 1964 elections. There is hardly any need to point to the ironic fact that, under another president, the war in Viet Nam has escalated to a pitch hardly visualized in 1964.

It is true that Goldwater's brand of defoliation has not been adopted, for he suggested the use of nuclear bombs to clear the land, and nuclear bombs connote a special kind of terror that could bring on retaliation from another nuclear power.

Not long ago, we read in The Times of London, the British Broadcasting Corporation put out an appeal for a supply of live hedgehogs for the croquet scene of their film of Alice in Wonderland.

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and considered sour and biased by one of the parties, there is a reflection on the judge and, obliquely, on the whole bench. It has been said that these extra-curricular activities interfere with regular duties. Some judges have denied this saying that they perform the extra work when the courts are not sitting and at weekends and on holidays. A few judges have doubted their annual salaries through doing this special work. Well established though the practice may be, it is still questionable whether it is a good thing to have county judges "moonlighting".

leader of the famous prairie farmers' protest movement, the Progressive Party. I am told that his experienced hand played a major part in drafting the policy declaration of this new progressive movement; since he is certainly a concerned Canadian, I can well believe this.

VALVE LEAKAGE
J. B. writes: What is mitral insufficiency? REPLY
Leakage of a valve that separates the left auricle from the left ventricle. The condition usually stems from an attack of rheumatic fever.

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Hairy Women

Most women detect hair on the face, especially on the upper lip and chin. Dark hair is conspicuous whereas a similar growth on the face of a blonde may not be noticeable. Race also enters the picture in the Latin may regard their characteristic mustache hair as "a sign of an affectionate, loving nature." The Nordic may be embarrassed by even scant growth.

There are many ways to remove superfluous hair (hirsutism). A number of good depilatories are on the market, and the majority are satisfactory, provided the user is not sensitive to the ingredients: Wax is also effective and safe if the individual can bear the discomfort. Pencil removes the hair by friction. Tweezers are excellent for the occasional hair in the chin and upper part of the neck.

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HEY! THOSE BOARDS COME FROM MY BARREL!
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At Least They're Talking

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France and the United States are at least talking to each other about the broad divisions between their policies on Viet Nam, NATO and other issues. This is the main reaction to the two-day visit just completed by French Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, who saw President Johnson alone for 90 minutes and State Secretary Rusk several times.

DETAILS WOULD HELP
The French, with acknowledged credentials for assessing the Vietnamese situation, feel American peace overtures would gain from including specific details that North Viet Nam could trust.

He also reiterated his view that the Viet Cong must have a major role in any negotiations. As for NATO, the U.S. still is hoping it can get some con-

cession on the French deadline of April 1 for shifting American and Canadian troops from France. The U.S., which also would like some formula to get troops back into France quickly in an emergency, has 65,000 troops to withdraw, thousands more dependents and more than 600,000 tons of supplies.

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CANADA RELUCTANT
The U.S., despite reluctance by Canada and a couple of other NATO countries, still is insisting that NATO's political, as well as the military headquarters be moved from Paris to the Brussels area.

More talks with the U.S.S.R., following those recently at the UN, are scheduled here shortly. These, plus the French visit, indicate at least some quickening in American interest in Europe after a prolonged preoccupation with Asia.

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His Fourth Comet

National Geographic Society

A young Japanese who polishes piano keys by day and stargazes at night has discovered his fourth comet.

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