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Odd Man Out

There is no need of making a mountain out of a molehill, nor perhaps of reading into Mr. Heath Macquarrie's explanation of his reason for abstaining from voting on the motion confirming Mr. Diefenbaker's leadership at the Conservative convention more than his words in their context convey.

Mr. Macquarrie thought the vote should have been taken by secret ballot. He maintained that the open vote was "not meaningful" and felt that he had a perfect right, as an individual delegate, to express his opposition to it in this manner. Previously, in arguing for the secret ballot as "the least divisive method" of expresing the party's views, he said he was convinced Mr. Diefenbaker would win a massive majority vote, and expressed the hope that this argument over the method of taking it would not become an issue "separating Conservative from Conservative."

We consider the junior member for Queens to have been quite wrong in his advocacy of the secret ballot, and pedantic in carrying his objection as far as he did. Nevertheless, we do not think the less of him for sticking by his guns, since he believed himself to be in the right, even though it left him open to the suspicion of harboring something less than loyalty to his party leader. That, he insists, was not the issue.

Apart from being an individual delegate, Mr. Macquarrie is also, of course, a Conservative Member of Parliament. He will have to account to his party if he chooses to run for nomination again, and to the electors generally if he is re-nominated and contests another election as Conservative candidate. In the meantime he can fall back on Edmund Burke's retort to his Bristol constituents in 1774 that a Member's unbiased opinion, his judgment and conscience "ought not to be sacrificed to you, to any man, or to any set of men living."

That's always been a hard principle to follow in the arena of party politics, but it seems to be the only one applicable to this case as Mr. Macquarrie sees it. We must confess to a feeling of relief that it will be his job, not ours, to argue it out with his associates.

Civic Affairs

His Worship Mayor Gaudet, Finance Chairman H.E. Hyndman, and their colleagues in the City Council are to be congratulated on the good financial showing achieved during the past year, as indicated in the reports presented at the Council's annual meeting on Tuesday night. All committees succeeded in staying within their budgets; the sinking fund is in sound financial condition, and a surplus on both current and capital accounts was achieved.

The current account surplus actually exceeded by $2,183 the amount budgeted for at the beginning of last year. And while the net debt showed an increase of some $206,000, this was more than accounted for by the capital expenditures undertaken.

The detailed reports of the civic business, as presented in a special supplement in yesterday's Guardian, should be studied carefully by all our citizens. It will be noted that while much work has been done in modernizing civic services, there is still a good deal of unfinished business.

Take the housing problem, for example. As Councillor Corrigan notes in her report for the health and welfare committee, it has been 10 years since the first presentation was made to a City Council for improved housing conditions. Progress has been slow indeed. Only during the past year have meetings been held with interested bodies following the submission of the Town Planning Board. The Council is now looking forward to definite plans on a redevelopment program in 1964.

Other plans under way are for a complete rezoning of the city, for continued study of the harbor pollution problem, for improved garbage collection service, for eventual construction of a new City Hall, and other matters.

Lending special interest to the reports were the nominations in four civic wards yesterday. Councillor Corrigan has no competitors in Ward 2, but in Wards 1, 3 and 6 there will be contests and this is to be welcomed as indicative of the interest taken in the conduct of our civic affairs. The new aspirants to office are to be commended on their initiative, and for all concerned we bespeak a large turnout at the polls.

Worth Waiting For

We note, with appreciation, the attitude of the present Water Commissioners on the subject of flouridation for Charlottetown, as set forth in the report of the chairman, Mr. Sidney E. Green, at the annual meeting of the City Council.

The Commission is pledged not to put this measure into effect without holding a pebiscite; but unlike their predecessors when the last plebiscite was held, the present office holders believe that fluoridation is a good and necessary measure and may be expected to do all in their power to educate public opinion on the matter.

Mr. Green notes, also, that important research findings have been made available since the former plebiscite was taken. People have a more progressive view of the matter, and as more and more communities each year are fluoridating their water supply, the proof of its value is made more evident.

It is indicated that the plebiscite may be taken in 1965, the year in which the Mayor and Water Commissioners are elected and all wards in the city will be voting. This means another lengthy wait, but it should be worth while, if the same support is forthcoming from our civic organization as has already been given by provincial and federal health authorities.

Soviet Farm Failure

The seriousness of the Russian agriculture position is indicated by an official Moscow report which shows more than 30,000,000 head of livestock were slaughtered this winter because of lack of feed. This added to the failure of the wheat crop points up the massive failure that Premier Khrushchev has to explain.

This severe cutback in meat animals was purposely confined to pigs for these are more readily replaceably than cattle. The decrease in the number of cattle was 1.600,000 while the hog population dropped by 29,200.000.

The Moscow report indicated that lack of fodder was the cause, but there is reason to believe that actual shortage of food on the farms resulted in high slaughterings, Many of these animals are privately owned by farm operators rather than being part of the collectivized farm livestock.

The livestock population in Russia has not grown materially under Soviet collectivism. The number of cattle in 1963 was only slightly above the time of the first Russian five year plan in 1928. With the increase in population the per capita meat holdings may be even lower than during the last days of the czars.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Last year the average American spent 19 per cent of his disposable income on food, less than half that of most other countreis. There is, however, a continuing strong rise in demand for food products due to America's rising population and to increasing consumer incomes. Expenditures for food were up 5 per cent in the six months of 1963 compared with the corresponding period of 1962

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OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Highway Slaughter Takes Appalling Toll

The army has given warning that it will protect the lives of Canadians by shooting at sight any marauders attempting to steal arms from armouries in Quebec. With this praiseworthy precedent, Canadians might well ask why our police are so soft with those other marauding killers who have wantonly slaughtered what is the scandalous total of eight hundred and seventy three Canadians in the past two months.

Official figures just released show that this number of Canadians were killed and 23,031 were injured on our roads during the months of October and November last year. The fatalities were five per cent higher than in the previous year, and the injuries were eight per cent higher.

Seven provinces witnessed more traffic fatalities in these two latest months surveyed than in the same period of the previous year. Proportionately P.E. Island had the worst record, with the total of deaths being doubled to eight. The Quebec total rose by 21 to 260, while the Ontario figure edged up by 7 to 281.

WHAT IS BC'S SECRET?

The best record was achieved by B.C. where the total of deaths was reduced by 33 per cent to 58. Saskatchewan's figure was 68 compared to 69 in the previous year, while New Brunswick's deaths fell from 29 to 23.

The ever- increasing number of tragedies on our roads is a national outrage which is accepted with irresponsible indifference. Every Canadian, pedestrian as well as motorist, is entitled to far greater protection than is now available. As has been pointed out repeatedly, a licence to operate an automobile on the public road is a privilege, not a right. The failure to check the mounting toll of death, disablement and damage suggests that the authorities are far too lax in withholding and withdrawing that privilege from motorists who are unworthy of it.

This capital is probably typical of Canadian cities and town in the matter of driving. A common complaint here, and one which observation suggests is thoroughly justified, is that the most frequently punished motoring offence is overtime parking. Pursuing the parking offender takes up much of the time of the police force and often results in his punishment; but the same motorist can drive away, through a red light, the wrong way down a one-way street, with only one headlight illuminated after dark, and with inadequate brakes—and not be apprehended.

Disregard of traffic rules seems here to be the major cause of those minor but costly accidents which made up much of the October and November damage total of $19,284,000 last year. This figure, like the total of non- fatal injuries on our roads, rose by eight per cent over the previous year. Both drivers and their cars should be officially checked for roadworthiness far more often than is done now.

For example, there was one well- known driver in Ottawa who had properly obtained a driving licence about forty years earlier, and regularly had it renewed each year without any check despite the fact that he had become so blind that he could not read even with glasses. He might have taken several innocent Canadians to death with him at any time, and probably would have done if he had not previously died through another form of accident.

The only outcry heard this year in connection with the road toll concerns the sharp increase in insurance rates. In this, the careful driver with well- maintained car is paying for the rising cost of damages caused by the careless driver or the drunk driver with an unroadworthy jalopy. But the official statistics suggest it is past time for Canadians to protes on humaniarian grounds.

Nancy Is All Right

Winnipeg Free Press

Parents these days seem forever tying themselves in knots about what their children are reading.

A few years ago such harmless tales as The Wizard of Oz and Little Black Sambo came under attack. Now Mrs. Margaret Beckman, a Waterloo, Ontario, mother and librarian, has been scandalized to discover that her daughter, aged ten, has been reading the Nancy Drew books.

All this fuss is probably the logical result of mass education. Forty years ago parents who had managed to get ten or 11 years of education themselves were glad enough to see their children reading anything. If the books their children read happened to be from the pens of popular writing machines like G.A. Henty E. Nesbit or Norator Alger, Jr. they were none the wiser.

Today, however, mummy has often been to university. She may have read Nancy Drew when she was a child but she wants something "better" for her little girl.

Mummy, in her passion for higher education, forgets that most children pass through a phase when the harmless adventures of girls like Nancy Drew are attractive. The phase, however, like all phases, soon passes.

Children who read books in preference to watching television, will, even if they lapse from time to time into literary mush like the Hardy Boys or Nancy Drew, go on to read better things. Books like The Bobbsey Twins and Nancy Drew are the "playtime" of education.

In the adult world there are many otherwise serious readers who occasionally, for the sake of recreation, turn to the adventures of James Bond and The Saint.

Mothers who cry havoc when they see their children reading minor works are just being silly. A child who actually reads books should be cherished. He may read Nancy Drew today; tomorrow he will probably have graduated to Dickens and Kenneth Grahame.

Ought To Be Checked

Montreal Gazette

Motorists should not be licensed to drive cars unless the cars are in a fit condition to be driven. This was the suggestion made at the annual meeting of the Royal Automobile Club by its president, Mr. Victor M. Birks.

The surprising fact is not that such a necessary suggestion was made. The surprising fact is that it had to be made—that there is no such inspection of cars. It is perfectly possible, as things are now, for a motorist who drives a car that is in dangerous condition to apply for a license, and to be given one.

A step forward was made a few years ago when motorists were first required by law to undergo examinations, in order to ascertain if their eyesight was adequate, and if in other ways they were physically competent for their responsibilities. But to examine the driver, without examining his car, is to check only one half of the application.

The problem of enforcing a periodic examination of all vehicles would obviously be difficult. The examinations would have to be carried out by those who knew what they were doing. Perfunctory and incompetent examinations would only give false security, and cases of collusion would only evade the law.

For another thing, not many drivers would wish, or even be able, to have their vehicles examined during normal working hours. Providing for off-hour examination would have to be made.

The only solution would be to appoint centres of inspection, where the equipment and skills would be sufficient for the task. Rural areas might have to be served (as they are served now for physical examination) by mobile units.

Island In The Shadows

Manchester Guardian

Pitcairn Island, the speck in the Pacific on which the mutineers from the Bounty and their descendants made their home, faces a bleak future because the islanders have lost their only source of income—the sale of souvenirs.

Big passenger liners sailing to and from New Zealand used to call regularly at the island, but now all but a few go instead to Tahiti.

In the last two years many Pitcairn Islanders have migrated to New Zealand and now there are only 83 left on the island. It is difficult to get enough ablebodied men to man the famous Pitcairn long boats, used to land cargo from ships anchored offshore.

Pitcairn is administered by the Governor of Fiji through the South Pacific Office, which recently sent its commissioner Mr T.R. Cowell, to the island to study its social and economic problems.

To help the islanders, Britain has given financial aid and Fiji technical advice. Radio communications and landing facilities at Bounty Bay have been improved, and agricultural experiments carried out. More agricultural and technical training will be offered and a survey of water resources undertaken.

But unless a reliable source of private income can be found to replace the lost markets for intricately carved curios and souvenirs, another evacuation of the island— descendants of the Bounty mutineers have twice before left the island and then returned — is the prospect the islanders must ultimately face.

Mr. E.A. Kinder, the former education officer on the island who has returned to New Zealand says "the whole show is falling apart." No northbound ship with more than 20 passengers had called in the last six months. Five islanders had migrated to New Zealand with him. Of the 83 people now on the island only 15 are males between the age of 15 and 60.

Souvenirs are being sold by post to the United States, but the return to the islanders is insufficient to cover the cost of food and fuel.

WEAR HEAVY KILTS

Kilts worn by the famous Evzone warriors of Greece sometimes contain more than 40 yards of material

Stubborn Leg Ulcers

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen

There are 80 or more reasons why ulcer develops on the leg. Many sufferers ask the physician for "a good salve," but this is not the answer to the problem so long as the cause remains. In addition, many of these open sores become infected and medication is needed to eliminate the micro - organisms.

A circulatory disorder is responsible for the majority of leg ulcers. In the elderly, this disturbance usually is traceable to hardening of the arteries. Varicose veins are more likely to affect the circulation in younger individuals. Both conditions may coexist but a vein is more likely to be the culprit if it is enlarged and runs directly into the ulcer. Also the skin may be discolored.

Bed rest is helpful when poor circulation is at fault, as it reduces swelling of the boggy tissues. The continuous application of an antiseptic dressing controls the infection. Various antibiotics are used for this purpose but some of the older remedies, such as potassium permanganate, chloramine - T, and Burow's solution, often are effective. Enzymes are used occasionally.

One of the latest treatments reported is a tri - iodide complex, which liberates free iodine vapors on contact. These vapors seep into the affected tissues with ease and are active against a variety of micro - organisms.

The pressure dressing remains popular. First, an antibacterial agent is applied then a sponge is placed against the ulcer, and the area is bound with an elastic bandage. The pressure exerted by the sponge has a milking action, which reduces swelling while it promotes healing. The gelatinous foil and elastoplast bandage are alternate methods.

Surgery also is utilized to correct varicosities. Covering the open wound with a skin graft may save weeks of disability. Cutting certain nerves is the back treatment for relief of double or triple the circulation when hardening of the arteries is at fault. Certain drugs do the same, but to a lesser extent.

BREATHLESS

R.C.J. writes: Could severe shortness of breath, even when relaxed, be associated with an underactive thyroid?

REPLY

This is doubtful, even though hypothyroidism results in marked fatigue. Nervousness, hyperventilation, and an overactive thyroid gland are better possibilities. Heart ailments discussed usually create other symptoms in addition to shortness of breath.

ARM DOESN'T MATTER

F.S. writes: Is it hard on the heart to get a flu shot in the left arm?

REPLY

No. Right or left — it makes no difference. The left arm usually is selected in right - handed persons in case soreness develops around the site of the injections.

WE DON'T KNOW

R. T. writes: Is the actual cause of alcoholism known?

REPLY

No. Many theories have been offered but the reason why some turn to alcohol to escape reality is not known.

SKIPS A GENERATION

Mrs. G. writes: My son has hemophilia. If my daughters marry and have sons, what are the chances these boys will have hemophilia?

REPLY

The possibility exists, provided your daughters carry the trait.

Today's Health Hint—

Encourage children to think.

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
February 6, 1939

A capacity audience filled Prince Of Wales College Hall today when the Charlottetown Male Chorus and assisting artists presented a varied concert of outstanding merit. The program was under the distinguished patronage of His Hon. Lieutenant Governor George D. DeBlois and Mrs. DeBlois.

Negotations by a committee representing relief recipients in Charlottetown with the City Council and the Provincial Government were at a standstill today awaiting the return to the City of Premier Thane A. Campbell. The Premier had been out of the City on the week-end.

TEN YEARS AGO
February 6, 1954

Twenty six Provincial Boy Scouts, who over a long period of time have studied and practiced the various phases of scouting received the coveted 'Queen's Scout' at the hand of their Patron Hon. W. L. Prowse, Lieutenant Governor at Government House this afternoon.

Mr. James Simpson Palmer, the fifth generation of his family to enter law, was admitted to the Alberta Bar in brief ceremony conducted before Mr. Justice W. A. MacDonald at the Calgary court house this afternoon.

GETS LIFE TERM

WINNIPEG (CP) — Stephen Kozaruk, a 37-year-old itinerant electrician, was given a life term Wednesday for the towel-strangling last June 9 of Anne Yourkin, 32. The sentence was imposed after Kozaruk pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of non-capital murder.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Billy, get your little brother's hat out of that mud puddle." Billy: "I can't, ma, he'a got it strapped too tight under his chin."—Montreal Star.

One odd thing about hospitals—the "Quiet Zone" signs are erected in the street outside rather than inside the building.— Winnipeg Free Press.

Fat men are always easy to get along with except when you are sitting next to them on a bus.— Brandon Sun.

Once all human beings stop the smoking habit, it is just possible men will find a way to get industrial plants to stop smoking.— Fort William Times-Journal.

The Mexican Proposal

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Mexico appears to have maneouvred successfully to eliminate some of the immediate danger from the explosive nature of the Panama Canal crisis.

Both the United States and Panama now have the opportunity to back away a bit from their stiff and uncompromising attitudes which threaten to inflame Central America.

The mere opportunity for fact - finding and discussion, opened by the Mexican proposal before the Organization of American states, does not by itself remove the roots of the canal crisis.

These are imbedded deep in the ownership and operation of the canal itself and they are likely to remain as long as the U.S. retains control over the 50-mile waterway and its adjoining 10-mile zone strip.

Nor is it likely that any Inter-American fact-finding body would be able to sustain Panama's charges that the U.S. committed aggression during the January riots that caused more than a score of deaths.

The Americans may have acted in a high-handed manner in allowing an American flag to fly over a zone school, but this could hardly be considered the beginning of a military offensive.

PRIVATE TALKS

The importance of any new committee investigation is that it will present a vehicle for resumption of private U.S.-Panamanian talks, without either side giving the appearance of yielding ground.

Panama still demands that the U.S. agree to negotiate a new treaty to replace the existing document which gives the U.S. the right to control the Canal Zone in perpetuity. The U.S. refuses, saying, as one high official put it: "We won't negotiate with a pistol at our heads."

The Johnson administration, in fact, has adopted a slightly tougher attitude towards the Latin situation than had the previous Kennedy government. The present administration has concluded that the Roberto Chiari regime is really after the canal itself and won't rest until it gets it.

However, the longer the two countries are able to talk, the greater the possibility of mutual restraint. In May, the Panamanian elections will be over and the present problem may be allowed to gather dust a bit longer, perhaps until the next election comes along.

A NEW CANAL

And in November, the American elections will be over and the White House may find it easier to make concessions without worrying about the reaction at the polls.

Meanwhile, serious thought is being given in the U.S. to the eventual need of a new canal. The present one is becoming obsolete and may become totally uneconomic within a quarter-century. Talk now is about building a sea-level waterway, using "clean" atomic underwater detonations to reduce cost.

If that should ever come about, and there is some question whether atomic bombs will be used in this fashion, the U.S. would be prepared to bring the new canal under Inter-American control.

But in the meantime, it won't give up control over the Panama—not until it becomes completely obsolete or is made so by sabotage.

New Trend In Diplomacy

Chatham Daily News

There may be danger that recent minor troubles— in Zanzibar, Cuba, Panama or elsewhere — may distract publicat-tention in Canada and the United States from far more significant developments on the world scene.

The most productive diplomacy of the past year has been the achievement of the late President Kennedy, and his successor, in the quiet and gradual improvement of relations between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Here is a area where relations are slowly normalizing, not through shrewd and spectacular policy victories on either side, but slowly and unspectacularly, because changed world conditions permit the normalization.

WELCOME SIGNS

A unilateral holddown on the arms budget race, a decision to establish a New York Moscow air link there, these are the small indications which suggest the improvement in the mental climate.

What has produced this era of opportunity?

To some careful analysts, it is in part the direct result of the Cuba missile confrontation. After that Muscovite backdown— that realization by Moscow that missile blackmail was not effective policy against the United States and indeed was downright foolhardy— a whole series of assumptions had to be revised in the Kremlin. Policies in the Congo or the Middle East which might depend on Moscow's military threats lost their attractiveness. Adveruism shed some of its glamour.

MADE EASIER

Thereby the road was made easier for Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev to march toward reorienting his domestic economy so as eventually, to produce farm fertilizers and more consumer goods and cope with the falling economic growth rate.

Washington planners have believed this growth rate was declining for some time, though only recently did the Central Intelligence Agency publicly expose its surprising figures.

Moscow, of course also was involved in its tremendous quarrel with Peking, and has been deeply discommoded at Premier Chou Enlai's recent tour of an African area which Stalin used to think would ultimately join in natural allegiance with the U.S.S.R.

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