

The bitter debate on the Throne Speech ended in the House of Commons last night, the division on the address in reply revealing once again an alignment of parties in which Social Credit voted to sustain the Diefenbaker administration, while the New Democrats supported the Liberal opposition against it. Everybody must have known what the outcome would be, after the four successive failures of the opposition parties to unite in forcing another general election.

Notwithstanding all the bellicose gestures in which Mr. Pearson and his followers have been indulging since Parliament met, it is not at all certain that they were really spooking for a fight at this time. Spoken for other parties, at any rate, have insisted that the Liberal assaults were more window-dressing—staged in the pretty sure knowledge that they wouldn't succeed in their avowed purpose.

In drafting their second non-confidence motion, for example, it is known that the Liberal strategists considered, then discarded, a motion that might well have commanded the support of the hitherto reluctant Social Crediters. For many weeks Sacred Leader Thompson and Co-leader Caouette have insisted that they would be compelled to vote against the government in any parliamentary showdown over the government's austerity and tight money policies.

The Liberals, instead, chose a motion questioning only the constitutionality of adopting these measures by order-in-council. It was apparent in advance that this line of attack would have few attractions for the Socialists. Indeed Mr. Thompson made it clear, before the vote was put, that his party would not support it.

What about the New Democrats? It is equally doubtful whether they would have voted with the Liberals against the government if they had not already seen that it was going to be saved by Social Credit. And the Social Crediters, on their own non-confidence motion, surely couldn't have expected the other parties to vote with them!

No one, of course, can be sure that the government will not fall by accident at any time, leaving us plunged in a pre-Christmas election that nobody wants, or should want. But now that the boys have finished their setting-up exercises, and worked up a good appetite for the hard chores of the session, let us hope that they'll get down to them without further loss of time. It was quite a show they put on while it lasted; but like everything else of its kind, it staled with repetition.

The Aftermath

Not much news has come out of Oxford, Mississippi, lately, but there is reported to be a "stunned anger" prevailing as the state measures the cost of its defiance of the federal courts and President Kennedy over the Meredith case. Mississippians are recalling the experience of Little Rock where there was an almost complete standstill for nearly two years after the racial troubles had made the city a symbol of shame throughout the country.

The voices of reason are beginning to be heard, if only in muted accents. A group of clergymen, for example, have asked the people of Oxford, and of the entire state, to join in a prayer that they may be

rejoicing for the rioting that Mr. Meredith's admission to the university occasioned. A small minority of the faculty members have protested against the actions of Governor Barnett and their own university officials. On their own admission the professors who signed this protest, or were prepared to support it, formed no more than 15 per cent of the total faculty. The rest were still afraid or else they sincerely believed in segregation.

It is recalled that in 1932 the University of Mississippi lost its accreditation when the notorious Governor Theodore Bilbo fired two dozen professors and replaced them with political hacks of his own choosing. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools is now investigating the University to find out if Governor Barnett's interference with the university amounts to inexcusable meddling. Loss of accreditation would make the university a fourth-grade institution with no standing outside Mississippi itself.

The New York Times reports, significantly, the visit to the Mississippi campus of four students at the University of South Carolina, who drove all night to look over the wreckage and talk to federal and state officials. They explained that they wanted to report back what had happened, so that it would not happen in South Carolina.

Wide Implications

Some measure of the sweeping powers given President Kennedy under the new Trade Expansion Act can be gathered from the fact that, formerly, his authority to reduce tariffs was limited to 20 per cent. The new program gives him the power to cut tariffs in half on his own authority, and to eliminate tariffs altogether on those commodities on which 80 per cent of the world's trade is jointly conducted by the United States and the European Common Market.

One point is of special significance to those concerned about the impact of increased European competition. The President and Congress have jointly recognized that the nation must take special care of those who must bear the brunt of this challenge. As a result, all workmen affected by the change will receive higher relief payments than are normally provided.

This trade program, which has now been given final passage, is viewed in many quarters as the single most important piece of legislation to be endorsed by Congress since the approval of the Marshall plan. Just as the Marshall plan allowed a stricken Europe to regain its strength, so it is claimed for the new bill that it will make possible an unprecedented partnership between the United States and the Common Market, giving the free world the chance to build increased prosperity on stronger foundations. All free countries will be the beneficiaries, but they must be prepared to accept a new spirit of competitive production if the plan is to fulfill its promise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Trade Minister Hees maintains that our economy is "moving ahead very strongly indeed." Since it has a far way to go, the stronger the better.

New discoveries of Roman ruins add archaeological interest to the German city of Regensburg on the Danube, formerly the strongest Roman bulwark on that river. According to the German Tourist Information Office, the relics include a 65-foot defensive wall dating back to 179 A.D. and the foundations of an ancient watchtower.

Right Rev. Ernest Reed, Anglican Bishop of Ottawa, spent his holidays last summer improving his French at a summer school at Trois Pistoles, Que. He did it because, as he wrote in Ottawa Diocesan News: "I am increasingly conscious that if Canada is to be truly one nation 'from sea to sea' more of us must take the trouble to bridge the gap between the French-speaking and English-speaking parts of our land. The only effective answer to 'separatism' (which exists in our province as well as in Quebec) is understanding—and understanding is fostered when we are willing to listen to another man in his own tongue."

Mr. Murphy Chamberlain, the Harvard-born Shawville, working without the benefit of a night's sleep, and with a borrowed pen, skates, put a half dozen potential champions in a state of confusion and puck carrying drill 1st night at the Forum in the first official practice of the season.



TROUBLE IN THE OPPOSITION CORNER

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Mr. Gordon's Book Under Fire

The text for the opening days of the Throne Speech debate in the House of Commons was apparently taken from the 31st chapter of the Book of Job, the 20th verse: "Behold, my desire is that mine adversary had written a book."

In the interplay of politics, no weapon is used with more relish and more effectiveness than an adversary's own words; and no word is more permanent and undeniable than that published in a book. So the politician who writes a book containing his own views is living dangerously.

The election campaign of 1962 was Canada's first battle of the authors. Liberals Walter Gordon and Jack Pickersley, New Democrat Sam Klenck and Social Credit's Beal Caouette were prominent among the political writers who battled their way into parliament.

It so happened that many of the authors' own words were being debated points in the Chamber, and derisive jokes in the corridors, about iconoclastic tenets between the written word and the party dogma in many cases.

The Throne Speech debate soared in its early days to unusually vital, lively and quite admirable heights. Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Liberal leader Pearson both made speeches which, in their respective fields, were at least as good as their best ever. Trade Minister Hees, Labour Minister Starr and Justice Minister Fleming, the Liberals' Lionel Chevrier, Social Credit leader Bob Thompson, and New Democrats David Lewis and Colin Cameron gave a series of the oratorical brilliancy for which this 25th Parliament should be known as famous.

Mr. Chevrier, clearly mapping the Liberal strategy to try to destroy "the opposition to the Opposition," the Social Credit party, dealt at length with the book—Beal Caouette's "You, Myself and Me."

But now, vividly, the words written by the newly-elected Liberal from Toronto, Walter Gordon, come back to mind. He drew attention to the current rate of deficit financing. He drew the liberal to the current rate of deficit financing. He drew the liberal to the current rate of deficit financing.

OUR YESTERDAYS

Twenty-five years ago (October 12, 1937) J. D. MacLeod, salesman with the Milligan Ore and Coal Co., went to Sydney today, after a visit to this province where he met his old brother, also named J. D. MacLeod, from Montana. They were the sons of High Bank, P.E.I. and the C.M. MacLeod was but a few months old when his father was called to the west, 54 years ago.

The Prince Edward Island unit of the Catholic Poetry Society held its opening meeting last night at the home of the president, Mrs. P. J. Clarkin. The officers are: Mrs. Clarkin, president; Mrs. (D.) Kelly, vice-president; and Mrs. D. J. Riley, secretary-treasurer.

TEN YEARS AGO (October 12, 1952) October 13 marked the 20th anniversary of the laying the cornerstone of the present P.E.I. Island Hospital. The corner stones were laid by Mrs. Taylor, widow of the late Dr. Francis P. Taylor, one of the founders of the first P.E.I. Hospital.

Worm Causes River Blindness

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
Chills of a verminous and verminous nature are responsible in some central African countries. They are the only members of the population who can see and are needed to lead their elders about until blindness overtakes them. These unfortunate are victims of River blindness (onchocerciasis), a parasitic disease of the eye.

The flies lay their eggs in the river. The minute larvae transmitted to man via the bite of the infested bloodsucking fly, the parasite enters under the skin and in time, a large tumor-like swelling is noted on the chest, lower trunk, or head.

These knots team with the microfilarial and the parent worms. The flies are collected from this source. The best remedy is to remove the swellings as soon as they appear.

Blindness occurs when a multitude of these microfilarial infest the eyes of the optic nerve. This aspect of the disease is variable because eye involvement is rare among certain of the African and Central American countries.

The World Health Organization is concentrating on preventive measures aimed at eradicating the fly by the use of DDT, which is sprayed from the air over Leopoldville and the surrounding area, with excellent results. In one district in Katanga, the insecticide was put into their eyes. All flies were wiped out and they have not been detected during the last seven years.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanied by return postage is received.

NOT ALWAYS

R.M. writes: Is excessive urination always a sign of diabetes? No many diabetics have no symptoms but when the condition is neglected, excessive urination is bound to occur. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for leaflet on urinary problems.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—

Don't move an injured person unless it is necessary to prevent further injury.

STARR MAKES REPLY

In the most effective speech he has ever made in Parliament and perhaps the best speech heard from the government benches during the early days of the debate proper, Hon. Mike Starr ripped into the incoherence and propaganda which he detected in his adversary's book. He rebutted "Troubled Canada" with official statistics, and sarcastical notes that "it is laughably found in black and white in my thinking conveyed by the type of thinking in the Liberal Party."

Mr. Starr pointed out that Mr. Gordon recommended government expenditure higher than the present level; how then can the Liberals criticize the government for deficit financing? He drew attention to the current rate of deficit financing. He drew the liberal to the current rate of deficit financing.

African Changes

By Carman Cumming  
Canadian Press Writer  
The bloc is far from solidly united, even on colonial issues. Its approach varies from the ultra-nationalist attitudes of the Casablanca group to the usually moderate view of the Brazzaville group composed of 12 former French colonies.

TRAGEDY REBELS

Algeria expected to play a leading part in the Casablanca group, which also includes Guinea, the United Arab Republic, Ghana, Mali and Morocco.

Ben Bella did not spell out what Algeria is prepared to do to support the independence movements. But his country, economically prostrate after nearly eight years of war and terrorism, is rich in arms and military expertise.

Even before the end of the rebellion against France, the Algerians were training Angolan guerrillas at camps in Tunisia. The Congo also has openly taken Angola's side.

Plainly, many more changes, peaceful or violent, will take place before Africa reaches its full maturity.

DISPLAY ARTIST'S WORKS

ST JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—The graphic works of German artist Ernst Barlach, made available by the National Gallery of Canada, will be on display at McGill University Art Gallery here from Oct. 15 to 27.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Quiet atmosphere for the gentlemen player. Drop in and brush up on your billiard skills. Opposite the liquor commission in the Adventure Club pool room in The Churchill P.O.S., Montreal.

It should not be an unwarranted intrusion into the domestic affairs of the United States to observe that if Bob Kennedy succeeds Jack Kennedy in 1960 and if Ted Kennedy succeeds Bob Kennedy in 1976 there will at least be a succession of beautiful women as White House hostesses. — Montreal Star.

'Spanish Flu' Of 1918

Richard Scott Moore in Toronto  
Warnings to expect an outbreak of Asian flu this winter break to mind the killing 1918-19 epidemic. It is estimated, 20 million people. It did not, as commonly supposed, originate in Spain. It started in the cold, warty trenches of war torn Europe, spread to prisoner of war camps and military hospitals. The dread virus initial breakthrough happened on the Austrian front. Influenza swept into Italy and the Balkans, to France, Switzerland, Brit-

Consider The Lowly Snail

Owen Sound Sun-Times  
Snails may not be built for speed, but they are remarkable in many ways. Some snails are equipped with 80,000 teeth and they gnaw at houses. A few may curl up in their shells and sleep four years at a time. One species strikes nearly blind with its foot. About 20,000 species of gastropods range from the Arctic to the Antarctic and from ocean bottom to 10,000 feet in the Himalayas, the National Geographic Society says. All are sturdy individuals. The Bruggandy snail of France hums a high reedy waddy melody munching grass blades in the spring. Though it has only one lung this snail is a powerful breather: its exhalations can make a candle flame flicker. The Giant African snail, which has thousands of fleckles set in its long, can hold its head of lettuce at one sitting. It even has a speed-chunk of buildings. A native of the east coast of Africa, the snail has spread far beyond its home to devastate parts of inland and the Orient. It grows from six to nine inches long. Snails are tenacious of life. Several vented stories tell of land snails that lived for years without food. In the 1850's, a supposedly dead desert snail found in Egypt was pasted on a card and displayed in the British Museum. Four years later, the rare specimen crawled out of its shell. It ate cabbage leaves and resumed. It is suspended life. A small can secure a limestone solution over the opening of its shell. The film crystallizes into a hard cover which protects it through a period of adversity. Snails are among the strongest creatures on earth. A snail weighing a third of an ounce can pull eight pounds, or nearly 400 times its own weight. This is the equivalent of a 10-pound guy hauling an automobile.

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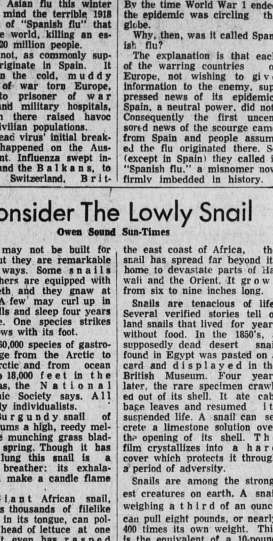
NOTES BY THE WAY

A man was hauled into a traffic court a while back for making an illegal turn. "I didn't want to turn, J. U. S.," he explained. "I wanted to go straight on, but then I saw a sign. 'U Turn, so I did.'" — Sarnia observer.

We are sometimes critical of Americans for thinking of Canada as a snow-covered, ice-bound country. But the first thing they see when they cross the Canadian land is not snow or ice. It is a big building named "Artic Museum." In the gift shop next door they specialize in Eskimo carvings. — Hamilton Spectator.

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