

Why The Secrecy?

It now seems that there was a misunderstanding about the Causeway views of the Tourist Association in its presentation before the Legis- lature. Be that as it may, the criticism served one good purpose. It brought government spokesmen to their feet in vigorous affirmation of the statement in the Throne Speech to the effect that the planning of this great project is now in the hands of consulting engineers and that an early start on the work is assured.

So far, so good. But what has surprised us in the debate on the Speech is the lack of attention given to this important matter on both sides of the House. From the government side, at least, we would expect it to be emphasized very strongly. The same goes for speakers in the federal election campaign. We hear a lot about other matters, of much less importance to the people of this Province. But the Causeway project gets about as much attention as a glass of water at a brewers' banquet.

Why is it underplayed in this manner? The statement in the Speech has been endorsed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker; but the Liberals—who also are pledged to build the Causeway if it is proven feasible—maintain that they have been unable to get this vital information from the Public Works Department, and cannot commit themselves further until they do.

After getting this answer from both Mr. Pearson and Mr. Pickers- gill on the occasion of their recent visits here, we checked, ourselves, with head federal department of- ficials through our Ottawa bureau. We got the same answer as the Liberal spokesmen claim to have re- ceived. The Causeway report, we were told, was "not available to the public."

The officials obligingly gave us a copy of the interim report which Deputy Minister Young delivered here back in May, 1960, and which they assured us was "still valid in its details." They also gave us a copy of the more recent announce- ment that consulting engineers had been appointed to assist the department in the planning and construction of the work. We were informed, moreover, that when Par- liament meets the Members might ask to have the final feasibility re- port tabled, but "there is no assur- ance that it would be made public even then." That's the sum and substance of the information we were able to obtain.

Why all this secrecy? We can- not understand it at all. There may be good and sufficient reasons, but surely we are entitled to know what they are. If the Conservatives have any light to throw on this matter—either in the House or on the hunt- ings—we suggest that they lose no time in doing so.

That Bomarc Inquiry

After hearing U.S. Defence Sec- retary McNamara testify about the inadequacy of the Bomarc missiles for modern defence purposes, Rep- resentative Minshall, one of the members of the congressional com- mittee, remarked dryly:

"You remind me of a story my good father used to tell me about Pat and Mike when they were fish- ing in the Niagara River about a mile above the falls. Suddenly the rope came untied from the shore and they were caught in the sur-

rent. Pat excitedly cried: 'Throw over the anchor.' Mike responded: 'It ain't got no rope on it.' Pat said: 'Throw the anchor over anyhow, it might do some good.' That is pretty much the situation here with Bomarc. They might do some good."

It was then that Mr. McNamara replied that "at the very least, they would cause the Soviets to target missiles against them and thereby increase their missile requirements or draw missiles on to those Bomarc targets that would otherwise be available for other targets."

Mr. Minshall is then quoted as saying: "In view of the statement you have just made, Mr. Secretary, why do we not leave the Jupiter missiles in Italy and Turkey? If we have to draw enemy fire, that is a good place to draw it. To which Mr. McNamara replied: "As they are deployed they draw more fire than those Jupiter missiles will."

Another committee member, Representative Flood, remarked that "if we scratch Bomarc, we have stuck the Canadians for the whole mess of them and we have another problem on our border." "All I can say," added Representative Min- shall, "is that these turned out to be very expensive targets."

The extended report from which we quote these statements adds: "Discussion followed, eliminated from the public transcript by mili- tary censor."

Canadian electors will have to make what they can out of this testimony. As noted yesterday, the U.S. Defense Department said the Defense Secretary was referring only to deficiencies in the U.S. Bomarc, not those in Canada; and there is nothing in Mr. McNamara's published statements to indicate this. Perhaps it was eliminated by the military censor!

Flouting Democracy

This Province is maintaining its good reputation for orderly cam- paign meetings. It is otherwise in some other parts of Canada. One of the worst examples, reportedly, was at Hamilton last week, when Lib- eral Leader Pearson was subjected to planned interruptions that were in- excusable. At one point Mr. Pear- son said: "It is one thing to heckle, but it's another thing to try to pre- vent the majority of people from hearing..." But even this remark was shouted down before it could be finished.

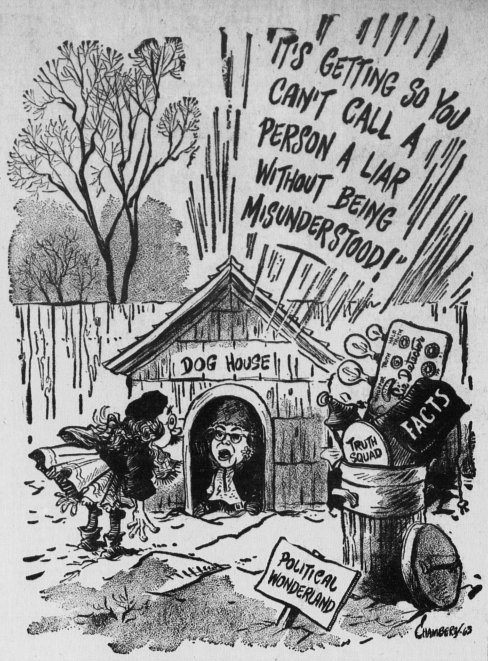
As the Montreal Gazette says in this connection, the alternative to democracy is rowdism. The alternative to giving a man his hearing are the "bully boy" tactics, the show of crude strength, the attempt to close everybody's ears by mak- ing a big enough noise, the closed mind and the open mouth.

No one who comes to a political meeting has to agree with the speaker. He can do his best, if he wishes, to embarrass him by heckling. In this he has to take his chances on being embarrassed himself, if the speaker shows his mettle. The only way to smother a candidate in a democratic country is to smother him with ballots on voting day. But in the campaign itself, the speaker must have his chance. Otherwise, the invitation is for the cackle, and the pounding feet, and the dim- witted chant to take over. They have taken over entirely in some coun- tries.

Here's another good quote on the subject, this time from the Cal- gary Alberton: "Heckling can be an artful—even constructive— means of keeping a speaker on his toes. But when hoots and catcalls from the audience reach the point where a speaker can no longer be heard, where his views are lost, then it is no longer heckling. To put it bluntly, the audience is then depriving the speaker of one of democ- racy's most cherished rights, the right to plead a cause."

EDITORIAL NOTE

Canada's need for more and bet- ter teachers, says a writer in "In- dustry", organ of the Canadian Manufacturers Association, was never more urgent than it is today. Not only because our population is growing, but because of the grow- ing demands on education among all classes. "Not least," he says, "we need them because to be long on palatial schools and short on good teachers is to confer no favor on our children or on ourselves."



YOU AIN'T HEARD NOTHING YET

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Needed: A purge in Public Affairs

Are our political doctors afraid to tell Johnny Canuck the truth about the serious ailments afflicting Canada?

Upon Canada's economic woes at a press conference, I sug- gested to him that these serious problems constituted a national economic emergency, and that they should be tackled by a "na- tional" all-party coalition govern- ment. Mr. Pearson agreed with me that no single political party could afford to take ex- treme and unpopular measures; but he did not believe that the situation had yet become serious enough to warrant a coalition government. A year later, I re- peated my question; and as I reported in this column, M. r. Pearson's answer was the same, but less assured.

Last summer, the electors, stirring uneasily, reflected their mood by electing a Parliament split four ways. This Spring, the electors appear to be even more uneasy; talk of coalition a- nd alliances is in the air. The intuitive sense of self-preservation of the voters may be in it to a multi- party coalition through the back door, to prevent our final and irrevocable economic submission.

PUBLIC FORUM

IN APPRECIATION Sir,— I would like to use space in your paper to express my appreciation to the Red Cross Blood Donor Service. Twice within the last year I have had to take advantage of the wonderful service, having received a total of seven pints of blood.

THE ORGANIZERS of blood donor clinics are to be commended for the splendid job they are doing. My thanks go to them at this time, also to the donors who give their service, make this service possible.

I am, Sir, etc. MRS. P. MILBURY, Charlottetown.

ILLUSIONS OF UTOPIA Sir,— The difficulty we have experienced this past winter, in getting additional help on the farm and in the mill, tends to make the constant harping of the opposition parties over un- employment unrealistic. It is mildly, and nauseating if we wish to be more emphatic. Can- ada includes in her population a large number of fishermen, and lumbermen, who in off seasons, when employment in their oc- cupations is impossible, are the recipients of generous un- employment benefits.

These, and there are many tens of thousands of them, quite naturally prefer to stay at home, cut firewood, and perhaps a lit- tle pulpwood and feed off a be- nevolent and paternal govern- ment than to seek employment in jobs with which they are not familiar. Their time in most cases is well spent, because the woods lot work they will be doing during their boats as a of traps and fishing gear ready for the Spring or Fall fishing. Nev- ertheless they are statistically registered as unemployed.

We do not know the sum of their number, and also the eligible of the quarter million annual in- crease. From the time they are employed, the figures will com- pare more favorably, with those of past governments. To whom the needs of such com-

Early Treatment Is Best Defense Against Cancer

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen LAY participation in preventive medicine has furnished medi- cal progress in various ways. One example is the cooperation of patients in the immuniza- tion of infants against the contagious diseases for which there are vac- cine and toxoid vaccines. The advantage of the mobile chest X-ray units. Still another is the annual checkup by the family physician.

Another illustration of what the lay person is doing to keep well is self-examination of the breasts for lumps. Survive a breast for tumors. Survive a breast for malignancies dependent upon early cancer control and treat- ment, and it is here that each woman must be her own detect- ive.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 64,000 women de- velop breast cancer annually; and that 200 will die of the disease this year. Breast can- cer remains the leading cause of death in women between the ages 40 and 60.

Why this grim picture if self- examination is so popular? Ac- cording to Dr. Van Dellen, some women are not breast- examined and a tumor is not dis- covered until it is six to eight months old. The average delay in finding a lump, or in seeking treatment, is about a year and nine months. The alert woman finds the lesion sooner than the un- instructed; and she seeks treat- ment at once.

It is heart-breaking to a phy- sician to see a woman who has and have the woman say, "O, yes, I noticed that lump several months ago but didn't think it amounted to anything. I didn't realize that cure is possible in 82 per cent of breast can- cers, while still localized.

Every woman ought to be ex- amined at least once a year for possible irregularities or lumps, and consult a physician at once if a lump is abnor- mally firm. Not all growths are malignant but all should be in- vestigated. In Dr. Van Dellen's physical checkup once a year, in- cluding examination of the breasts by the physician.

After a checkup once a month and the layman can do his bit. Give generously to the crusade. Life is a country becoming a vic- time of this disease but we have a long way to go.

DOUBLE DOSAGE

Mrs. B. writes: My husband and I are both taking a double dose of a medicine. He says it's better, I worry about overdosage and would like something different to show him.

REPLY Your husband's line of rea- soning was popular at the turn of the century. Our modern doctors are probably a good deal more decoratively rather than essential and meaningful.

REPAIR MATERIAL

J. B. writes: What becomes of the material that is repaired a broken down hernia?

REPLY The mesh distinguishes to a certain extent but the part that remains becomes comple- tely surrounded by scar tissue. It shows up in the X-ray.

HEAT FOR ARTHRITIS

J. B. writes: Is dry heat good or bad for arthritis?

REPLY Good. Heat—whether dry or moist—is the important factor.

ISSUES APOLOGY

KINGSTON (CP)—D. J. A. Corry, principal of Queen's Uni- versity, said Monday he has written Prime Minister Diefen- baker apologizing for the "dis- graceful treatment" given Mr. Diefenbaker's speech at a Progressive Conservative party rally here Friday. The apology was made in the uni- versity also has wired the prime minister apologizing for the students' heckling.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Silence is golden. Particularly if you have a hot tip on the stock market.—Hamilton Spectator.

Two men, completely disor- ied, sat in the doctor's office. "I only want to have my eyes ex- amined," said one man to the doctor. "That's nothing," the other re- plied. "I came to read the met- er."—Montreal Star.

British Railway Plan

By Jim Peacock Canadian Press Staff Writer

Implications of the Beeching plan to close British rail- ways on a paying basis by 1970 are to state the obvious—extremely broad.

Publication of the plan alone has brought reaction from such widely-separated areas as the London stock market and the Society of Non-Smokers. Implementation of the recom- mendations made by the Beech- ing plan, based on a two-year study of the financially-ailing national railway system, would have hardly a single Briton un- affected—and least of all the population of a third of the coun- try's 850,000 freight cars.

Reduced Manpower Beeching's plan, made public Wednesday, calls for elimination of 2,383 of the country's 7,000 railway sta- tions, deletion of 320 services covering about 5,000 miles of the 17,800 miles of track and removal of 100,000 freight cars. The Labor government in 1947 had placed long-distance freight trucks under government con- trol but most have been re- turned to private hands since the Conservatives resumed of- fice in 1951.

Road users in Britain will not be surprised to learn that in- creased truck and bus traffic would have to take up the slack in areas where unproductive rail ser- vices have been abandoned. Britain's traffic problem is one of the worlds largest with more than 100,000 buses, crammed into 200,000 miles of public high- ways.

Coming Of Age

By Cape Report

The national gallery of Canada reports that it clocked 1,265,840 visitors during the first three years of the gallery's occupancy of a new home for its treasures in downtown Ottawa. The figures are probably a powerful sign that the nation is coming of age. The acquisition of five new ex- hibits was announced by the National Gallery last week. One is a portrait painted by the famous Scottish artist Sir Henry Raeburn in the early 18th cen- tury. Another is a still life painted by the Lady Patricia Ramsay and presented to the gallery by the Princess Patricia of Connaught, a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, whose father was Gov- ernor-General of Canada during the First World War.

Our Yesterday's

(From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO April 2, 1938 "Money" has more influence on mankind than education, ac- cording to a resolution carried at a meeting of St. John's La- zary and Debra Society at St. Dunstan's University last week. The winning side com- prised J. Chubb and R. G. Gorman. On the negative were E. Gorman and L. Campbell.

Ten in Charlottetown in harbor showed signs yesterday of breaking up rapidly. There was clear water from the dock House in past the Three Tides.

TEN YEARS AGO April 2, 1952 The need of a loan policy whereby the fishermen could obtain money to get back into business after losing much of their equipment was urged in the Legislature by R. R. Bell, Leader of the Opposition, as he rose to take part in the bud- get debate.

The suggestion that draggers now in service could have been built in this province instead of elsewhere was urged by the Hon. J. A. Corry, Minister of Fisheries, when he briefly took part in the bud- get debate.

REVOLT IN THE VATICAN?

Are Catholic intellectuals being silenced? Why did Pope John speak the revolt against aging conservatives in Rome? The weekly Reader's Digest find out how Pope John's decision means new hope for Christian unity.

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