

No Need for Haste

We trust, for the sake of all concerned, that there is nothing whatever in the rumors of a pre-election appointment of a new Lieutenant Governor of this Province. Premier Shaw, whose name is associated with these rumors, would make an excellent successor to His Honour Lieutenant Governor Hyndman, who has filled the office with outstanding credit and distinction; but there is a time for all things. If a change in Her Majesty's representative is due to be made shortly, let it be after the federal election campaign fever has run its course. There is no need for undue haste, and much need for ensuring that the prestige of the office be maintained.

We are not unaware that appointments of lieutenant governors in other provinces have been made since February 5, when the Diefenbaker Government was defeated on the floor of Parliament. Senators, ambassadors, judges and others have also been appointed since Parliament was dissolved. We think these appointments were open to grave objection, since the Government which made them was, to all intents and purposes, a caretaker government and had no right to distribute such patronage gifts. Except in cases of emergency, it should be content to make temporary arrangements, leaving permanent appointments to the incoming administration. But in this case, with a federal election only a few days away, the grounds for objection would be still more valid.

We have hesitated before making this comment, since we are dealing, after all, with rumors and not with facts. It is to be hoped, indeed, that the facts, as they finally shape themselves, will have the effect of showing this comment to have been unnecessary. Meanwhile, the rumors have been so persistent, and occasioned so much discussion that it is impossible longer to ignore them. The views we now express are held very widely, and it is one of the duties of a newspaper, even when it is unpleasant, to mirror public opinion in such circumstances.

Vancouver's Example

British Columbia is regarded as the stronghold of the New Democratic Party, but there is no reason to hold the followers of Mr. Douglas responsible for the disgraceful treatment accorded to Liberal Leader Pearson in his campaign appearance at the Vancouver Forum on Monday night. The Canadian Press described it as "a deliberate attempt by communists, anti-theocrats, radio socialists and others" to hound Mr. Pearson down and break up the rally.

The New Democrats are against the use of nuclear weapons, and their policies are socialistic; but that doesn't make them rowdies. They have shown themselves to be as conscientious as other parties in upholding democratic principles in debate. We hold no brief for their political views, but we think they are entitled to the full benefit of the doubt in this case.

Vancouver is getting a really bad name as a tough place in which to exercise the privilege of free speech. It will be recalled that a near-riot occurred when Prime Minister Diefenbaker spoke there in the 1962 campaign. Last week, too, Mr. Diefenbaker had a noisy reception in the same auditorium, but nothing like the affair of last year.

or like the pandemonium that broke out Monday night at Mr. Pearson's meeting.

Dim-witted demonstrations of this kind are subversive in every sense of the word. The worst aspect of them is that they are staged under false colors—as anti-nuclear demonstrations, and what not. They are plainly nothing but an excuse for the hoodlum element of a community to go on the rampage.

It is surely no light matter of concern to Canadians everywhere that rowdiness should be gaining the upper hand in any part of the country. Where this has happened elsewhere, it has been the prelude to iron-fisted rule under some form of dictatorship. That was how Hitler gained power in pre-war Germany, and other instances could be cited of more recent date. It was because the people themselves tolerated such displays of intolerance and misuse in the first place, that they reaped the more appalling consequences in the end.

New NATO Problems

When Mr. Diefenbaker returned to Canada from his meetings in the Bahamas with Prime Minister Macmillan and President Kennedy, he offered his view that the Nassau meeting would result in a major change in the defense strategy of the NATO alliance. This statement has been widely questioned, but it would seem that such change will be a prime subject for discussion at the NATO ministerial meeting which opens in Ottawa on May 22.

Certainly it would appear that much more is to be considered than the allocation of defense duties, important as these loom in Canadian minds at present. The London Times diplomatic correspondent says the aim of the alliance is to present firm proposals for establishing a multinational force by the time of the meeting. These proposals, setting up questions of policy, command and control, would be available for examination at the Ottawa conference.

The Times' man reports that in Europe there is a rising demand among the non-nuclear nations for a greater say in nuclear policy, and they see their chance in the proposals envisaged at the Kennedy-Macmillan meeting in Nassau. These would give an opportunity to refashion the NATO command system and allow others besides the nuclear powers an influence in making nuclear policy.

Commenting on this statement, the Ottawa Journal notes that the election has made Canadians better informed on nuclear questions. Whoever leads the next government will be expected to have firm opinions on the subject at the forthcoming NATO meeting—opinions that will be in contrast with this nation's past record in international affairs and our willingness to continue to play a useful role.

Health Week

This is National Health Week, sponsored by the Health League of Canada in cooperation with local departments of health, and it is one of a number of successful health education programs currently being supported in Canada. It should serve, as Governor General Vanier suggests in a Health Week message, to remind all Canadians that life and health go hand in hand. With health anything seems possible; without it everything seems impossible. Health is the key to so many doors!

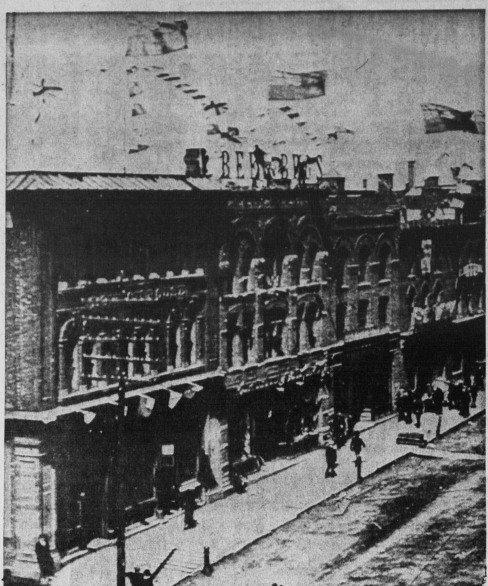
World Health Day falls on April 7, and is included as part of National Health Week. This day commemorates the establishing of the World Health Organization at San Francisco in 1948.

Officers of the Health League of Canada have been active during the past year in pioneer work to spread the formation of citizens' committees to other member nations of the World Health Organization. Theme of World Health Day this year is "Hunger: Disease of Millions."

If, for the most part, we enjoy freedom from this disease in Canada, let us remember the appalling toll it takes in many other parts of the world.

EDITORIAL NOTE

It takes a lot of money, notes an exchange, to start colleges and keep them going—but education will never be as costly as ignorance.



OLD CHARLOTTETOWN

Queen Street raises flags as good news received during Boer War. Copied by Crawley Portrait Studio

BEHAVED LIKE MODERNS

When Ancient Romans Hit The Road

National Geographic News Bulletin

Ancient Roman travelers stopped at motels, complained about the food, bought paperback books, spent beyond their means, and in general behaved like 20th-century Americans on the road. But the Romans faced a few exceptional hazards. They ran the risk of being sold into slavery and of practicing cannibalism unwittingly.

Roman highways stretched from Scotland to the Sahara and from western Spain to the Euphrates. Before the Roman Empire declined and fell, it had built 49,635 miles of first-rate roads.

STOLE TRAVELED LIGHT A Roman rode in the most luxurious carriage he could afford, the phibos, and spent the night in a tent or a compact motel.

On the road, Seneca and other scholars pursued the ancient equivalent of paperback—parchment books that were more convenient to carry than the ordinary papyrus scrolls. Some wealthy travelers slept in their carriages or in tents, foreshadowing modern campers. Others stayed in expensive inns. Strabo, the well-traveled Greek geographer, recommended to his readers several inns where the food was excellent.

Along the major roads were a mansions, royal lodging places where a Roman could pull up to his room and find a party of Romans a counterparty of travelling salesmen like those primitive motels, but for the most part they could be sober misery.

Some watered the wine, stuffed beds with rushes instead of feathers, and grossly overcharged. They often wore a leagie with highwaymen who seized waytravellers and sold them into slavery.

Rev. Altdorf Johnson is expected to be in charge of the P.E.I. here. He will be assisted by Rev. J. H. Bishop of the Church of Scotland in Prince Edward Island.

PUBLIC FORUM

It is most trying for such people to be asked to listen to the bickering and tearing down of fine men's characters. All night long all men in high public life (either party) of the challenge and responsibility of such can little be imagined.

We are all human beings and as such, have our faults and failings. Even a Prime Minister is no adult; but why enlarge on them? The soft answer is so much more to be desired than the helping hand is always a joy and pays big dividends. A man of Mr. Diefenbaker's character subjected to the crude actions and language imposed by the Opposition is indeed very hard to endure.

Mr. Diefenbaker took over this "Bankrupt Island" and he has done wonderful things for it. I do not think we have to go very far to prove that. He asks no bouquets or thanks for doing this tremendous job for Canada and Canadians. The people who have profited by it should certainly stand by him now. He is a man who has led his well organized program for the next five years and so put Canada "on the Map". Otherwise, I fear: I am, Sir, MARY R. GAVIN Charlottetown.

NOTES BY THE WAY

He (after long silence, looking at clock) "—is that an eight day? She (very bored) "—"Well, why not stay a little longer and find out!" — M. O. Neal Star.

What makes some people tired in Spring is not Spring fever, it's the lack of sleep that goes with having children that awaken so heartily with those ever-earlier awakenings. — Staff Journalist.

A classic true story about a modern computer will afford a smile for mere humans who have stood in awe of these mathematical wizards. This computer clicked and clacked all night, and family bed-hoppers and collapsed. She was finally tried to divide by zero. — Port William Times Journalist.

In Newmarket, England, a coroner has ruled that a builder's mate 108 years ago caused the death of a four-year-old child in 1863. She was 11 1/2 when struck by a coping stone that fell 45 feet from the top of an old building. The stone had not been properly supported in the first place. Not all the construction people of decades ago were skilled or careful craftsmen. — Bradford Express.

Crackdown On Cuban Raids

By Harold Morrison Canadian Press Staff Writer

In cracking down on Cuban coastal raids by U.S.-based agents, President Kennedy says the U.S. will use force if necessary. He said that he had never been so angry as he is now because Castro had refused to allow new Cuban agents to make sure all the Cuban weapons were removed.

This argument has a familiar ring. Something similar was raised during the 1956 Hungarian revolution. The Communist Party of the United States said that it would increase Communist propaganda against the revolutionaries.

The Hungarian revolution followed King U.S. declarations that the Communist "captive" states must be set free. If any country has become mired over the years, Hungary and the others are still behind the Iron Curtain.

PULL OUT MISSILES At the time of the Cuban crisis last fall, Khrushchev proposed that the U.S. withdraw Jupiter missiles from Turkey and Italy. Kennedy rejected this demand. But in a recent move that aroused suspicion among his critics at home and abroad, Kennedy ordered dismantling of the Jupiters, saying they are obsolete and the area would be better served by Polaris submarines patrolling the Mediterranean.

In French military quarters, the view is held that Kennedy and Khrushchev reached some secret understanding on nuclear disarmament in sensitive European and Caribbean areas.

The speed with which Kennedy is removing the European Jupiters and the crackdown against the Cuban exiles could perhaps add weight to these suspicions.

THE VOICE OF SPRING

I stir the dreaming streams to life. And wake the sleeping flowers; I clothe the earth in robes of green.

And send the hearing shores. I fill men's hearts with new-born hope. The children's hours with pleasure.

And be impartially to each A part of all my treasure. — F. H. MacArthur

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