

Author Labels Dief As Renegade Power

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INSTALLMENT I—PROLOGUE
The sometimes mysterious and always unpredictable alchemy of democratic politics has produced few more enigmatic personalities than John George Diefenbaker, the small-town lawyer who governed the throes of the Saskatchewan wheat as Canada, between June 21, 1957, and April 22, 1963.

No other Canadian politician in this country could claim the emotional conquest of a generation; yet no prime minister ever disillusioned his disciples more.

John Diefenbaker had a large, abiding love for his country. He gave prodigious energy to his office and the great care of the federal administration into a more meaningful relationship with the average citizen. Yet he only rarely sought the courage to follow his privately held convictions. The right instincts were in him, but throughout his stormy stewardship, they languished in the cupboard of his soul.

MR. NEWMAN
He gave the people a leadership cult, without leadership.

In his hustings crusades of 1957 and 1958, when he was swept into power with the lowest vote ever accorded a Canadian prime minister, John Diefenbaker seemed to be that rare kind of political leader who cared passionately about the fate of his people. He reached out and stirred in the voters a feeling of trust. His magnificent campaign turned him into a man with vast constituency. The elections took on the form of plebiscites, for or against the bountiful, glorious, trouble-free future he was promising. Canadian voters thought they recognized in the outraged spokesman from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, a man aspiring to become a leader with the clear sense of mission of a Winston Churchill or a Franklin Roosevelt.

Preoccupation With Own Status Seen As Curb To Achievement

But once he was in office, something went terribly wrong. Elected as a spiritual leader at a time of growing national self-doubt, John Diefenbaker turned out to be not a spiritual leader at all, but a renegade in power—a renegade in power he meant to be.

He interpreted the people's glowing acclaim of him as a demand for his greatness and became intoxicated with the authority of his office. He behaved as if he were the sacrosanct "saviour of Canada," Joe Smallwood, the Liberal premier of Newfoundland, compared his administration to "the Great Plague, the Black Death."
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But no cabinet can advance very far beyond its head. Diefenbaker's preoccupation with his own status and his desire to provide the kind of leadership needed to burst the bonds of the nation's narrowing economic milieu. But instead, he refused to trust Liberal preachers, and fell back to relying for advice on the political hacks who sought his favours. These men were sensitive to the problem of continuing leadership.

HIGH ACHIEVEMENTS IN SOME BRANCHES
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Excessive Emphasis Found Given 'Breathless Short-Run Policies'

Openly concerned with maintaining his personal popularity, Diefenbaker appeared to be frightened of using his majority in the House of Commons to legislate the many unpopular measures that would be necessary to carry out the mandate he had been given, and attempted to substitute breathless, short-run policies designed to placate the voters. He was afraid to sign the specific pledges made on the hustings, the nation's basic difficulties were hopelessly compounded.

Successful prime ministers have always made a virtue of their dependence on the people, but John Diefenbaker tried to respond to every gust of public opinion and the result, inevitably, was administrative confusion. The constant change of political power is essential and what is trifling in the discharge of political power. He lacked the attribute essential to leadership, open to what matters in the excitement of daily events.

'DISINFENFULLY NARROW'
Constantly cultivating the mystique and the personality cult, man in the service of a consuming mission, Diefenbaker in his approach to the nation's problems remained disastrously narrow. He acted as if he believed that the nation was divided into two camps, the majority and the minority. He tried to reduce complicated national issues to the simple terms of a national Development Policy, Unemployment, and the Five-Year Plan, the Bill of Rights, pro-Canada national day, the Charter of Canadianism, and a personal monopoly over the undeniably good things for which they were famous.

The most successful of Canada's past prime ministers—Sir

SOMETHING FOR READERS TO JUDGE FOR SELVES

As the fastest-selling book in Canada's publishing history, **RENEGADE IN POWER: THE DIEFENBAKER YEARS**, by Peter C. Newman, also has become the most discussed book of its era. The first edition sold out within a few days after it appeared and second and third printings are being pushed to meet the unprecedented demand.
Meanwhile, as one means of meeting the demand, Mr. Newman has made available for newspaper presentation a condensation which he prepared himself. The first chapter appears here, with the next two weeks.
A storm of controversy, of course, surrounds this work, so it is recommended to Guardian readers on the basis that they should judge it for themselves.
Mr. Newman was Ottawa editor of Maclean's magazine during "The Diefenbaker Years" and is now national affairs editor of that publication.

By RT. HON. J.G. DIEFENBAKER

ARENA FUND BANQUET SET FOR ALBERTON

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Hamilton Man Wins Athlete Scholarship

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Verenigen Gives Way To Dismay As Climax Of Defeat Is Reached

Instead of advocating a set of party principles that might ally the moderate of ordinary people in mid-twentieth-century Canada, Diefenbaker seemed bent on destroying whatever ideological boundaries remained between the Conservative and Liberal parties. It was as if he deliberately wanted to trust election campaigns into popularity contests, trusting in his metaphysical rapport with "the average Canadian" to bring him victory.

Diefenbaker gave the impression, particularly at election time, that he believed his authority was derived, not from his office, but from the mystical contact he felt he possessed with the common man. He saw himself as a genuine folk hero. On the hustings he would often refer to himself as "a simple man from a small town."

Although he had spent much of his life appearing to and trying to be a simple man, in office he changed. Diefenbaker, the simple man, was no longer a man of the people. He had become a man of the office, a man of the press, a man of the public. He had become a man of the office, a man of the press, a man of the public.

The mood of the electorate has also changed. In the 1957 and 1958 elections, the voters had been in a mood of optimism and confidence. They had been in a mood of optimism and confidence. They had been in a mood of optimism and confidence.

Next: The 1957 Election

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Pipe Thawing Causes Blaze

SUMMERSIDES — The Summerside fire department rushing to the home of Mrs. Pauline Companion, 478 Sheen Street, shortly after 5 o'clock last evening to put out a small fire, started by a torch which was being used to thaw out water pipes.

The only damage to the home was a hole burnt through the floor.

Tignish Wins Ice Sports And Carnival

TIGNISH — Interest in the Centennial Ice Sports and Fancy Dress Carnival at Tignish is increasing. The carnival is slated for next Saturday.

A queen to rule the activities sponsored by the Tignish Sports and Recreation Association will be crowned Saturday, January 15.

Approximately \$100 damage was sustained by the car while en route to the van was estimated to be \$200.

Car Reported Stolen From S'ide Wharf

SUMMERSIDES — Town police last night were seeking the whereabouts of a 1962 black Valiant carrying Idaho license plates 35-101.

The automobile, owned by a Summerside resident, is reported to have been taken from Queen's Wharf at approximately 11:10 last night when Mr. Arsenault was at his fish-packing plant.

He said he had just gone up to the plant for a couple of minutes and left the keys in the ignition.

While in the building he heard a car starting, and looking out the window saw his automobile being driven away.

N.B. Power Development Is Of Interest

The announcement by the Atlantic Development Board that a grant of \$20,000,000 is being made to New Brunswick for a major hydro power project on the St. John River is being met with interest here.

In event that additional power would be required for island projects the scheme was rejected. It was felt at that time, that a generating source here on the island was more reliable than a source supplied by submarine cable.

The hydro project is not slated to get underway in New Brunswick until next year, and it probably will be 1968 before it will be completed.



ARENA FOUNDATION BEING LAID AT ALBERTON

The site of the new Jacques Cartier Memorial Arena at Alberton presented a busy scene Saturday as about 15 workmen carried on with the pouring of cement for the steel supports. A concrete blow torch heats the cement while it is being turned in the mixer (foreground) and after mixing and pouring into the forms it is covered over with several feet of straw. All men on the project are from the Alberton area under the direction of Robert Naugler, Halifax, representing the contractors, P&I Industries of Halifax.

The Face Of Christ Is Theme Of Sermon In Alberton Series

ALBERTON — "The face of Christ" was the theme of the concluding sermon of a series preached by Rev. Keith Hobson at Alberton during the week of prayer.

"We have no authentic picture of Christ except his character," he said, "and we should be his portraits. People ought to be able to see Him in us."

The face of Christ showed grace and love, steadfastness and resolution. Sometimes his face was filled with suffering. It showed compassion and tenderness. He loved people and wanted to help them, he said.

Blazing anger sometimes showed in His face. He would be easy on people who hurt him and sometimes there was wrath in His face. After he had died his face was pierced through by the hurt in Jesus' face.

In conclusion he told of a Christ with arms outstretched in welcome but with his face looking down. The sculptor, when asked the reason, said, "You cannot see the face of Christ until you fall upon your knees." A large congregation was present in the sanctuary of Alberton.

CHINESE FOOD SPECIAL FULL COURSE

Dinner for One—\$1.85
Each Additional Person \$1.50
Chicken Noodle Soup
Egg Roll Plum Sauce
Chicken Chop Suey With Sweet and Sour Spices
Chicken Fried Rice
DESSERT
Almond Cookies
Chinese Tea or Coffee
EXTRA WE ADD MORE ... FOOD

Dinner for Two \$3.40
Each additional person \$1.50
Dinner for Three \$5.25
Each Additional Person \$1.50
Chicken Noodle Soup
Egg Rolls with Plum Sauce
Beef Maltromon
Dry Sparrich
Chicken Almond
Chicken Fried Rice
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Two Curling Rinks Qualify

CURLING — In the competition leading to the finals for the Crockett Trophy, held at Summerside Curling Club on Saturday the following two rinks qualified for participation in the bonspiel in the capital city on Wednesday, January 15.

Winner — Skip — Vivian Shiers; Mate — Norma MacFarlane; Second Stone — Virginia Forgie; Lead — N.O.T.M. Bowlers.

Runner-up — Skip — Shirley Dye; Mate — Jean Shiers; second Stone — Rosella MacDonald; Lead — Mary MacDonald.

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