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Across The Border

The election campaign is nearing its close in the United States; and a good thing, too, if the heat it is generating were to result in more abuse and villification on the hustings. It has been described as the foulest and most venomous campaign in the last half century of the country's history. While the lead given by Senator Goldwater is blamed largely for the bitter emphasis on personalities, it would appear that both sides must share in some measure the blame.

The result, according to a Washington correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor, is that the next President of the United States, whoever he may be, is going to have to bear an especially heavy burden —for a period at least—because of the animus directed by Americans against fellow Americans. Thanks to extremists on both sides, he will have to face a nation bogged down in a climate of mutual hostility and distrust.

This correspondent says he is not talking about the two presidential nominees, but about "the excesses of the doom-minded type supporters of the candidates." Both the far right and the far left have been virulent and intemperate, though the far right attacks have been more publicized. At many points the far right is advocating ideas strongly opposed by Goldwater himself.

These groups have apparently reached the point where political differences, which are the essential ingredients of a free society, look like acts of treason—and are so branded. The evil consequences of this is that it cuts to the very roots of government by the consent of the governed.

This is undoubtedly what Adlai Stevenson had in mind when he spoke recently against extremism in America, describing it as consisting of "lies, distortions, abuse, threats, violence." All these things, he told the American Jewish Congress, "spring from the dark side of the human psyche, where fear and lust for power unleash on human society horrors which can end in the concentration camp and the gas chamber."

Fortunately the American "psyche", as represented by the great body of American citizens, is as healthy as that of any nation on earth. There is reason to hope that it will shake off the virus the election campaign has engendered before it is too late.

In the meantime, we needn't be too self-righteous in deploring its results, as Canadians. We may be facing a national election of our own, very shortly, in which deep passions could be aroused. If we are to profit by the lesson afforded by the current campaign across the border, it will have to be in a spirit far removed from complacency.

Keeping In Touch

Keeping a close ear to the ground in one's constituency, as every politician knows, is highly important if one wants to make a career of that profession. Sometimes it's hard to get at what the man in the street is thinking. And when once lost, it's not easy to regain the common touch. The present Parliament at Ottawa has come in for a good deal of criticism on this score.

For those who are concerned about this matter, and wish to get a real low-down on the public reaction to their goings on as legislators, here's a tip from India. Indian leaders, says a press dispatch, are circulating among the Indian people with false moustaches and other disguises these days in an effort to find out what the average Indian thinks about his government.

The technique Congress Party leaders have developed is to go incognito like the princes and nobles of ancient India and listen to the public talk and watch their doings. One cabinet minister is known to put on disguise and vanish into the streets of old Delhi, where he spends hours listening to the common men's grouses, talking to shopkeepers and making discreet notes for the guidance of the government.

He is known to have been doing this for some three months, but his activities came to light only a few days ago when friends recognized him outside a grain market, in front of shops allegedly selling wheat at black market prices. When spotted, he was wearing a big yellow turban and a long overcoat. He had a false moustache and pretended to be lame.

Another chief minister of a provincial administration—a woman—spent a day moving about Lucknow, the state capital, her features concealed behind a veil of the kind worn by orthodox Muslin women.

What they learn from these ventures we don't know; but the idea is an intriguing one and we pass it on to our parliamentarians for what it is worth.

A Sound Measure

Few marks have been scored to the credit of the current session of the House of Commons, but surely it is entitled to a "thank you" from our farmers for the speedy indorsation it gave to the recent amendments embodied in the 1965 Crop Insurance Act. The amendments, which set up a program of federal reinsurance for provincial crop insurance schemes, won the favor of all parties, obviously because they were deemed of value to farmers in all parts of the country.

As explained by Agriculture Minister Hays, the federal underwriting of provincial schemes will enable the provinces to expand their crop insurance programs to meet their own particular demands. Every effort, he emphasized, is being made to see that the federal government's part is self supporting. This is important, if it is to function as a stable policy. It is possible, of course, that bad weather could play havoc with the scheme in its initial years, but its essence lies in the fact that the premiums will be calculated on a sound insurance basis.

It is anticipated that the provincial reinsurance premiums which the provinces will pay to the federal government will, over the long haul, equal what the federal government pays the provinces to help pay crop insurance indemnities in high years —75 per cent of all claims over and above provincial reserves and collected premiums.

One major reservation about the new legislation was voiced by Western members, to the effect that it might "destroy" the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, which has provided disaster relief for 25 years. But surely, if the older measure disappears, it will be because the new crop insurance scheme is successful. For the present, the FFA Act remains in force, but the fee involved, of one cent a bushel, will be refunded to those joining the new scheme. What could be fairer than that?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Something of a record must have been achieved the other day by a British liner's surgeon, who performed a delicate brain operation with a drill borrowed from an electrician and a chisel loaned by the engine room staff during a voyage from New Zealand. The emergency operation took five and a half hours, and involved drilling the patient's skull and removing a large pool of blood. A rapid recovery followed.

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An Indian Prince has put forward a "Noah's ark" plan to save rare Indian animals from extinction by shipping them off to make a fresh start in the new world. The "ark" would set sail with families of 21 Indian species now dwindling in numbers or on the verge of extinction, to be established in new homes with suitable environments in North and South America, Australia and New Zealand.

"I'M BOUND TO HIT ONE SOME DAY"

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

To Represent Canada At CPA Conference

An all party delegation of Parliamentarians will represent Canada at the 10th meeting of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, which will be held in Kingston, Jamaica, from 2-22 November. Canada's eight delegates include Alf Hales, Conservative MP from Guelph, and Robert Beaule, Creditiste MP from Quebec City.

I spoke to Alf Hales prior to his departure for the West Indies. On his way to Jamaica, he will spend two days in the little island of Antigua as a specially invited guest of its government. His mission there will be to study at first hand the problems of Antigua, and the steps being taken to develop the island and raise the living standards of Antiguans.

I asked Mrs. Hales what points he particularly wishes to discuss during his tour. As a business man himself, he is inclined and well fitted to explore trade possibilities.

TRADE AND AID

"I believe there are considerable opportunities for us to expand our two - way trade with the West Indies," he told me. "There is a considerable market there for our lumber products, including pre - fabricated homes. And we know there is a good market there for some of our agricultural products such as flour and dairy items and canned meat."

Typical of Canadian exporters, there are several businesses in and near Guelph which already trade with the West Indies. Mr. Hales, as an alert MP, communicated with them to ask if they would like him to try to untangel any difficulties or visit their customers whilst in the islands.

W. C. Woods, for example, has a market for freezers; Stirling Rubber sells surgeons' rubber gloves and similar articles; General Electric is interested in marketing transformers there; James R Kearney manufactures electrical pole line hardware which is in demand there: and Essex Packers of Hamilton sells canned hams there.

"There is also the matter of our aid to the West Indies, under our External Aid program," he told me. "We send teachers there, and this is a most valuable form of assistance."

Then too there is the fate of the two magnificent cargo and passenger - carrying ships, the Federal Maple and the Federal Palm, which Canada donated to the short - lived federation of the West Indies. What has happened to them? Are they still operating, and helping the islands? Alf Hales wants to enquire about that.

OUR TOMORROW

The agenda of the actual conference provides for discussion on such points as "The way ahead for the Commonwealth", "Aspects of Parliamentary Democracy", and "International Affairs". The delegates will discuss trade and aid within the Commonwealth as well as machinery for co - operation; and the preservation of world peace.

"The West Indians look to Canada to assist them," Alf Hales told me. "Canada has the highest reputation on all those islands, while the USA is frowned on and suspected of exploitation."

Alf Hales is the only Conservative MP on this delegation. Next month a Canadian delegation will attend the NATO Parliamentarians conference in Paris, France; the Conservative MPs will include one from Nova Scotia, one from Saskatchewan and two from Ontario, and Mrs. Jones from Saskatchewan. Eldon Woolliams from Alberta and one MP from Ontario went to the Parliamentary meeting in Denmark last month. No Tory MPs from Quebec have been picked by the party leader for any of these trips — and are they mad.

ADJOURNS TRIAL

WARSAW (Reuters) — The trial here of Polish-born American author Melchior Wankowicz Monday was adjourned until Nov. 3, shortly after United States consul Walter Smith won a four-hour fight for admission to the hearings. The 72-year-old Wankowicz is charged with spreading "slanderous" material abroad. The adjournment was ordered after Wankowicz' lawyers asked more time to assemble necessary papers.

STUDENT PAPERS

There are 120 student newspapers in Norway, published in the schools.

PUBLIC FORUM

SAFETY WITH FIREARMS

Sir,— At this time of year, as we move into the hunting season, we have come to expect a number of fatal and near-fatal shooting accidents. One of the major causes of this kind of grief is the accidental discharge of the "EMPTY" gun in the home.

Your Provincial Safety Council states that accidental discharge of guns in the home amounts to criminal negligence. Any hunter who does not make certain his gun is unloaded before carrying it into the house, is committing an irresponsible act and is really asking for tragedy.

Some years there are more lives taken by firearms in the home than in the field. Guns and ammunition should be stored separately under lock and key. This is especially important where there are children in the home. Be careful and avoid that "all shot up" feeling!

I am, Sir, etc.,
P.W. BARLOW
Provincial Safety Officer

HOTEL STAFF LAY-OFF

Sir,— May I take this opportunity to bring to attention a few facts regarding the dismissal of a number of The Charlottetown Hotel employees effective on November 1st when the Island Development Company takes over operation of the hotel.

In Tuesday's edition of The Patriot I read where the I.D.C. manager said that his company "had purchased the hotel not the staff." This may be true, but when news of the sale of the hotel was first announced the officials of the Island Development Company stated that they hoped the employees would remain with the new company. They said that there would be the regular lay-off of the part time employees only, which takes place every year.

I would like to point out that I am one of these employees. Also some of these people have been employees of the hotel for as many as 25 years. Surely these people must be qualified.

In Wednesday's edition of the Guardian I read where the CNR manager said that in the cases of the laid-off employees there was a good reason. We weren't told what these reasons were.

I am, Sir, etc.,
VERNON MORGAN

RE U.N.I.C.E.F.

Sir,—The nearer we approach Hallowe'en, the greater I have been tempted to write to you until now, I can no longer resist.

It has been brought to my attention that some of the young collectors for "Hallowe'en for U.N.I.C.E.F." have, in some cases, received pretty shabby treatment, when they call at various homes on Hallowe'en with their U.N.I.C.E.F. collection boxes.

One mother has told me that her young son returned from collecting in tears and asserting that he would never collect for U.N.I.C.E.F. again. This mother told me that she would never let her son collect again, because the treatment, he received, was destroying his faith in human nature. What a commentary on our community or, at least, on the neighbourhood, in which this young lad collected. I can only think that the people who afforded him this treatment, were ignornant of the purposes of U.N.I.C.E.F. and did not know what this boy was really doing, or, that they just did not care.

U.N.I.C.E.F. the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, is used to feed hungry, and in many cases, starving children in other lands and to provide SOME education and medical care, where, otherwise, none would be received. Part of the fund is collected through "The Hallowe'en for U.N.I.C.E.F." campaign, which is universal in Canada and the United States, when children of elementary and high school ages undertake to carry boxes on the "Trick or Treat" routes, into which, the householder is invited to drop some small contribution. These young people have really undertaken to beg for a few pennies for the poor, hungry child who cannot stretch out its own skinny, little hand and beg for himself.

The youthful collectors, who may call at your house should be honored and respected for their noble purpose and not treated as tramps by anyone. I wonder if the people who shun them and slam doors in their faces, know what they are really doing. They are not only refusing to help a hungry child, but they are also helping to kill the noble instincts in the young collectors and, of the two, I think the first is the lesser evil.

If, for any reason, (and I know some people have their reasons), a householder does not wish to contribute, at least, let him be considerate of the young collector and speak kindly to him or her, for these young people are the salt of the earth, worthy of praise not condemnation. Let's keep them that way.

I know that most of our citizens will be kind and I hope, this Hallowe'en, that none of the young collectors will encounter the discouragement of the young lad, that I mentioned above.

I am, Sir, etc.,
J.A. LAWSON
Treasurer, Prince Edward Island Branch, U.N.I.C.E.F.

Dizziness On Standing

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

When an individual assumes the upright position, many reflexes help offset the effects of gravity on the circulation. The arteries constrict and the blood pressure rises; this prevents blood from making a rapid exit from the brain and pooling in the abdomen and lower extremities. When these reflexes are sluggish, the individual may feel woozy for a few minutes on getting out of bed.

Many older people have this problem and nothing can be done except to take it easy on arising. Patients recovering from a long illness requiring bed rest also experience dizziness when they start standing or walking about. his weakness usually disappears as exercise increases and the vesel develop more tone.

One of our reader told of feeling giddy and exhausted during the first hour or two after getting up in the morning. "The bathroom light grows dim while I'm shaving, and unless I sit down, I will have a blackout." He went on to say his physician had checked his blood pressure; it was 105 when lying down and 85 on standing. This is how the condition was diagnosed.

This troublesome complaint is know as orthostatic, or postural hypotension. There are two types. The idiopathic is caused by an inherent dysfunction of the reflexes. Such malfunctioning may cause impotency in men, bladder disturbances, and failure to sweat from the waist down. These individuals are helped by sleeping with the head of the bed elevated and the use of cortisone- like hormones.

The other type is secondary to conditions like pregnancy and the use of certain drugs such as tranquilizers and those used in the treatment of high blood pressure. This is one of the unpleasant side effects of using certain anti-hypertensive agents; they cause a marked fall in blood pressure on standing. The dosage must be adjusted, to minimize the drop in pressure.

NERVE DEGENERATION

C. M. writes: What is meant by atrophy of the optic nerve?

REPLY

In this condition, the main nerve to the eye degenerates as a result of poisoning by lead, arsenic, or wood alcohol; or from neurological diseases such as multiple sclerosis. Decreased vision is the chief symptom.

MIGRAINE AURA

W. S. write: Could severe migraine headaches cause a stroke?

REPLY

No, but some of the early manifestations of an oncoming attack of migraine such as weakness of an arm or a leg, may stimulate a stroke.

INFLAMED VEINS

D. D. writes: What is the difference between phlebitis and thrombophlebitis in the leg?

REPLY

Both are inflammations of the vein but in thrombophlebitis, the passageway is obstructed by a clot.

DOESN'T REACH SINUSES

J. B. writes: Will gargling the throat make sinus infection worse?

REPLY

No. Gargling removes debris and secretions from the back of the mouth, tongue, and teeth —and that is all.

WHOOPING ADULT

R. M. writes: Is whooping cough dangerous in a man of 58?

REPLY

Not dangerous but annoying and tiring. The disease is most serious in babies under six months of age.

(NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

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Tough Talk To Rhodesia

By Carol Kennedy
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The moment of truth has finally come for Rhodesia's belligernt "go it alone" white citizens if they allow their right-wing government to declare independence in defiance of Britain and the Commonwealth, they now know they will be outside the pale of world opinion.

Prime Minister Wilson's tough talk on treason seems likely to be backed to the hilt by the Commonwealth, at least as far as diplomatic isolation goes. The Wilson statement came after close consultations with Commonwealth governments.

External Affairs Minister Martin dispelled any illusions about Canada's position when he stated a rebellious Rhodesia would get no diplomatic recognition from the senior Dominion.

Rhodesian leaders had been sounding out the Canadian government at intervals since the July meeting of Commonwealth premiers, despite the fact Commonwealth opinion on the subject of unilateral independence was clearly spelled out then.

CANADA WILL WAIT

On the question of economic and trade pressure, as foreshadowed by Wilson's statement, it was understood Canada's position would be one of "wait and see." It was felt in some London circles that Canada's volume of trade with Rhodesia was perhaps not large enough to offer a base for tough measures.

There seems no reason to suppose that Wilson will hesitate to back up his warning with action if the time comes.

The word used to be in Rhodesia that successive Conservative governments had changed their ground so often over constitutional requirements it would be almost a relief to have Labor in power—"at least we would know where we stand with the socialists," one white settler has said.

It is possible Rhodesia will take more notice of Wilson's tough words than they might have done with a Tory administration. At one stage white Rhodesia had a significant lobby in the Tory party, although both the Macmillan and Douglas-Home administrations officially took a similar line to the then opposition Labor party.

Wilson and his ministers appear to have felt the true consequences of a unilateral declaration of independence—"ndi" in Rhodesian jargon—had not filtered down to the grass roots of white Rhodesia, and it was obviously of first importance to get the message across before the Nov. 5 referendum in which Premier Smith expects resounding support for his policy.

DUNKERQUE SPIRIT

Smith and his cabinet have constantly played down the consequences of their threats when addressing Rhodesian voters. Land Minister John Gaunt, an arch - segregationist who calls the Negro nationalists "black mambas" — poisonous snakes— has boasted on British television of a back-to-the-wall "Dunkerque spirit" among Rhodesians.

Now the Rhodesian voters— who represent about a 10th of the country's population and include only four per cent of the 3,900,000 Negroes—must weigh this dubious dream of lone'y glory against the bitter prospect of a disrupted trade, deprivation of their status as British subjects, an embargo on dealings with the London money market and possible recognition of a nationalist government-in-exile.

The backbone of Smith's support in the right-wing Rhodesian Front party has always been a section of post-war immigrants whose politics were dictated by economic fear of African competition.

The question now is: Can they be persuaded to accept this future risk under a liberalized constitution as a lesser evil than the damaging weapons Britain will likely wield if Wilson is defied on independence.

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