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Economic Merger

While the United States Government, President Eisenhower in particular, talks vaguely about the need for economic co-operation with other NATO countries, certain members of the Congress are reported to be putting the finishing touches on a "protectionist" policy for debate at the new session.

Meanwhile, the British Government, through Sir David Eccles, President of the Board of Trade, has suggested a way by which the United States Government can translate its liberal trade sentiments into action, provided Congress can be made to see the wisdom of it—which is unlikely.

Speaking in San Francisco, Sir David proposed an "economic merger" of the United States, the Commonwealth and Western Europe, "to meet the challenge of the Soviet Union with other than military weapons". He did not ask for free trade to begin with—although he seemed to hold that out as a possible plan for the future—but only for "bold and drastic" lessening of restrictions in economic matters. Here, perhaps, is an opportunity for Canada to bring its good offices to bear. And a good way to start would be to give Britain's free trade offer of a few months ago more than casual consideration.

Walter Callow

Walter Callow, who died Tuesday evening in the Camp Hill veterans' hospital, Halifax, set a shining example of heroic endeavour to the whole nation. Blind, paralyzed and legless, for over twenty years he conducted humanitarian campaigns from his hospital bed. His most notable achievements were the introduction of wheel-chair buses for crippled veterans and the raising of money to send three million cigarettes to service men overseas. Under circumstances which seemed utterly hopeless, this man found scope for a full life's activity in helping others.

He was, of course, assisted by friends and well-wishers in his many enterprises; but the zeal and initiative, even the practical planning involved in carrying out the projects, came from Walter Callow himself. Prone on his back, almost hourly suffering pain, year in and year out since the accident that crippled him during the First World War, he achieved a victory for the human spirit which places him very high indeed on his country's role of honour.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A survey conducted by a youth research organization in the United States revealed that the fox trot and the waltz have more youthful adherents than rock 'n roll does. Thank Heavens! Civilization is good for a while yet.

Parliamentary Weakness

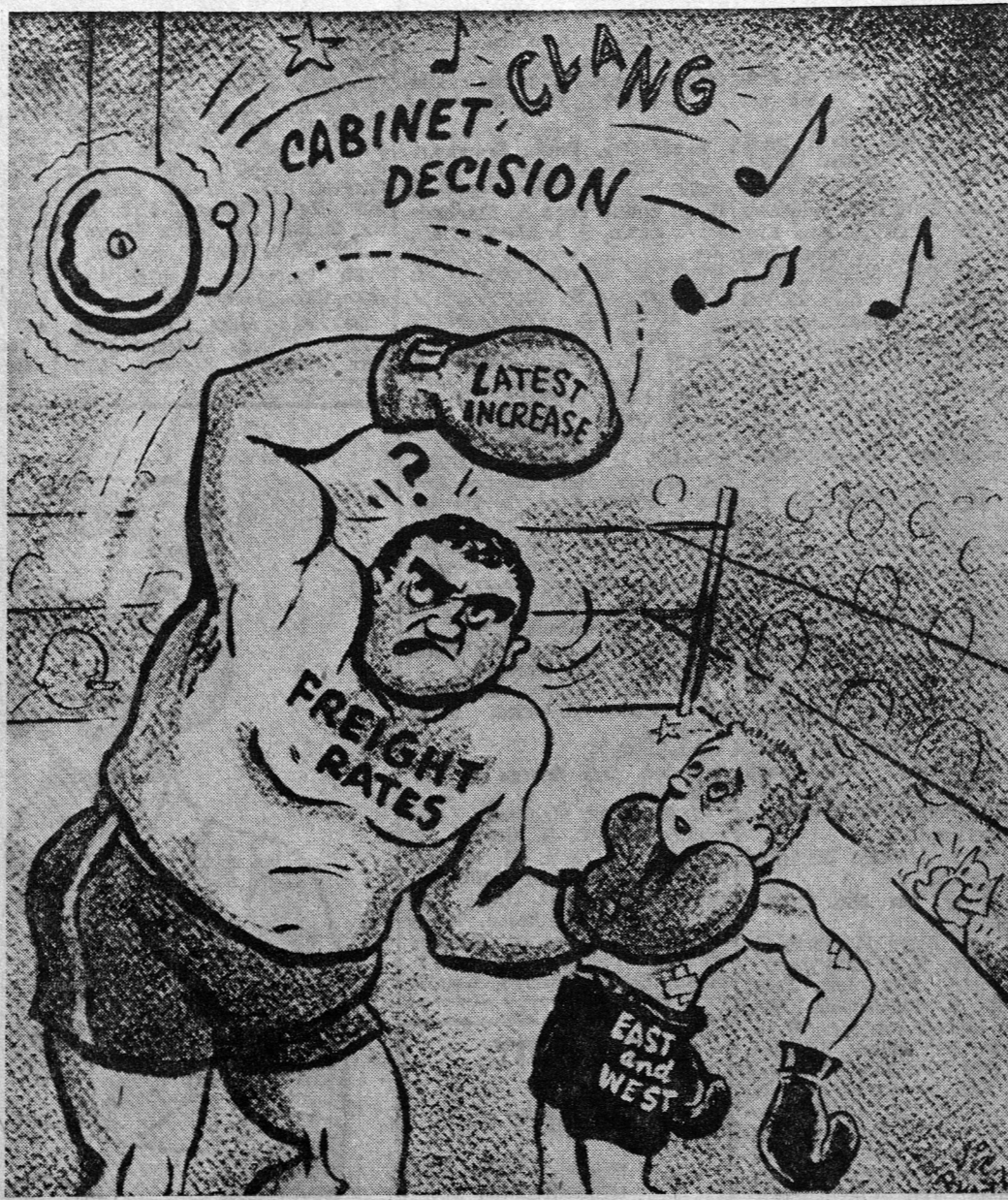
At a time when the parliamentary system of government is struggling for survival, half of the world being given over to one or another form of dictatorship, parliamentary strength ought to be at its highest peak. Actually, perhaps, it was never at a lower level, look where one may, irrespective of party control.

The British Parliament—which is probably as strong and effective as any in the world—has lately come in for sharp criticism on all sides. Summing up the complaints in a recent editorial, the London Times had this to say: "The House of Commons today is a body with far too many little men. This has probably almost always been true. But in times when there have been also a number of great men in the House, they have radiated their influence and managed to lift national affairs out of the rut."

"Today mediocrity has little to offset it. The cheap gibes, the incessant accusations and counter-accusations, the mocking 'ministerial cheers' and the inane cries of 'resign!', the desperate fighting over things that do not matter, which probably hides from the participants themselves their poverty of ideas that do matter, are all part of the same picture. Members' fussing about their 'privileges' may well be a reflex action. They know that the standing of Parliament in the nation is not what it ought to be and they seek thus to enforce respect for it."

These observations might well be taken to heart by members of our own Parliament, many of whom seem to think that their bounden duty and service is to keep an eye on the next election and that their getting re-elected is much more important than coming to grips, in earnest and forthright fashion, with the complex problems of the times.

The Guardian has lost one of the most popular members of its staff in the departure of Mr. Vic Runtz, who goes to join the editorial staff of the Bangor Daily News, in the State of Maine. Mr. Runtz is a highly skilled artist, and it has been a privilege to carry his cartoons in The Guardian for the past ten years. During his residence here he has identified himself with the community in art activities, church affairs and in many other ways, and his pleasing personality has endeared him to all who have enjoyed his acquaintance. We speak for all his friends, we are sure, in wishing him every success in his new field, and in extending our very best wishes to Mrs. Runtz and family, who will join Vic later, when he gets settled comfortably in Bangor.



SAVED BY THE BELL

OTTAWA REPORT

A Many-Sided Career

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: The Honourable Lester Bowles Pearson, widely considered the likely successor to Louis St. Laurent as leader of the Liberal Party, was born in Toronto sixty years ago.

There are four careers open to every Torontonian. Broadly, the choice lies between industry, learning, sport and the armed services. As a successful Hogg-Townner should, Mr. Pearson has attained fame and some fortune. But strangely enough he chose not one, but all four of those normal careers; and then attained his renown and riches in the unusual fifth career of diplomat.

Every major step in Mr. Pearson's life has contained an unexpected twist; each unusual event has happily carried him a step upward. Aged 20, a lieutenant in the Canadian Army, he found war dull in Salonika and asked for a transfer to the Royal Flying Corps. Of his training as a pilot, little remains but his fortunate change of name.

"How on earth can anyone fight with a name like Lester," commented his new commanding officer. "From now on, you're Mike."

Demobilised at war end, Mike

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

APPRECIATION

Sir,—On behalf of the Polio Chapter and on behalf of all those who have suffered from polio I would like to express very sincere thanks for the editorial "Worthy Cause" of Tuesday, January 7. The editorial shows a very fine understanding of what is involved and will be a notable contribution to the success of the campaign.

I am, Sir, etc., J. L. DEWAR President, P.E.I. Polio Chapter.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sir,—To our friends we have expressed a wish that they be happy for twelve months more. Generally we meant that things will happen that will give them pleasure or that they will have good luck. None of us can have good luck, as we call it, all the time. We may go to Europe for a pleasure trip, have a wonderful time, but run into bad weather on return. One woman, who in such a situation implored the Captain to tell her if the ship was going to sink, did not get yes or no for an answer, but was told "We are in God's Hands."

"Dear me," she said, "surely not as bad as that." The thought of God's hands should have given her comfort instead of misery. Our late King thought so when, in the beginning of the last World War, he quoted the lines, "I said to the man at the gate: 'Give me a lamp that I may tread safely.' He replied, 'Put your hand in the hand of God. It will be better for you than with a light to travel alone.'"

On television we saw and heard the Negro repeat the eighth psalm. He did not say that there are suns and stars so far remote that their light has not yet reached this planet, but the Psalmist speaks of the sun, moon and stars as the work of God's fingers, and his giving so much responsibility to man whom he loves more than any or all of his creation.

We may often hear the remark "Oh, the World is in an awful state." But the World is not out of control. God has a plan. It is up to us to discover his plan, especially as it concerns our own part in fulfilling it. I am, Sir, etc., J. A. MacKENZIE. Kensington.

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No Canadian had ever before won such headline fame in world diplomatic circles. This was made possible by the position which Mr. Pearson held as our Foreign Secretary, and by the status which Canada enjoys. But such fame would never have been achieved without the patient skill in negotiating, and without the sparkling but earthy phrase in describing, which he can always command.

Such, for example, is Mike's definition of Democracy: "It is the 'Hi' as against the 'Hall,' it is the 'don't' in 'don't shove,' it is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust slowly trickles..."

Such was his 1950 prediction about Canada's own foster-children, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization: "This may provide the foundation for a great co-operative economic commonwealth of the western world, which may one day become a political commonwealth. In this jet-propelled atomic age, no vision less than this will do."

This is the Mike we know on Parliament Hill; the man who is the evident choice of very many Liberals everywhere, as the man most likely to lead them back from the era of "Know-How" to the promised land of Liberalism, and back to being a national instead of a French-Canadian political power.

A Modern "Fiery Furnace"

Christian Science Monitor

Eons ago tiny particles of carbon found themselves in a mass of molten rock miles below the surface of the earth. The temperature was many times anything known to the men who came to melt copper out of rock with coal fires.

But as the molten rock was forced up into the throats of volcanoes and eventually cooled, the pressure on those tiny bits of carbon became enormous. The result was that where men uncovered the "pipe" of a long-dead volcano, as in South Africa, they found rock which when crushed might yield as much as a pound of diamonds from some 5,000 tons of material.

This is the principal source of cut gems which sparkle in royal collections, in the opera boxes, and on a fiancée's ring finger. It is the source also of myriad smaller, grayer crystals used in industry in metal-cutting tools.

After long research and experimentation, the General Electric Company, through a team of physicists and engineers, has begun in Detroit the manufacture of industrial diamonds, blackish particles like grains of coarse sand with the hard, abrasive quality of natural diamonds.

In doing so the company has provided a new symbol. The crucible for this operation is a chamber the size of a pencil eraser set in a huge press and heated by electrical coils. The pressure generated is over 2,000,000 pounds.

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How To Use Coffee Break

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

A coffee break is a boss's best friend. And if you are in office work, it's your friend, too.

I don't think any employers expect employees to sit at a desk all day long. If you take time to relax, occasionally, you maintain your efficiency.

That's why the coffee break has become an American business necessity, especially for women office workers. You must, however, use this break in the day's work routine to its best advantage.

Drink some coffee if you actually want to, but don't chat about the office with fellow workers while you do. Talk about last night's date or the one you are going to have tomorrow, but don't take your office troubles to the coffee shop with you. DRINK WATER

Now I don't want you to become a loafer, but be sure to visit the water cooler several times each day. About two-thirds of your body is just plain water, so you can see how essential water is to you.

Water aids elimination. You can't expect your complexion to be clear or you can't expect to be bright and happy if you are constipated.

SIX OR EIGHT GLASSES You need between six and eight glasses of water a day. So drink it whenever you can.

While we are on the subject of elimination, make it a point to go to the washroom the minute you have the desire. Don't wait until you finish that letter you are writing for the Big Shot. It can wait a few minutes and so can he.

Now, how about lunch. Again don't take your office problems out with you.

If you are hungry, most of the plate lunches served in cafeterias and restaurants are fairly nourishing. It probably would be better, though, to order fruits, vegetables or dairy products or a combination of all three.

Be sure to drink at least one glass of milk, too.

Try to find time to take a short walk in the fresh air before getting back to the office. JUST RELAX

If you are back before you have to pitch in again, take a few moments to sit down place your feet up on a chair or desk and just relax.

Even if you follow all this advice, you probably will notice that your spirits begin to droop and work becomes a real effort during the late afternoon. Then it's time to relax again.

Take a minute or two to stretch your arms and legs, even your toes. Then, with your chin resting on your chest, your hands hanging loosely at your sides, tilt forward in your chair and relax.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

R.A.: What type of ointment is best to use for bedsores?

Answer: It has been found that cod liver ointment is of great help in treating bedsores.

MAXIMS

To be popular yourself you must first learn to like other people. There is just no other way.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A smart husband is one who doesn't get so busy bringing home the bacon that he forgets the apple sauce.—Minneapolis Tribune

The per capita consumption of fish in the Atlantic Provinces is 35 pounds, compared with less than 14 pounds for all of Canada. This illustrates that Maritimers can and do support home products and home industry.—Fredrickton Gleaner

Sir Winston Churchill, a creature of the Commons, as he has been called is said to be considering accepting an earldom out of deference to the Queen's wishes. No matter what his title, he'll still be "Winnie" to most people and the "Prime Minister" to Prime Minister Harold Macmillan.—Sherbrooke Record

The 10,000 ton Lake Pennask, the first ship of her size to be specially fitted in the United Kingdom with extra decks in all holds for carrying motor cars, has sailed from London. Her cargo was 900 unboxed British export cars for Los Angeles and San Francisco. The special fittings enable the Lake Pennask to carry safely between two and three times as many unpacked cars as hitherto. This is part of the drive to speed up the flow of exports to North American markets.—U. K. Shipping News

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

(Jan. 9, 1933)

Discussion on the manner in which unemployment relief is being dispensed, and on the methods used in determining worthy cases for relief, occupied considerable time at the monthly meeting of the City Council last night. A resolution was passed whereby it was recommended that applications for relief be approved by a clergyman and also the social service nurse.

Over four hundred skaters, young and old, enjoyed a moonlight skate on Summerside Harbour Friday evening. There was a marvellous sheet of ice for miles, and music was supplied by sound system. Two huge bonfires made the scene a bright and merry one.

TEN YEARS AGO

(Jan. 9, 1948)

The installation of a ferry service between West Point, Prince County and Buctouche, N.B., now depends, first, on when the Maritime Commission makes its report to the Department of Transport and, second, how much time will be required to build the terminals at West Point and Buctouche.

Negotiations are under way by which arrangements may possibly be made to have a regular shunter at Summerside, it was announced last evening by Mr. W. M. Mellish, President of the Summerside Board of Trade, at their regular meeting. Mr. John E. Campbell, Chairman of the Committee, explained in detail the need of such a shunter and urged the Board to make every effort to obtain one.

A bank in Indiana was robbed by a bearded man in hunting clothes carrying a shotgun. Perhaps a disappointed hunter who wished to save himself the embarrassment of going home with nothing.—Edmonton Journal

Interest in the idea of weeding out lazy high school students is spreading. Calgary already does so, having expelled 80 in four years. Now London teachers are meeting to discuss the scholastic slacker problem.—Brantford Express

A trip to far-off planets in other galaxies might take five or ten years. And how would they work out the fare for the passenger who starts out as a child and arrives as something else?—Winnipeg Tribune

A year is not a very long time. But in the reviews of 1957 some of the events sound quite long ago. In a radio review of the year the voices of people in the news were heard, speaking as they did in the various months of 1957. One of these voices was of 1957, Mr. John Diefenbaker. He had heard speaking in January, 1957. And he was saying that he was confident the Progressive Conservative Party would form the next Government of Canada. Those words have a very different sound today, than they did a year ago.—Montreal Gazette

The Age Old Story

Thou shalt love thy Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.



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