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It has a tendency 'to overload the budget in the direction of deficits.' It makes the budget appear to be more deficit-ridden than may actually be the case. It does not precisely measure to what degree taxes are withdrawing purchasing power from the economy and outlays are pumping it into the economy.

For instance, this kind of budget includes several billion dollars worth of loans, which are going to be repaid. It excludes highway and social security trust funds. One estimate is that it exaggerates the deficit side of the present budget by about \$3,000 million. If that should be so, then a budget exactly in balance would actually be extracting \$5,000 million more from the economy than it was paying out, with consequent deadening effect.

In Western Europe, on the other hand, many governments employ a budget which differentiates between current and capital spending. Actually, as treasury officials point out, if France kept its accounts according to the United States 'administrative' budget standards, it would have shown a deficit for every one of the last 10 years.

So the Kennedy administration will seek to study European experience and introduce new thinking into the budget controversy—maybe even suggesting putting public works spending into a special category. How far the public—and a hostile Congress—can be persuaded to agree, is another matter.

Shocking But True

We were shocked to learn from an article in the Imperial Oil Review, that farming has become one of the most dangerous occupations in Canada. Surely, we thought, this must be an exaggeration! But the article is based on interviews with farm safety experts, and it states that one in every four Canadian farm families will experience an accident this year. Farms are three times as dangerous as the average factory. In Ontario alone in 1960 there were more than 7,800 farm accidents with medical bills totaling \$701,000, property damage amounting to \$52,200,000, and a total of 112,498 working days lost.

Comparable figures for the Maritimes are not given; but we note that the causes for the high farm accident rate are pretty general. Unlike industry, there is no way of supervising farm safety practices. Children, for instance, are allowed to operate machinery designed for use of adults. Emotional upset, fatigue and farmers' contempt for danger resulting from constant exposure to potentially dangerous animals and machinery are other prime causes of accidents on the farm.

Unlike industrial workers, few farmers are protected by sickness and accident insurance. Workmen's Compensation is available to farmers but the high accident rate has driven premiums beyond the reach of most.

This is a serious matter, and with the advent of more mechanization on the farm it could get worse if a concerted effort is not made to counteract it. 'Only a comprehensive program of education, understanding and legislation,' the Review emphasizes, 'will check the harvest of death and injury to farm residents.' It should be on a nationwide scale, too, enlisting the support of all concerned in agricultural activities throughout the country.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The Soviet government has raised the prices of meat, butter and milk in the country because of shortages. Since it has no opposition to contend with, one would imagine it could do this without having to find a scapegoat. But no; it blames the United States for the move! The funds required for increasing livestock produce, it says, cannot be sought at the expense of defense potentials which must be kept up because 'international relations, with the USA in the lead, is now conducting a frenzied drive for armaments and is hatching plans for surprise nuclear missile attacks on the USSR and other Socialist countries.'

'YOU MIGHT CONSIDER ME AS A DETERGENT,' SAID 'THE NATIONAL LIBERAL LEADER,' 'CALL ME CHEER.'



THROUGH THE WRINGER AGAIN

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Personal Tastes And Interests

Many questions come to me from readers of this column, who are curious about the personal tastes and interests of Members of Parliament.

'What our best dressed M.P.'s? I have been asked. 'Does John Diefenbaker smoke? How often? M.P.'s occupy their spare time?'

I have long considered that Mike Starr, our Minister of Labour, is typical of our best dressed parliamentarians. His clothes are neat but not gaudy, and meet the laudable dictum that a man is well-dressed if they are dirty and rumpled like Hazen Arbut's suit—or in appropriate cases, like the 'young Finlay's' tieless bright sports shirts—-they quickly attract attention to Parliament.

So they do if they are vividly coloured, and here Judge LaMarche's suit permits her to get away with outfits which make her the brightest splash of colour in the smothered Commons Chamber.

Mike Pearson is widely associated with a polo-dotted hat. His public relations advisers made a brief and unsuccessful effort to persuade him to get a four-in-hand looks more dignified on a statesman. Now he is coped by many Ontario Liberal candidates, who wear bow ties of the Roy Thompson tartan on the suggestion of their leader Robert Thompson—snelled with a 'P'.

NON-SMOKING P.M. No, John Diefenbaker does not smoke himself, but he is considerably keener on an ash-tray on his desk or nearby, for the convenience of visitors and staff who do smoke.

Ernie Campbell in Parliament Hill's most pointedly flamboyant fan, famed for his skipping. He certainly looks much less than 38 years old. But when M.P. Hill proportionately even younger, notably Public Works Minister Walter Walker, who thanks to canoeing to his office here, and skiing or horseback riding on a great number of weekends, is older than his 37 years merit. Hon. Paul Martin and Hon. George Hees are swimmers who prefer the warm water of an indoor Ottawa pool to the Riddow River, where Mr. and Mrs. Walker swims almost from breakfast to freeze-up.

Ottawa and unoccupied two days a week. Murray Martin has made quite a name for himself here through his 'unique friendship with Conservatives. Like Ross Thatcher, he lacks friends in his own party and prefers the company of right Conservative M.P.s when playing cards or golf. Dave Pugh goes for fresh air, not golf courses or a lake. Doug Fisher brings his family here, and moonlights as a Journalist on a Conservative newspaper.

Seventy-six year old Bob McGreggor is still the 'dean' of the House of Commons, while the longest continuous service (36 years) while Mrs. Margaret Macdonald is one of the new members who sat for just under one year before Parliament was dissolved.

Comic Touches As Well

By Carman Cumming Canadian Press Staff Writer

Comedy has never been far from the omniscient straws of the strange Laidlaw drama that now is happily drifting toward the end of its third act.

Take, for instance, Prince Souvanna Phoum, the urbane, pipe-smoking premier of the coalition cabinet agreed on Monday, reorganized his forces and with U.S. backing overtook the capital of Vientiane Dec. 13.

Boun Oun was installed as premier, with the blessing of King Savang Vatthana. Souvanna Phoum fled to neighboring Cambodia while Kong Le and his supporters took the hills, eventually joining forces with the pro-Communist Pathet Lao guerrillas.

THE SECOND ACT opened with a cease-fire agreement reached May 3, 1961. A 15-country conference convened in Geneva to discuss the situation, and in June, President Kennedy and Premier Krushcheyev agreed to a 'neutral and independent' third act, a year of 'peace and cooperation' for the formation of the coalition government, was marked by increasing U.S. cooperation with its right-wing allies and the cut-off of \$3,000,000 monthly aid to the Boun Oun regime—a move that apparently helped to bring about Monday's agreement.

Cost Of Cabbages

The Times, London

A cabbage, being a silent uninspiring sort of vegetable would not seem a likely candidate for inspiring eloquence in the speaker.

It includes the various sums of money they cost the housewife, and a great number of words. And that for cabbages, even if it is here about to do, when it attempts to assign human characteristics to animals and flowers, and vegetables are even less inclined to lend themselves to this particular form of treatment. Gilbert, it is true, wrote of a passion 'as Plato for a hot-foot young potato, or a best-frothing French bean, or a cress.' But there was only his, of course, ever although there is, of course, the endorsement 'as a man' which, considering cabbages in general, is surprising, to say the least.

The cabbage, it is estimated about those 35,111 words would probably not feel so much flattered if such a word were used over that man, in his restaurant.

Protection Said Needed For Sacs

By Dr. Theodore B. Van Dellen A 'DIEBENBAKER' is a small pocket that protrudes through the wall of the large intestine and victims of this condition may have one to 100 of more of these tiny sacs. This condition is common in people and life and it has been estimated that up to 20 per cent of persons over the age of 40 are afflicted.

The sacs are filled with the same contents as the intestine and seldom cause difficulty unless the opening is blocked or irritated or the sacs become inflamed. The lesions are harmless; it is the complications that are troublesome.

How can they be minimized or avoided? From the theoretical point of view, anything that reduces irritation or swelling of the wall of the intestine should help the pockets calm and symptoms. Too much alcohol, for example, may increase congestion in this area. This may explain why the victims of diverticulosis and pain after going on a first class bender. Foods containing irritative conditions may irritate the sacs.

On the other hand, laxative foods such as softeners, prunes, prunes, prunes, and honey seldom prove bothersome. The routine use of cathartics is not preferred if a laxative is needed.

Many tense and overworked persons have a spastic or irritable bowel. This does not help, for example, to aggravate the existing diverticulosis. A bland diet is recommended along with drugs that relieve spasms and quiet the bowel. It is a good idea to often help calm a tense colon in a tense person.

Surgery is required occasionally (in 10 per cent) when inflammation recurs again and again, regardless of the best of care.

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on the subject of the red enigma on the flag of Canada, stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Maybe the world situation isn't so threatening after all. Some construction firms will give you 10 years to pay for a fallout shelter. Calgary, Alberta.

Ercle Tiberis, former prizefighter and weightlifting champion, was the only man able to step a runaway horse that was causing a panic in the streets of Montreal. Not surprising, except that Ercle Tiberis is 80 years old. —Stampe Sera, Turin.

Teacher's note on modern education report card: 'Alvin excels in initiative, group integration, responsiveness, and activity participation. Now if he'd only learn to read and write.' —Montreal Star.

BBC News: Birds soon face their fear of the static kind of scarer, but a crafty new device for keeping them from newly-sown fields was described by Donald Holmes in a recent edition of the 'Science and Industry' program. This is an artificial hawk hung below a balloon filled with hydrogen which rises to about 60 feet on a string. There the balloon moves about in the wind, and below it they hawk swoop and scare correspondingly in a way guaranteed to frighten even the cheekiest sparrow.

Like other countries in the East, Indonesia is short of food. But the government does not like to admit that. Recently an American correspondent said Indonesia is having a difficult time feeding its people and a native paper mentioned the fact. President Sukarno soon rectified that situation. He ordered the correspondent out of the country. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Hailing The Flag

Cape Breton Post

The Canadian Legion is a tad admirably and wisely Wednesday at its 19th biennial convention, in directing its Dominion Command to launch a publicity campaign on behalf of the Government officially recognizing the red enigma as the flag of Canada.

Calling this flag the 'red enigma' is superfluous unless as designation to distinguish it from the Union Jack, which anyway figures in its splendid doings, along with the Canadian Shield on the red field.

In effect, it is as if the Canadian flag, flying from every post office and federal building in the land, is the emblem under which innumerable Canadians have striven on their country's behalf in war and peace. It hardly could be more official than it already is, but if further governmental devotion is necessary to authorize an established fact, then let it have it.

This is a matter that should have been definitely settled long since. This flag has been consecrated by long usage and beloved by the patriotism of the people who gave it all in supreme sacrifice to keep it flying. No organization is better entitled than the Royal Canadian Legion, as the organization now is known, to campaign for a flag every Canadian should respect. All honor to a noble banner.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (June 13, 1937) Ralph Murray who has been accounted with the Royal Bank of Canada at Charlottetown for the last few years, has been given the management of the V Bear River, N.S. branch, C.V. Now Murray has accepted his post in Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pickard and Mrs. J. Pickard have returned home from a weekend motor trip to St. John's where they attended the closing exercises of Kings Collegiate at which their son, Harold, accompanied them home, is a student.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 13, 1952)

Thomson Fremont Wright, Middleton, P.E.I., graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College last year as the best graduate of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. He is spending a holiday in St. John's, N.S., where for Chicago where he has accepted a position.

Open house was held at Sunset Lodge yesterday when 18 members of the Rainbow Club were hostesses at the annual Sunset Lodge Tea. The funds obtained were for the benefit of Mrs. Alex MacDonald convalescing in St. John's, N.S. The tea was in charge of the Rotary Club.

Pierre Malvestri, president of the Coal and Steel Pool, 'Common sense is not the same as good sense. On the contrary, good sense is often obliged to hide itself for fear of offending common sense.' —La Presse, Montreal.

An exploratory probe is being planned to see if any thing will grow on Mars. If there's nothing there, you can send up a rocket load of crab grass, which grows anywhere. Glasgow Herald.

The Netherlands, now the world's largest tulip grower and exporter, in fact is not the 'inventor' of tulips. Turkey is the original homeland of this flower and it was brought to the Netherlands by a Dutch Ambassador to Turkey about 300 years ago. —Netherlands News.

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