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Fie! Premier Frost

Premier Frost has turned down a challenge to a three-way debate with the CCF and Liberal leaders in the Ontario election campaign. The results on Thursday may justify his refusal on political grounds, but we deplore the manner in which he couched his reply. "This suggestion," he said, "is the oldest dodge in the political book for those who cannot draw crowds themselves."

Mr. Frost rejected the debate challenge in a statement given to reporters at Timmins. "This would not be a debate," he argued; "it would simply be a political encounter which could add nothing to this compaign or the public life of this Province." Why a "political encounter" in a political campaign should be undesirable from the public standpoint we do not know. In all our legislatures, and in the Commons itself, the quality of debate has greatly deteriorated since the old-time joint political meetings were discarded. Those meetings were the proving-ground for fighting candidates. They had to show their capacity on the hustings, and this provided a good test of their ability to handle themselves on the floor of the House.

Today politicians talk about "debating" an issue at their own party meetings, or in solo radio or television appearances, when they are simply giving prepared addresses, with or without the aid of a manuscript. Debate, it is worth remembering, comes from the old Latin word "debatuere", to beat down. It is akin to the English word "batter" and its primary meaning is to engage in strife or contest. Later it came to designate verbal battle and now it has been watered down to mean, simply, "discuss." In the process a good old democratic custom has been scrapped, and the electors have lost much innocent entertainment as well as the opportunity of hearing two, or even three sides of a question debated fully before they voted.

Premier Frost is himself a good debater and we do not think it is due to any fear of meeting opponents on the same platform that he has turned down their challenge in this case. No doubt, as he says, they had hoped to capitalize on the publicity that such a meeting would provide. But what of it? The crowds that would attend would be an index of the public interest in the performance. That used to be part of the return the taxpayer got for his money. Today all he gets is an exhibition of shadow-boxing that oldtimers in the political ring would snort at with disgust.

We remember the good old days in this Province, when champions like the late Premier Lea and the late John H. Myers would square off in bouts that rocked the whole constituency. On occasions, perhaps, more heat than light was generated at such meetings, but they were never dull. We still have a few sturdy hecklers who enliven political performances, even in these degenerate times; but their number is getting fewer and soon they, too, will go the way of all flesh. We hope they are not yet extinct in Ontario!

The Friendly Approach

Canadians who make it a national pastime to criticize the American way of life are usually oblivious of the fact that their ammunition comes from the soul-searching analysis of Americans themselves. It was this American capacity for self-criticism and, ultimately, for humility, that Dr. Claude Bissell, president of the University of Toronto, singled out in a recent speech to the graduates of Wayne University in Detroit.

"I suspect that this (the post-war period) will be known in American history as the decade of critical self-assessment, as the time when Americans became aware of the lonely crowd, of the organization man, of the affluent society, of the hidden persuaders, and of the waist-high culture," Dr. Bissell said. "Surely there is no suggestion here of flabby degeneration or of easy self-complacency."

Dr. Bissell's approach to his subject was a good one. Americans, like anyone else, will pay more attention to our opinions when they include intelligent appreciation as well as criticism. The speaker was not suggesting that a small country does not have to be somewhat on the defensive against the cultural inroads of a larger country. The danger, he correctly pointed out, is that an undiscriminating barrier may be set up against good influences.

It is, of course, not only the right but the clear duty of Canadian officials, speaking for Canada, to criticize specific American policies which work injury to this country. When they succeed in their purpose they remove a cause of friction and contribute to better mutual relations. But too many Canadians have taken to speaking to American audiences in a didactic and hectoring tone, causing only resentment or amusement; "a little," as the Toronto educationist put it, "like a relative recently returned to the family homestead and shrilly insistent upon asserting her rights."

This is good criticism, not at all invalidated by the reflection that the shoe is sometimes on the other foot, judging by addresses we have read of visiting American speakers before Canadian audiences. In this case the fault tends to superciliousness rather than to criticism per se, but it can be just as irritating. We could do with friendlier approaches on both sides.

Space Traffic Problems

This poor old world, unable to settle a comparatively simple problem like the division of Berlin, is now being called upon to draft a set of rules for outer space. This indeed, was mooted as a matter of urgency the other day before the U.S. House Committee on Science and Aeronautics. Lunar probes and satellite launchings have reached a point where East-West agreement on the use of space is badly needed. If none is reached, unwritten rules may become established that would be hard to change.

Space activities are hard to classify since many lend themselves to hostile as well as peaceful purposes. An observation satellite equipped with photographic, infra-red or television cells, for example, would lend itself to military reconnaissance as well as forest-fire patrol. But the classification of proscribed activities is by no means impossible.

From Soviet legal sources, the committee was informed, proposals have come that satellites be supplied with identifying signs, that there be agreement on radio frequencies and the elimination of interference, that space vehicles remain the property of the launching state and that the launching state be responsible for injury or damage caused by such vehicles. The same areas of agreement have been proposed in the free world, and could serve as starting points for the rule of law in outer space.

This would call for a summit conference of a new kind. Meanwhile, the Four Power foreign ministers are still bogged down with mundane affairs at Geneva.

EDITORIAL NOTES

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the capture of Quebec, Queen Elizabeth has granted permission for the cloak worn by General Wolfe in the famous battle on the plains of Abraham to be placed on display at Halifax for three months. This was done at the request of Major General Bogert, chief of the Canadian Army's Eastern Command. The cloak, which is mauve colored and big enough to wrap five persons, was placed in the Tower of London where it has remained until now. Insured for $20,000, it was flown to Halifax last Friday.

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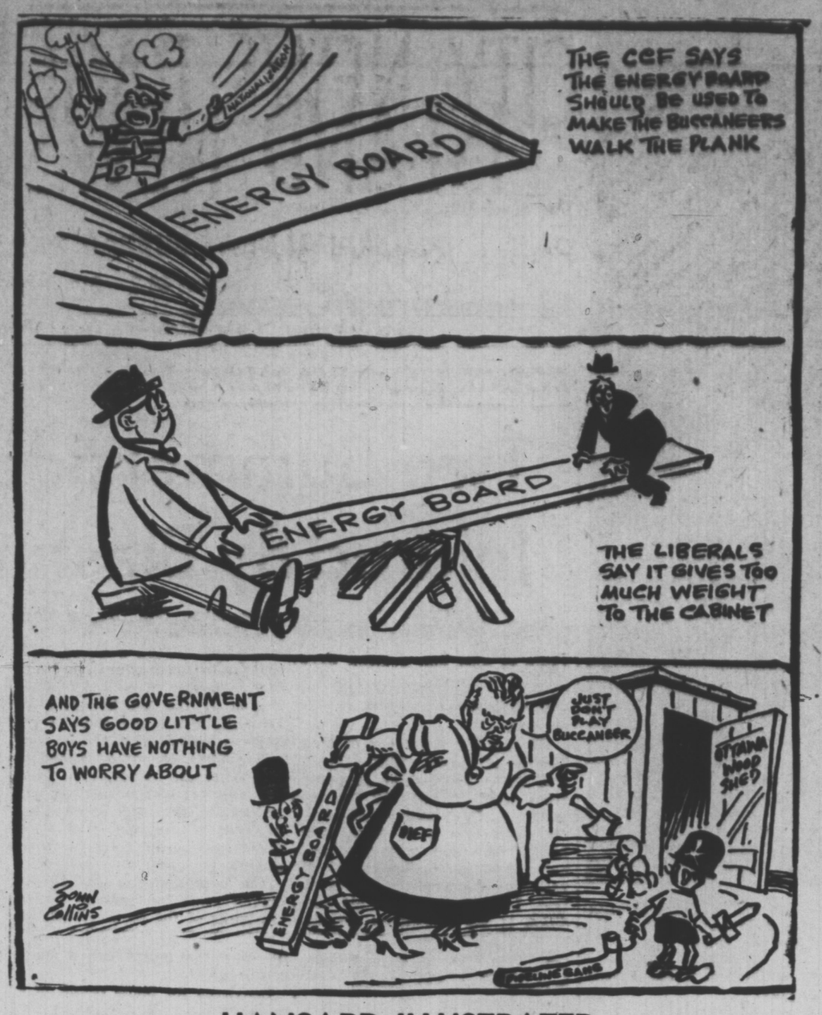
The Bluenose has given valuable service between Yarmouth and Bar Harbor but, according to Premier Stanfield, an additional ship has now become "fundamental to the proper development" of south-western Nova Scotia. The Halifax Chronicle-Herald expresses the hope that, unless such a second vessel is provided in the meantime, Ottawa's program of improved transportation facilities for the Maritimes will develop in a manner that will make it possible for Nova Scotia to accept the new Borden-Tormentine ferry as a hand-me-down from Prince Edward Island within a few years. That would be fine with us, when we have gotten the causeway!



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OTTAWA REPORT

Saskatchewan Ceremony

By Patrick Nicholson

One of the hoped-for visitors at the official ceremonies marking the opening of construction of the South Saskatchewan Dam was one-time dam-booster Ross Thatcher. That newsworthy former M.P. for Moose Jaw was not among the many Conservative and Liberal and C.C.F. politicians who attended, however., Many people were surprised by his absence, especially in view of his rumoured new interest in a political career, since he recently freed himself of his time-consuming business responsibilities by selling his hardware stores—for a reported $250,000.

What now are the plans of that able politicin, who has already sat in Parliament as a C.C. Fer, an Independent and a Liberal? Surely he wont make a third bid to beat C.C.F. leader—and his former parliamentary room-mate—Hazen Argue, at Assiniboia? Will he "retire" to Vancouver, and attempt to spearhead a Liberal revival in B.C.?

MOOSE JAW SCOOP

The Moose Jaw Times-Herald certainly won local recognition as Saskatchewan's leading newspaper at Outlook on Dam-Day. Pretty Moose Jaw Majorettes distributed free copies of the Times-Herald to the 200 guests at the official lunch, and among the 10,000 spectators at the dynamiting ceremony. This souvenir edition contained articles describing the whole history of Saskatchewan's struggle to get the dam, the extent and cost of the irrigation and power projects, and a forecast of what these may mean to the province.

Such a mammoth edition, devoted entirely to the dam, certainly stole the show from the Regina newspaper, which was nowhere to be seen, and from the Saskatoon paper which only had a snippet on the front page to the effect that Prime Minister Diefenbaker would officiate at the opening ceremony.

I heard many guests express their admiration for the foresight of the Times-Herald in issuing such an interesting edition; and I noticed that it was favourite reading among the Cabinet Ministers and M.P.'s flying back to Ottawa after the ceremony. I was given my copy by pretty Vickie F[illegible]s, whom I later saw chatting to two old timers: Mayor J.C. Carter of Outlook, who homesteaded nearby in 1904, and someone whose parents had brought him from Ontario to homestead further north a year earlier than Mayor Carter: John Diefenbaker.

With the Ontario election entering its final week, many M.P.'s of all parties are now away from Ottawa, helping provincial candidates. Immediately after the opening prayer, when the attendance in the House of Commons is normally at its peak, on a recent day I counted only 124 out of 207 Conservatives present, 4 out of 8 C.C. Fers., and a mere 14 out of 48 Liberal M.P.'s.

POLITICAL WRITING POPULAR

Since it was disclosed some months ago that I had started work on a biography of Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, several other typewriters have started clacking as writing books about Canadian Prime Ministers has developed almost into a mass movement. Former Prime Ministerial secretary Jack Pickersgill has started work on the third volume of the life of his former boss, Mackenzie King. Former Cabinet Minister Jack Pickersgill has begun thinking about a biography of his former boss, Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Former Prime Ministerial secretary Dale Thompson has likewise begun gathering material for a life of Mr. St. Laurent, which however the subject has not yet authorized. And Maritimer Lord Beaverbrook has launched a biography of the man who once shared an office with him at Chatham, New Brunswick, and later became Canada's 11th. Prime Minister, R. B. Bennett—this latter has evidently been a case of a sponsor in search of an author.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

GOING BACK HOME

Sir, — Now that the summer season is here again and vacation time is coming up for many of us, what do we plan to do? As one who has travelled and tramped round in the world's largest cities and wandered among strangers here and there in the past, one of the things I plan this summer is to go back home; back home to the country where as a boy I learned the way of life, where living was not from a golden plate but from the hands of a golden mother and father who are there no more.

But we will go back to the old home around Fathers' Day and live again in dreams of another day when we strolled beneath the green of the beach trees and watched the birds build their nest and feed their young. Here we will see again in dreams the family around the dinner table, with those golden parents at either end. We will drink in their smiles and wonder at the serious moments of their lives. We will walk with them again and again in dreams along the highway and through the fields of another day, when country life was so wonderful and plain. Our footsteps will lead us to the church yard where they sleep in peace, knowing that not for one moment are they forgotten by their very own who will one day rest beside them in that country plot. We will also visit around the district and the old school and meet again those of another day who are still around. Many of our good neighbours and friends are at rest and we will visit their resting places to be near them again.

With Fathers' Day coming up why not scores of us go back home for a day or two and live again in memory lane. There are scores of homes where fathers and mothers who are in the twilight of their life wait for us to come home. Why not go this summer on vacation time? Another year there may be a vacant chair; that silver haired mother may be gone and dad may not be in his chair any more. No matter who we are or where we are there is no place like that old home to visit again.

I am Sir, etc.,
WALTER A. O'BRIEN
Charlottetown

Equality In Danger

Montreal Gazette

The current visit of Premier Nikita Khrushchev to Albania to enjoy "the beneficial Albania mountain air" is expected to have considerable political significance. It is thought that Khrushchev may use the visit to make final arrangements for setting up missile bases in the little Communist state. Such an arrangement would be in reply to current NATO negotiations for placing missile bases in Italy, to the west of Albania, and in Greece, to the easst.

This is their secondary goal: to revive old suspicions and divisions. It is all very well for the Americans to shout encouragement and supply arms, says the Soviet propaganda, but you will be the ones to die first if a war should come.

NO LONGER TRUE

This argument is no longer true. In the past, even as late as the Beneva conference of 1955, it did have sufficient truth to be of use to the Kremlin.

Since then, however, the intercontinental ballistic missile has become a reality. The American Atlas has flown its pre-arranged 6,000 miles in test flight and its nose cone has been successfully recovered, meaning that a nuclear warhead could be landed on target. Absolute precision and reliability are still to come but the major development problems have been solved.

As early as last year, Khrushchev declared that Societ missiles of such range were already perfected and in "serial produuction."

The reality of the intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), drastically changes the character of the NATO alliance. It should have a profoundly unifying effect on the alliance and this should be, but is not yet, relfected in the manner in which the NATO allies negotiate with the Kremlin.

IN FRONT LINE

Today, we in North America, "the arsenal of democracy," are in the front line just as much as the people of West Germany, of France or Holland or Italy or Great Britain. The ICBM has destroyed the sanctuary of oceans or of distances. Missiles launched simultaneously from Russia toward Birmingham and Detroit would arrive over their targets — unless destroyed on the way—within 10 minutes of each other..

Britain was the prime target of Nazi air power during the Second World War only because North America could not be hit. A massive Nazi effort was made to cut off North American supplies in the Battle of the Atlantic. Even then, Hitler had dreams of giant V-weapons which could cross the Atlantic and strike "the arsenal"; he dreamed of U-boats armed with missiles which could lie off the Atlantic coast and blast industrial targets well inland.

These dreams have either come true or are very close to it. In the world of the ICBM, Britain remains a target, but not the prime target. It is a target, one of dozens, because it contains U. S. missile bases and U.S. Strategic Air Command bomber bases.

PRIME TARGET

The prime target, today, is the Florida and Vandenberg in Cali- "arsenal" itself, the missile launching sites at Canaveral in Florida and Vandenberg in California, the home bases of SAC, the industrial centres.

This is a vast change in world strategy which has taken place only in the last couple of years. It is not really appreciated yet.

It is not a comforting change for North Americans to think about, but it has some compensations which should be developed to their utmost.

It means, for instance, that in negotiating with the Soviet Unio, the NATO allies on both sides of the Atlantic negotiate from the same position, the front line. The Americans can no longer be suspected of taking a remote isolationist view, protected by their oceans and their distances.

It means there is no longer any strength in Khrushchev's attempts to divide the allies into two camps, the Europeans at his mercy and the North Americans he cannot hit.

With the ICBM, all NATO is open to attack. This thought, grim as it is, should bring the NATO allies closer together. It should enable them, under the common threat, to forge a more unified organization for both defence and negotiation.

MAXIMS

We must not promise what we ought not, lest we be called on to perform what we cannot.

Helps In Fight Against Asthma

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

HYDROCORTISONE has been brought into the battle against asthma. The drug isn't injected and it isn't swallowed—it's inhaled.

Inhalations of fine - particle hydrocortisone acetate powder have been tested on some 53 patients with asthma or wheezy bronchitis. The results indicate that such inhalations are effective for some patients but have certain drawbacks.

USED INTERMITTENTLY

The inhalations apparently are most beneficial if they can be used intermittently for recurrent attacks of asthma. There is a strong tendency for a relapse in chronic cases, where treatment must be maintained continuously.

It is probably preferable to use oral or intravenous corticosteriod drugs for patients with status asthmaticus, at least when they are seriously ill, since the extreme wheezing usually makes inhaling the drug difficult.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS

Persons with established chronic bronchitis will probably get little benefit from the inhalations.

Although a considerable portion of the inhaled hydrocortisone would probably be absorbed, doctors say there would be little chance of any toxic effect.

The best dosage has not been established and it probably varies from patient to patient.

In the test, the powder used came in capsules containing 15 mg. of hydrocortisone acetate and 75 mg. of lactose powder. Both were ground to a fine particle.

DOSAGE VARIES

Initial doses vary from one to three capsules per day to half a capsule twice daily. The doseage, of course, depends upon the severity of the wheezing at the beginning of the treatment.

Naturally, as soon as improvement is noticed, the doses are cut to the minimum required to maintain the improved stage. Most patients are able to reduce the dose to half a capsule twice a day within the first week.

Some require two capsules per day while others need only half a capsule a day.

Once the attack has been relieved for an entire week, the inhalations can be stopped.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. D.D.R.: Some time ago my doctor diagnosed my eye trouble as "iritis" and, after treatment, the irritation cleared. But I still see clouds floating before my eyes.

One doctor things it may be that this condition is caused by my sinuses.

Would you suggest that I seek further treatment or just live with it?

Answer: Iritis may result in "Floaters" in the fuilds of the eye ball, producing the sensation of clouds.

Your eye doctor is in the best position to advise you as to the necessity for further treatment for this condition.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
June 9, 1934)

Sergeant Major H.B. Collins, who has charge of the construction work at the Kensington Rifle Range, received orders yesterday to proceed with the construction of four more targets, which will bring the total up to ten, the original number. At present there are thirty-eight men employed on the Range, and it is expected the work will be completed in ten days.

The Second Charlottetown Company of Girl Guides presented a delightful and varied entertainment in St. Paul's Parish Hall last evening before a capacity audience. The youthful entertainers displayed the high quality of leadership of their leaders, Miss Dorothy Reay, Miss Margaret Large and Miss Olive Thornton.

TEN YEARS AGO
(June 9, 1949)

Work on the new Gloria building is progressing and should be completed early in August, designer and construction engineer, Cyril J. Arsenault, stated yesterday. The building will house two stores on the ground level and will have offices on the second and third floors.

On her first trip to Newfoundland with a general cargo of Island produce for the P.E.I. Industrial Corporation, the M. V. Eskimo makes it possible for an Island well-drilling firm to extend its operations to the Buren Peninsula. Today Douglas Bros. and Jones are shipping one of their three well-drilling machines to start work in the town of Fortune in Newfoundland.

The Poets Corner

THE WOOD

Some day will bring
Destruction to this gentle solitude;
Some day the axe will swing
And the hungry saw whine in
this little wood.

Already either side,
The candy-coloured houses, jealous-eyed,
Elbow it, grudge this space
Filled with small branches delicate as lace.

Some Spring will see the last
Of the benediction these tiny cloisters give.
—Must the days run so fast?
Linger, linger, O Time, and let it live!

—Audrey Alexandra Brown
in the Montreal Star

NOTES BY THE WAY

Pigs, it seems, are the victims of a bad press. For years it has been the unconsidered habit of humans to describe any human who overeats and gluttonizes as a pig. The truth is that the hog is one of the most food - wise animals on the farm.—London Free Press

Church - goers in Yonkers, N. Y. were given free bus rides Easter Sunday if they told the driver, 'Going to church,' or 'Coming from church." We hope the cash that did not hit the fare box jingled in a happy sanctuary on the collection plate.—Hamilton Spectator

Every time we moderns come up with a "first" we are apt to find that the ancients beat us to it. Thus, Democritus conceived and named the atom and evolved the first workable atomic theory, Leonardo da Vinci designed an airplane, and so on. Now a Sumerian tables 3,500 years old turns up the size of a 25-cent piece, engraved with 144 cuneiform signs in 33 lines; and the amazed epigraphist, of the University of Pennsylvania, who deciphered them by magnifying the tablet 56 times, says the feat of inscription was comparable to somebody nowadays writing the Lord's Prayer on the head of a pin?—Globe and Mail.

An English cricketer has been granted exemption from military service because he had trouble with his big toe. This has led to recollection of the notable war service of the airman, Douglas Bader, who had no legs at all.—Ottawa Report

Among the legislative proposals made by the Ontario Federation of Labor is one that the trade of cook be made a designated trade under the Industrial Standards Act. It is a proposal which should be supported if only in an attempt to improve the standard of resort cooking throughout the Province.—Peterborough Examiner

It seems strange that Ontario hasn't a law which bans a child from attending and betting at a race track. That's why two school bosy, aged 13 and 15, playing hookey, were able to go to a Toronto track and place bets. One of them lost $85 from his bank account. It's a way to make everybody in this province a gambler, especially when you can start out by going to the race track at the ripe old age of 13.—Windsor Star

The Age Old Story

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