

Jaw, Jaw, Jaw

In his recent first encyclical, Pope Paul VI declared: "For the lover of truth, discussion is always possible..." and called for his church to continue to present its "dialogue with all men of goodwill."

But of what use is dialogue, whether in terms of the church or otherwise, in the absence of goodwill? And what is the worth of discussion which is ruled by prejudice rather than the love of truth?

Oh, as Sir Winston Churchill once said, "jaw, jaw, jaw" probably still "is better than war, war, war," but it is growing increasingly difficult to get much comfort out of the kind of talk, dialogue or discussion that is best described as "jawing."

So it is with much of what now passes for debate in Canada's House of Commons, consisting chiefly of clashes between closed minds, spiced with venom, vindictiveness and incitements to regional and racial hate, rather than any seeking after common ground on the part of men who are joined by the love of truth.

Then, in a still more dangerous arena, the Greek government no longer is willing even to "jaw" with the government of Turkey in connection with the strife in Cyprus, which could involve much of the work in war. Among Greeks, Turks and Cypriots alike, the only voices now being heard are the voices of hate.

The snarl of hate grows louder, too, in place after place in the U.S. as diehard racists and bigots clash in ways to delay the advance of the decades of civil and social rights.

And in the great world-wide dialogue, the chief cry of Communism, even while divided itself, continues to be: damn all of you who refuse to do things in the way we demand.

Looking back home again, perhaps the clearest thought put forth last week was advanced by Prime Minister Pearson, in discussing the hope that ways could be found of strengthening the powers of the forces of the United Nations in Cyprus, when he said: "Sometimes you can do things under the impetus of fear that you cannot do under the stimulus of reason."

So that is the state of our world. It takes faltering steps, with varying degrees of success, in an effort to contain hate, to limit its baleful effects, but makes scarcely any visible progress toward correcting or curing hate. Only rarely in the largest dialogues now raging is there to be found that primary requisite stated by Pope Paul: the quality of goodwill.

No Cause for Smugness Last week it was regarded as good news in Canada when Ottawa figures were released showing that employment at mid-July was down to 3.7 per cent of the labor force for the whole country and to 4.8 per cent for the Atlantic region. And it was good news, to the extent that it showed the healthiest employment situation that has existed in this region and this country for several years.

But it isn't anything to get smug about, even so.

Preliminary figures received from Britain on Saturday indicated that unemployment there had dropped to 1.8 per cent in July, and that there were more jobs vacant than people out of work.

The same sort of report also came from France last week, where the labor ministry declared that

virtually full employment in that country had continued through the second quarter of the year.

It is usual on this continent to think of Canada and the United States as two of the "most advanced" countries on earth, but they don't look that way when it comes to the matter of keeping their people employed.

But Was It 'Paring'?

The Federal deficit for the 1963 fiscal year, which ended last March 31, reached \$619,197,480, according to figures published Saturday. On this basis, credit is being given the new Liberal government for being "able to pare the federal deficit somewhat..."

There is a literal basis for this statement, of course, for the present government was in office for all but 22 days of the period in which that deficit developed. And the total is \$72 million lower than the deficit showing of the former Conservative government in the 1962-63 fiscal year, and almost \$172 million below the total for the record-breaking 1961-62 fiscal year.

Yet that word "pare" still sounds a little strange when used to describe what happened to the deficit, for the reduction in its total does not result from any significant economies effected by the new Liberal government.

On the contrary, it has been the soaring of revenues, rather than the "paring" of anything, that has produced the improved result. The relatively good showing to which Finance Minister Gordon is able to point grows out of the continuing economic expansion Canada is enjoying, and the resulting surge of tax income, more than actions that can be credited directly to the Liberal government.

This is not to deny that contributions to the result may have come from various economic policies initiated by the government. Several of them may have helped importantly. But the fact remains that the main economic expansion of the past few years has been shared by almost all advanced societies.

This first official parliamentary rapprochement between us and our trans-portal neighbor had its seeds in Moscow two and three years ago, when the Chatham "Maroons" and the Trail "Smoke-eaters" represented Canada on a Russian tour of Russia, then went to Stockholm to make a courtesy tour of Europe and played in Russia, and were Canada's last winners of the world championship at amateur ice-hockey.

RUSSIAN APPROACH An official travelling with both teams was Jack Roxburgh, who has been president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and director of the International Ice Hockey Association. Jack, a graduate of the O.A.C. at Queen's, is a trail grower at Simcoe. He is also, since June 1962, Liberal MP for Norfolk County, Ontario.

The Russians watch happenings in Canada very closely — under all we are neighbors, and neighbors' eyes — "good", unless they are suspicious. So they were pleased to notice that their recent visitor, the friendly hockey official, had suddenly become important in the field of government. "They came to me when I arrived here in Ottawa," Jack Roxburgh told me, "and asked if I and some other parliamentarians would accept an invitation to tour Russia."

ALL PARTY BASIS Jack naturally asked his leader, Mike Pearson, what he should reply; Mike, who had by then become prime minister, said "Go ahead" and told Jack to work it out on an all-party basis with Commons Speaker Macdonagh.

The list of senators and MPs is nearly complete as I write this. The Speaker has 13 names submitted by all parties in the House, and it seems that the leaders of the three smaller parties, the New Democrats

EDITORIAL NOTES It was due to an oversight that credit was not given to the Ottawa Journal for an article published on this page on Saturday under the title of: "Mr. Nowlan Looks At Confederation."

It is reported the empire of William Zeckendorf, one of the biggest real estate operators in Canada and the U.S., through the firm of Webb and Knapp, has divided in value from \$300 million to \$133 million. A perceptive peek into his methods is provided by a story about a son who was invited to his office.



HAVING TROUBLE CONTROLLING THE BALL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

From Ice Hockey To Eased Tensions

The good fellowship and teamwork learned in competitive games are beneficial in life's tight spots. Thus England's famous Duke of Wellington once claimed that "The battle of Waterloo was won on the play ground of Eton College."

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South Rhodesia Stand Nears Paranoia

Sir Roy Welensky's attempt to put a permanent ceasefire in Southern Rhodesia seems to be coming to a moment too soon when certain sinister developments from the white-minority government of Premier Ian Smith.

Answering Critics Of U.S. Montreal Gazette The United States is taking a good many knocks these days. Its critics are many, and they are full of alarms. But while criticism has its place, there is also place also to recognize the tremendous vitality and strength of the American nation.

Atlantic Drywall Insulation Ltd.

Advertisement for Atlantic Drywall Insulation Ltd. located at 46 Valley St., Charlottetown. The ad lists services such as blown insulation, drywall taping, and permanent siding. It includes a phone number (463-2267) and a website (www.atlanticdrywall.com).

NOTES BY THE WAY

Lung Cancer Is Discussed By Dr. Theodore B. Van Dellen Evidence continues to mount on the relationship between heavy smoking and the incidence of lung cancer and cardiovascular disorders. Many heavy smokers, knowing this, should be allowed to develop lung cancer and die of the pleasure they get from the habit.

Public Forum FLAG BACKGROUND Sir — Canadians continue to ask for background information on the proposed national flag. The following may be of interest to your readers.

Public Forum FIFTY YEARS PRIOR TO the research studies of the Arms Committee, Queen Victoria in 1868 issued her Royal Warrant establishing the Great Seal of Canada, which contained the familiar motto of three maple leaves.

Public Forum HYPOCRISY Milwaukee Journal The Ku Klux Klan has been holding a big membership drive in Philadelphia. Miss Mear, where the bodies of three murdered civil rights workers have been discovered.

Public Forum PURITY DAIRY "Parents Prefer Purey Products" 317 Kent Dial 42125

Public Forum PUTS THE THINGS YOU WANT WITHIN YOUR REACH

Advertisement for Bank of Montreal. The ad features the slogan "MAN THIS IS IT!" and "MY BANK". It promotes a "Family Finance Plan" and "Bring all your personal credit needs under one roof". It lists services like low-cost life-insured loans and provides contact information for various branches.