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The Moral Of It

There has been no organized drive from non-political sources to induce the electors to "get out and vote" in today's provincial general election; but such a campaign should not be needed.

A nation can establish a system of free government, but unless there is zeal on the part of its citizens to preserve the system, any attempt to utilize to the full the opportunities it provides, it will be a dead letter on the statute books.

It has been said that politicians, under every system, are motivated by the love of power. That's what the game of politics is about.

A noted Canadian political commentator, Bruce Hutchison, says that "if the public could see, behind the scenes, the fixers, brain-trusters, speech writers, idea men and assorted string pullers in politics a revolution would follow."

But he adds that actually there is no reason to be surprised or excited. It is part of the will-to-power machinery which our democracy has evolved. It has supplanted more ruthless methods.

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EDITORIAL NOTES Britain, notes an exchange, has been celebrating the 25th anniversary of Sir Isaac Pitman's invention of "stenographic phonography," better known as shorthand.

Perish The Thought! News that the Glasco Commission has discovered that the Canadian navy has enough union suits of one size to last 1,000 years, that the air force has 81 years' supply of a certain wool sock and the army enough flashlights for at least 83 years, is causing comment among our U.S. neighbors as well as in Canada.

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everything from duck feathers to castor oil." It assumes that there will be angry outbursts from Ottawa, possibly even a full scale investigation. "Then the commotion will die down and the government will go on hoarding. All in the interests of national security, of course."

But what about the other side of the Iron Curtain? Have Soviet sailors enough heavy underwear for a thousand years and Soviet airmen and soldiers enough socks and flashlights to carry them into the next century? If they haven't, couldn't we arrange an exchange for something they have in embarrassing oversupply, and thus promote economy on both sides? Or would this idea be frowned upon by military pundits? Too dangerous a precedent, they might say. Next thing, the rival forces would be exchanging surplus bombs, nuclear warheads, and things like that, and then where would we all be?

And So It Goes

Members of the British Parliament have some unique prerogatives that lend tone to their position. They outvote their Canadian counterparts in this respect, but there has never been any agitation here on this score.

British parliamentarians are free from arrest in civil cases while parliament is sitting and for 40 days prior to and after the session. These periods were meant, apparently, to keep members from being molested on their way to and from their constituencies.

But no Canadian senator or American congressman has a right to wear his hat in a court of law. British peers do, although it was last claimed in 1902 when Lord Egmont was taken to court on a charge of having been drunk in Piccadilly. The Economist thinks the privilege should be retained on grounds that it is "rather fun."

No Canadian or U.S. parliamentarian is guaranteed the right to be hanged by a silken halter should such a grisly rite be called for. British peers are. A peer not only has the right to an audience with the sovereign without being summoned but has the right to kill two of the Queen's deer if he meets any on the way to an audience.

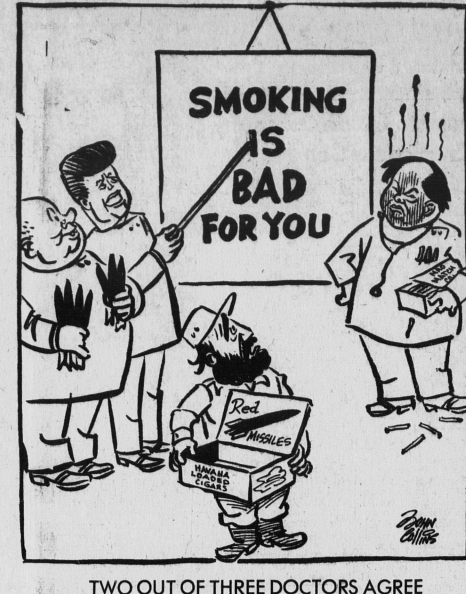
Two peers, Lord Kingsale and Lord Forrester, have a singular right to keep their hats on in the Queen's presence. But the Duke of Atholl has the highest privilege of all—the right to a private army. At today's prices he doesn't bother. And if it becomes necessary to hang him, his gallows must be 30 feet higher than anyone else's.

EDITORIAL NOTES

By comparison with other countries, Canada has done very little in this field. We do have an inadequate National War Museum in Ottawa, tucked away behind a huge and hideous terminal, and have dedicated to the subsidized head-and-board of 300 government typists to do some quite remarkable battlefield sites and interesting restored forts scattered as a national shrine marking the unregretted Plains of Abraham at Quebec City is our most beautiful and least dedicated military museum. By contrast the battlefield at Chalco, Saskatchewan, and the rebuilt "Habitation" of Batoche in Nova Scotia are complete and brilliant.

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TWO OUT OF THREE DOCTORS AGREE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

A National War Museum Proposed

Canada's long and glorious military record has attracted the interest of a famous veteran of our two greatest wars. He has conceived the project of reviving this aspect of our history in an appropriate National War Museum. Fortunately for Canada, he is now in luck.

After Adenauer Germany's constitution was designed for stability rather than parliamentary elasticity. The departure of Strauss left Adenauer exposed to a wave of popular pressure that seems likely to result in a new cabinet.

STAY HOME WITH MEASLES M.B. writes: Is any I.A.M. done to a child of four with measles, or to her playmates, if she is allowed to play outside? I may be old fashioned but I always thought youngsters with this disease should stay at home in isolation.

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WAR WAS THE SPUR The Korean War proved a major incentive to testing and developing of helicopters. In that campaign they airlifted 60,000 men.

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'Painful Elbow' Poorly Named

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen TENNIS ELBOW is a poorly named condition. Only a small percentage of all victims play tennis. More are baseball pitchers. Occasionally polo vaulters or javelin throwers develop it.

But the majority are not athletes and include laborers, skilled technicians, secretaries, and other white collar workers. In a few cases, it is the result of an attachment to an object of twisting the forearm, especially with the elbow extended.

In such instances, there is irritation of the tissues in and about the joints. A bursa in this area also may be involved. Discomfort may be so mild it is noted only performing certain I maneuvers, or so severe the arm must be carried in a sling.

The disorder usually is flexible and extends the wrist. The upper attachment of these muscles to the outer and inner sides of the elbow are pulled away or strained. Regardless of the structures involved, the individual must avoid the activities that I cause epicondylitis until relief occurs.

It is helpful to apply heat via diathermy, whirlpool bath, or chemical or electric pack. Dramatic results often follow injection into the painful area of a long acting local anesthetic plus a corticosteroid hormone. One or more treatments may be needed before permanent relief occurs.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request. STAY HOME WITH MEASLES M.B. writes: Is any I.A.M. done to a child of four with measles, or to her playmates, if she is allowed to play outside? I may be old fashioned but I always thought youngsters with this disease should stay at home in isolation.

CHALCO, SASKATCHEWAN F.J. writes: Has just been diagnosed as having a diaphragmatic hernia. Does this mean I'm in for surgery? Not necessarily, if the condition is in its incipient symptoms. Send self-addressed envelope for leaflet on hernia which goes into more detail. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT— Prevent frostbite by dressing adequately.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the most difficult choices is that of between going hungry or putting on fat. Woodstock Festival Review. Happy as the miller may be to exchange the whimsical wind for a steady supply of electricity, the ordinary man is sorry to see the windmills disappear. They are a visible link with the immortal world of fairy tales.

After the last five weeks, people who might have been thinking of following Dr. Castro's example will have seen that even voluntary membership of the Communist camp results in being treated as a satellite. Manchester Guardian.

Helicopter Prospects

A slingshot in the field of aviation, the helicopter may become a magic carpet for commuters as well as kings. Regularly scheduled passenger service is available in merely four cities—New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Only San Francisco's helicopter line operates without a government subsidy. The problem is a familiar one—money. Helicopters are a complex mechanical expensive to run and maintain. An experimental giant designed to lift a 15-ton payload cost its builder four million dollars.

HOPEFULLY, however, the helicopter industry foresees an economic breakthrough with turbojets which are now in production. Less complicated than a piston-engine predecessor, the turbojets are expected to cut operational costs in half. They may revive an abandoned postwar prophecy: "A helicopter in every back yard."

Despite its relatively short span of success, the helicopter has a long history. Leonardo da Vinci dreamed of building one in the 15th century. Inventors designed over their lives to fly. The machine that he never budged from the ground. Both Alexander Graham Bell and the Wrights experimented with rotary-wing flight. It was Igor Sikorsky, however, who dreamed the notion that he could build a craft able to fly straight up, drift backward, forward, sideways, or hover stock-still. Finally, in 1939, Sikorsky demonstrated the first American helicopter in the United States. Exclaimed a wide-eyed mechanic: "It's the biggest thing I ever sawed."

The first Sikorsky whirlybird destined for useful work rose from Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1942 for delivery to the Army Air Corps. Coast Guardsmen carried the first helicopter on many rescue missions in 1944. The Navy received its first production helicopter in 1946, and the first commercial helicopter license was issued the same year.

IN KOREAN WAR The Korean War spurred the testing and development of helicopters. The machine's reliability and versatility won a new chapter in military history. American pilots did everything but turn their 'copters upside down and use the blades against enemy ground troops. Meanwhile, the helicopter was proving a jack-of-all peacetime trades. An obvious rescue and search vehicle, it also was pressed into such varied services as monitoring traffic, patrolling forests, dusting crops, rounding up cattle, surveying, laying pipe, and imploring church steeples.

The Air Force provided 10 helicopters to the National Geographic and Smithsonian Institution in 1949 for an archeological expedition into Panama jungles. In the summer of 1957, Washington became curious when helicopters started practicing landings on the White House lawn. Without fanfare, military craft began to serve routinely as air taxis for the First Family and visiting dignitaries.

Soviet Premier Khrushchev was so impressed that he bought two.

Montreal, Dec. 9. (CP)—Forty store-owners pledged in protest today to charges of violating a city-by-law that requires stores to remain closed on eight Roman Catholic holy days during the year.

