

Hope For The Bemused

Al Smith once remarked, a neat political opponent's speech, that "no matter how thin you slice it, it's still boloney." The trouble with most of us is that we can't always tell boloney from bacon when dished out in campaign arguments, and whether it's sliced thick or thin we get fooled so often that we've become wary of both products. Now science has come to the rescue, as we were sure it would eventually.

It's by way of a new patent that's been applied for at Washington, and it's called an automatic scanner. Nothing is said about boloney, "at the inventor claims that it can discern accurately some of the finer qualities of such diverse materials as a slab of bacon, a hunk of cheese or even a steel beam. It will make possible a slicing machine that, by judging the fat content, can turn out packages of sliced bacon all containing the same number of slices and the same weight. Or, applied to Swiss-type cheese, it can make allowance for the holes.

The Christian Science Monitor, to whom we are indebted for this information, isn't clear as to what the machine will do to a steel beam—or whether that will be the same machine. "But on the first two counts alone," is says, "this seems exactly the electronic discovery needed to put steel into the backbone of a voter. For a contrivance that handles bacon surely will handle boloney, and will tell the listener at a political rally when he has got his quarter's worth. Or adapted to detecting and evaluating the holes in a campaigner's argument—well, you get the idea."

Unfortunately, this gadget hasn't yet gone into production, and it will be of no use to us in the present electoral emergency in this country. There will be a time lag that will carry it well past the June 18 deadline, and we'll be lucky if we get it before the next federal contest four years hence. Even then, we'll probably have to smuggle it across the border because a tariff as high as Haman's gallows will likely be slapped on it at Ottawa.

However, the prospects are appealing. Any gleam of hope in the predicament in which the electors regularly find themselves in the vote-hunting season is worth saluting with a cheer.

Mr. Argue's Campaign

"Deep in the heart of Assiniboia, the political fires are burning brighter than anywhere else in the country and the glare can be seen for miles," according to a newspaper commentator who has been trailing Mr. Hazen Argue, former CCF-NDP House Leader, in his first run for office as a Liberal candidate.

Mr. Argue appears to know every one of the 25,000 voters in his constituency by their first names, and he's "Hazen" to everybody despite the claims at NDP headquarters that his old CCF supporters in the riding are cold-shouldering him because of his defection. He says he has encountered no hostility at any of the 50 meetings he has held in the last four weeks. The only heavy heckling came from an NDP man who had bet \$1,000 that Mr. Argue wouldn't defect, only to have him do it two hours after the bets were laid. He showed up at a meeting to remind the turnout candidate of past favors, and the candidate showed him with so many thanks that the man threw up his hands and

confessed: "I don't know whether to hate you or vote for you!" The stories may be exaggerated; but it takes a colorful politician to pin stories on, and Mr. Argue's campaign seems to be creating quite a tradition in this respect. At one meeting he was introduced as "the man who has caused more interest and controversy than the Prime Minister himself," a man who had brought to Assiniboia "more re-primations and insinuations than in any other seat in Canada." That takes some doing.

He pays his respects to his former colleagues by asking the CCF to be dead, replaced by the NDP—"a union party, controlled by the top brass." As for Mike Pearson, he's "an excellent leader"; not at all the kind of gentleman Mr. Argue once described as "a disaster for the Liberal party."

He hellos his main threat is from Conservative candidate Lawrence Watson, from Avonlea where Mr. Argue grew up and went to school. He's writing off NDP candidate Cecil Bailey, and regards Social Creditor Daryl Rumble as a joke.

Fine Advertisement

Here's something for our dairymen to take hold of and publicize on a nation-wide scale. The Japanese are getting bigger—fast. In another 40 years they calculate they will be as tall as Europeans. The average weight of one-to-two-year-old boys is 1 1/3 pounds heavier than it was 10 years ago, and their average height is 1 inch more. Toddler's clothes in stores haven't caught up with the expanding growth; they no longer fit specified ages. School chairs and desks are much too small.

What has this to do with dairying? A great deal. For the national diet, which has vastly improved, it gives credit for the bigger Japanese, and the chief emphasis is placed on milk. It figures prominently in the new school lunch program. Children no longer take aluminum lunch boxes stuffed with polished rice. For about a dollar a month they get well-balanced meals, with all the milk they can drink.

Indeed, milk is sweeping Japan. Office workers may be seen on station platforms in the morning making their breakfast on bottles of milk they buy for 4.4 cents at stalls. Consumption of meat in 1960 was double that of 1950, and consumption of milk increased 3.5 times. These figures are for "Taller and Broader," by Takeuchi Horoshi in the Japan Quarterly.

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On And Off Duty

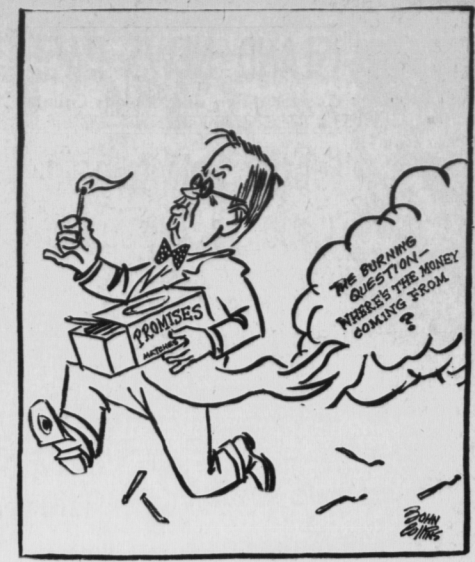
When is an MP not an MP? This question was raised by the defense during a trial in Ontario last week of Raymond Bruneau, former MP for Glengarry-Prescott, charged with corruptly agreeing to accept a bribe to use his influence in a land deal while an MP in 1956. Maurice Ollivier, parliamentary counsel of the House of Commons, told the court that an MP is a legislator only when he acts in a legislative capacity—that is when actually in the House of Commons or on a committee.

He argued that many of the MPs were lawyers and it is perfectly acceptable for them to pass a law in Parliament and then be paid by a client to fight a case against the Government and the very law passed. Cabinet ministers, he conceded, were an exception in that they assumed a dual role as legislators and administrators.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mr. Pearson's protest that more details on the wheat deal with Communist China should be revealed, remarks the Ottawa Journal dryly, is drowned by the chatter of railway cars moving the wheat surplus from the prairies.

Heckling is one thing, but organized roystering is another, and the treatment received by Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his party candidate at the Chelmsford, Ontario, meeting on Saturday was a disgrace to Canada. Let us hope it is the last we shall see or hear of it in this campaign.



CAMPAIGN CATCHING FIRE

THE PRACTICAL GERMANS

Doing Business Despite Differences

Reports from Bonn have it that the West German government is considering a stable loan to Communist East Germany. Many West Germans would be as surprised as a report from Moscow that Russia was about to give aid to Gen. Franco of Spain.

Actually, in spite of their bitter political differences, West and East Germany have been doing business with each other right along. Trade between them comes to more than \$500 million a year. Without steel from West Germany much of East Germany's industry would have to close.

A lot of its transport is furnished by West German barges on the East German rivers and canals. A full 11 percent of East German exports go to West Germany, although the latter,

being a very much greater producer, sends in return only 2.4 percent of its exports to East Germany.

East Germany is in trouble and needs help. Word comes from East Berlin that the Communists hope for some \$600 million in loans from West Germany, France, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Denmark this year.

The principle would be nothing new. Last year France gave the East Germans \$15 million in credits for the purchase of meat and butter. And East Germany is in greater need this year because of a potato shortage.

Here is further evidence of the serious problems of the entire Communist bloc. The satellites in eastern Europe, once prosperously agriculturally, can't properly feed their people. Communist China faces starvation.

Even in Russia, which literally milks its satellites, the government admits agricultural shortfalls. People have to queue up to get many of the food items that are in short supply.

Can't his partners in Russia be unable to help his bloc partners, much even if it wanted to. Poland has depended upon American foodstuffs for the last several years. So it's not surprising to find East Germany looking to the west for help.

In making any loan, the West Germans would expect, and get, some concessions in return. The most obvious would be guarantees of increased access to West Berlin and on the whole Berlin issue. The West German leadership believes that continued economic dealings with the East Germans result in a link that one day might help build a bridge of understanding that could lead to political agreements and even reunification.

The Germans are practical people.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 4, 1937) Permanent work on City Streets has begun. A crew of 25 men have been engaged, in charge of foreman Harry Todd. Laying curbs on Sydney Street between Prince and Hillsborough Streets have just been completed.

Superintendents of the Canadian National Railways have been chosen to represent the Atlantic Region CNR at the annual meeting of the American Association of Railway Superintendents, which takes place next week in Chicago. E.W. MacKinnon will represent the P.E.I. Division, which leaves Saturday to attend the convention.

TEN YEARS AGO (June 4, 1952) Growing tribute to the Charlottetown Fire Department as one of the finest volunteer organizations in the City was paid last night by Councillor T. Roy Codmore, representing His Worship Mayor J.D. Stewart, at a Department banquet held at the Clover Club. A dance followed the dinner.

The laying of a new sidewalk on the west side of Alberton's main street has just been completed and adds much to the appearance of the business section of this progressive town.

The problem is a basic one, and President Kennedy and his economic advisers are now having a hard time of it. The U.S. dollar is falling on the U.S. dollar. The Canadian dollar has fallen on, but from severe over-spending and not the troubles that now beset the U.S. dollar. Our dollar was \$1.06 in 1957 and is now at about 92 cents. Canada has been consuming raw materials in the U.S. will benefit from the dollar depreciation, which takes place next year. The dollar will pay more for our exports and less for our imports during the winter months from the Southern U.S., and the dollar will be higher priced in the future if it is not the difference between our dollar and that of the U.S.

Money is the blood stream of the U.S.

Pinworm Apes Many Diseases

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen THE PINWORM is making news again because a Connecticut physician says the parasite can mimic numerous diseases. Dr. Leo Litter has reported a controversial subject of many years duration. His conclusions are based on a study of 2,000 cases over a 10 year period.

Dr. Litter believes pinworms may affect any organ of the body, including the kidneys, bladder, brain, stomach, intestines, pelvic organs, eyes and skin. A variety of pediatric ailments that had failed to respond to standard treatments were traced to this infestation. Some of these youngsters had manifestations suggesting brain tumor, epilepsy, St. Vitus' dance and other neurological disorders. Elimination of parasites often was followed by relief of symptoms.

In children, pinworms created abnormal behaviour, apprehension, or irritability. Itchiness, headache and a variety of eye symptoms were noted in some whereas others had circles under the eyes, rashes in the groin, or rectal bleeding. Asthma and a peculiar respiratory condition were traced to postnatal period and the wandering of the worms into the respiratory passageways. Poor or perverted appetite was common. Dr. Litter reports that colic developed in a number of infants born in families harboring the parasites.

Pinworm infestation is extremely prevalent; it has been estimated that 31 per cent of all children harbor these parasites. It has been a question whether they produce symptoms other than itching in the pelvic area or rectum and anal disorders, especially in weakly children. These worms have been found in the appendix and in the female reproductive organs.

Dr. Litter has stirred up a hornet's nest. He will have trouble convincing those who believe development is a right. Even in Russia, which literally milks its satellites, the government admits agricultural shortfalls. People have to queue up to get many of the food items that are in short supply.

STUBBORN WORM M.R. writes My nephew had a planter war removed surgically a few years ago. A couple of X-rays treatments were given later. Now the wart has returned. Is there any way it can be removed permanently?

REPLY The wart and the surrounding tissue on the leg are surgically and the area replaced with a skin graft. Some surgeons also remove a metal nail bones beneath the wart or callus. I assume the physician has tried special shoes and pads.

GAGGING FROM ODOR M.R. writes My father is methyl salicylate oil of wintergreen which is used in many liniments. If the odor of this chemical bothers you, switch to rubbing alcohol and take aspirin for relief of pain.

YELLOWNESS AND ITCHINESS R.W. writes: What are the symptoms of jaundice?

REPLY The only symptoms are itching and a yellowish discoloration of the skin and the whites of the eyes. Manifestations of the many diseases that cause jaundice vary from severe abdominal pain to nothing at all.

WORMS IN MUSCLES M.H. writes: Is there a cure for trichinosis, the sort of worm that gets into the muscles of a human being?

REPLY Prevention is better because it is too late for cure after the parasites get into the muscles. In time, symptoms subside and the majority of victims are not bothered thereafter.

Today's Health Hint—It smile creates happiness in the home and fosters good will in business.

PACIFIC ISLE Largest of the Solomon Islands, the Pacific Islands, covers about 4,000 square miles with population of 50,000.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The new minister's car broke down, so early Monday morning he called the local garage to get it repaired. "I hope you'll be easy on the price," he said. "After all I'm just a poor preacher." "Yes, I know," replied the garage man, "I heard you preach yesterday." — Montreal Star.

Two young Toronto basketball players have complained to the police that a boy who volunteered to umpire their game refused to umpire their game when they were dispersed, by holding a pocket knife in their hands. We suppose that the boy must have taken it a little too literally when somebody told him that the umpire's decision was final. — Globe and Mail, Toronto.

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