

The PM's Address

In his address at the Sports Arena last night, Prime Minister Diefenbaker was particularly effective in contrasting the record of his government, in fiscal aid and other contributions to the Atlantic Provinces, with that of his Liberal predecessors. It is a favorite theme of Mr. Diefenbaker's, and why shouldn't it be? We have heard it before, but it still sounds convincing, for it is based on cold statistics. Without the added revenue we obtained in the way of adjustment grants, roads to resources development and other projects involving several millions of dollars annually, where would we be today? That is a fair question, and one can't blame the Conservatives for rubbing it in. Now should they be modest about having brought our caseway project to the stage where it is definitely to be built. Mr. Diefenbaker elaborated on this subject, as well he might. He even suggested, at the end of his speech, that it would be completed by 1967, which seems an optimistic estimate. However, we liked his enthusiasm.

What he could have spared us were his efforts to claim credit for it as a Conservative project from the very start. That simply isn't so. It would not have hurt his case one iota had he frankly conceded that the Liberals had initiated the caseway surveys, and had broached the matter both at Ottawa and in the local Legislature before Mr. Diefenbaker ever came to power.

While maintaining that it is our farmers generally who enjoyed better times, the Prime Minister conceded that they were struggling with special difficulties in the Maritimes. This applied especially to our potato growers. Consideration was being given to their marketing problems, and he promised that more information on this subject would be made available within a few days. We shall all await his statement with great interest.

Something Odd Here

Charles Lamb, whose sympathies were well, spared a sigh of compassion even for "Sabbathless Satan", doomed as he was to toil and toil unceasingly at his mischief-making mission up and down the earth. Without pressing the comparison unduly, we note that one gentleman whose activities rarely give him time for relaxation is Soviet Premier Khrushchev. Almost constantly on the move, Mr. Khrushchev paid a state visit to Bulgaria a few days ago on the first lap of a series of visits to Eastern Europe to soothe and sustain Communist regimes which have been cast into confusion by the demand for housecleaning after the Soviet Union's de-Stalinization congress last fall.

Bulgaria is a neighbor of NATO's eastern Mediterranean members, Greece and Turkey. It might have fallen, as Albania did, under Chinese Communist influence. It is exposed and has problems to which Mr. Khrushchev has to give his personal attention. Each home it's the same way though within the Union it's mostly production problems that keep the Premier on the move, exhorting his minions, lecturing them on their shortcomings and sometimes dropping dire hints as to the consequences of their failure to meet farm quotas and other objectives.

Something new, however, transpired on the eve of his visit to Bulgaria which has caused spec-

ulation. Mr. Pierre Salinger, President Kennedy's press secretary, was held up in Moscow by Mr. Khrushchev in a wide-ranging session of political conversations for 7 1/2 hours last Saturday and five hours on Sunday. This is a curious business, since Mr. Salinger is no diplomat and does not pretend to be.

Perhaps it was an indication of the Soviet leader's intense desire to convey his ideas to the U.S. and the Western world at large. Perhaps something new is stirring in the way of Soviet diplomacy, about which informal contact with Washington was deemed desirable. Perhaps it was just an elaborate ruse. At any rate Premier Khrushchev chose to spend the best of two working days in this private confab, and he's much too busy to do that without a very good reason.

Faithful Meeting

A fertile field for political soothsaying was opened up by the incident at Mount Thom, Nova Scotia, the other night when Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his cortège, southbound to Halifax after campaigning in the New Glasgow area, passed Liberal Leader Pearson, northbound for a speaking engagement there. They passed, says the Canadian Press report, "like two ships in the night—silently." Mr. Pearson was late and his car whizzed by the 10-car motorcade of Mr. Diefenbaker. His car gave a faint horn toot after it passed, but there was "haughty silence" from Mr. Diefenbaker's caravan.

What omens should one read into this? Will the haughty be humbled, and brought low, on June 18? Or was the "faint" toot from Mr. Pearson's car a tacit acknowledgement of defeat? And what about that truck near Halifax, which "caught up with the motorcade and passed all the cars except Mr. Diefenbaker's"? It rode close behind the Prime Minister's until an RCMP car cut it out. Two constables pulled the driver from the truck and arrested him; but was that the right thing to do?

This driver may have been no mortal at all, but more other than Nemesis, who in Greek mythology personifies divine retribution. Sometimes Nemesis is represented as winged and with the wheel of fortune, or borne in a chariot of griffins; but she could very well be driving a truck in these days, disguised as a man. Her special function is to see that no one becomes too fortunate, or too much uplifted by his prosperity.

This would bode ill for Mr. Diefenbaker's prospects. But it is a theory only, and there could be other interpretations. It may indeed have been Nike, the goddess of Victory, trying desperately to overtake the speeding Prime Minister—and not Nemesis at all—whom the police nabbed and put in jail.

Truth And Mr. Gordon

"I shall do my best not to abuse your hospitality by using this occasion to talk politics—except just a little bit from time to time," said Mr. Walter L. Gordon in addressing an alumni dinner at Mount Allison University the other day. He then proceeded to give Liberal campaign speech. If his hearers didn't object, there is of course no reason why we should. But it points up the difficulty many politicians experience in taking an objective view of anything while on the campaign warpath.

Mr. Gordon doubtless believed that he was soaring above the murky partisan level into the sunlit regions of demonstrable truth. And the truth, as he saw it, was that "this country's affairs are in a mess." It would not be an easy job to get them straightened out; "but the longer we put off doing it (and of electing the Liberal Party of which Mr. Gordon is the economic apostle) the longer it will be before we can hope to return to the kind of prosperity we enjoyed in Canada during the postwar decade."

No pleasure, says Lord Bacon, is comparable to standing on the vantage ground of hindsight and seeing the errors and wanderings and mistakes and tempests in the vale below. So always, he adds, it be with charity, and not with "swelling or pride." Mr. Gordon is not the only campaigner in this election to whom this caution could be directed.



A DELICATE OPERATION

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Disciplining The Canadian Dollar

The re-entry of our dollar within the corral of international discipline has been a long and arduous process. It was pegged at a value of 90% U.S. cents all through the war; in July 1946 it was pegged at parity with the U.S. dollar. In September 1949 it was devalued to 90 U.S. cents and pegged there; exactly one year later it was cut loose and allowed to drift, promptly finding its way to 77 cents. Later it settled down to a perhaps superficially peaceful but certainly destructive career of debauchery over the U.S. dollar.

PUBLIC FORUM

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DUMP SITE PROTESTED

Sir,—I cannot conceive that the learned gentlemen of the committee comprising the Council, which have deliberated long enough before making the decision to locate the city dump in a beautiful area like East Royalty.

Many residents have been born here and have taken great pride in the community down through the years. They have labored to make it the kind of community people love. Many more of us have come to live here through freedom of choice, so we could bring up our children in the wide open spaces, and free air of the country, not tarnished by the smoke and dirt of the city.

Now this dump is now through this very quick decision (for there was no publicity until the City Council was notified) the City Council of a few men are trying to deny the knowledge of the community the pride and dignity of our community.

De Gaulle's Conference

By Joseph Madewera, Canadian Press Staff Writer

President de Gaulle's press conference consisted mainly of confirming views already advanced by the Prime Minister. It was significant that even this was sufficient to cause the resignation of five cabinet ministers. The Catholic Movement (M.P.P.) Ministers, led by Pierre Filiphin, premier when the fourth republic collapsed in 1958, opening the way for de Gaulle's return to power.

Philippe and his colleagues have known for a long time that de Gaulle favors a confederation of "francophone" states rather than a supranational union as was urged by the MRP leaders.

One development now seems to be in progress in Algeria. There have been reports in other fields and the dissenters fear he will move more boldly than the European question than he has in the past. LINES DRAWN — Raising electricity still continues in Algeria, the lines for power have been drawn and the need of the rebellious Algerians is being met. de Gaulle to the extension of other matters.

Surgery Seen As Only Hope

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen PROSTATE trouble is suspected in older men who become incontinent. It is necessary to empty the bladder one or more times a day. In some cases, the slowness in starting the stream which is reduced in size and force. An enlarged prostate does not empty completely and distends in notes when enough residual urine is left to distend the organ.

In time, complete obstruction occurs, causing urinary retention to cold or overabundance in alcohol. Treatment should be started before the stage is reached. There may be some consolation in knowing that if something can be done, even when the bladder shuts off completely. This is mentioned to help prevent men from worrying and becoming irritable.

Surgery offers the best chance for cure of the enlarged prostate. Reasonable success is advocated only when there are signs of obstruction and not before. The operation is not large. The latter is common after age 60 but only a small percentage of men require it. Various procedures are available and the choice depends on the patient's age and his general condition.

In addition, some urological experts believe that the operation is one procedure than another. Let yours decide and you will get the best he has to offer.

The punch, or resection operation is employed most frequently. The electric cutting machine is passed through the external opening of the urinary tract and the obstructing part of the gland is sliced away, piece by piece. The anesthetic makes the procedure painless and bleeding is not a problem because the electric current not only cuts but seals the surface.

It may be necessary to repeat the procedure several years later and this is an objection unless the individual is a young man. Complete removal is suggested in the circumstances and when cancer is suspected. There are several ways in which this can be done. An external opening through the skin is required and the procedure is more extensive and is followed by a longer convalescence.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

LUMPY PALMS

Mrs. B. writes: My husband has lumps in the palms of his hands. What is the cause and are they serious?

These lumps usually represent an early sign of Dupuytren's contracture, a condition in which the fingers are drawn into the palm. In time, surgery may be needed. The cause is not known but the condition often runs in the men in the family. There are other causes of lumps, including tumors, infections, and cysts.

INFECTED SINUS

F. F. writes: Is strep sinus dangerous?

I assume you mean a streptococcal infection of a sinus. This condition is not dangerous but as with all infections, it wears down the individual and keeps him under a par. This micro-organism responds to most of the antibiotics.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Every husband knows the latest in women's clothes—his wife.—Chatham News.

The real go-getter in business is the kind of man who follows you into a revolving door and comes out ahead of you.—Niagara Falls Review.

U. S. Department of Agriculture reports that about 17 1/2 centry \$20 apiece for groceries goes for the packaging. Sometimes the packaging costs as much as the food itself. These figures call for some serious thinking. We seem to be reaching a ridiculous situation. —Farmer's Advocate.

If it is left to only one country — meaning the United States — to save the UN, it will not be worth saving. Other nations as well as this must face up to the blunt facts that peace has its price, that the United States alone cannot pay it, and that what really counts is a UN membership in a crisis not of cash, but of conscience. —New York Herald Tribune.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO — (May 18, 1937) Maitland Owen, who has been with the E. B. Edgy company in Hull, Quebec, for the past eight months, has accepted a position as Assistant Chemist with the Albion Flower and Paper Company at Iroquois Falls, Ont.

H. P. Duchemin, K.C. managing director of the Spicer Post-Record in Quebec, has a complimentary banquet by the newspaper staff, in honor of his election as president of the Canadian Press. A presentation was made by Clifford LeClerc, business manager of the Post-Record on behalf of himself and staff.

TEN YEARS AGO — (May 18, 1952) Among those receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine at the annual convocation exercises of Dalhousie University, held last week was Albert McMurdo Sinclair, son of Mrs. Peter Sinclair and the late Peter Sinclair, M.P. of Charlottetown. Dr. Sinclair leaves next month to continue his studies in post-graduate surgery at Vancouver General Hospital.

Basil Phillips, Charlottetown received great praise from the adjudicators of the recent Festival of Music. He won high honors in violin classes, attaining marks of 82 and 83, as well as several scholarship prizes.

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