

Seeking Consideration

This is a free country, and there is no reason why, within the limits of law and order, any group of persons cannot demonstrate their grievances against the Government in any manner they see fit. We doubt, however, whether the demonstration of livestock producers outside the Executive Council chamber here on Thursday has done anything to strengthen their demand for a government-constructed abattoir. The project may be a perfectly sound one; but surely it is not a question of "moral support" by a turnout in numbers, but of economic justification, to which the Government will have to give consideration.

Indeed, it appears that many of the producers who jammed the corridors of the Legislative Building while their spokesmen were engaged in conference with the Government, were confused as to why they had been asked to attend. Many were under the impression that the Government had called the meeting. None seemed to understand why only a few delegates were allowed to sit in on the cabinet session, though obviously they couldn't all have crowded in had the doors been wide open.

It would appear that the Government did not turn down the delegation's demands, as Mr. Wheatley is quoted as stating. What Premier Shaw said was that the proposal could not be supported until more facts as to its feasibility were available, and he promised that the manager of the New Glasgow plant would be consulted as to the workability of such a scheme here.

The promoters evidently feel that too much time has been wasted already. They contend that a promised government loan has not forthcoming and that compensation should be paid for losses incurred due to this unimplemented obligation. Here again, they have a right to press their complaint in any manner they wish, within the law. But we suggest that a reasoned statement of their case in the form of a published brief, rather than a turnout en masse, would have more weight with the public who are the final arbiters where the taxpayers' money is concerned.

For Shorter Campaigns

Under the Canada Elections Act the enumeration of voters must start seven weeks before voting day. Because an extra eight days at least are required to prepare for this, the election date announcement which formally launches the campaign must come no less than 57 days before polling day. This long period between dissolution of Parliament and election day makes for wearisome campaigns, and has been the subject of complaint on many occasions.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has suggested that in future a permanent voters' list could be adopted as a means of shortening the electioneering period. He says that Liberal Leader Pearson shares his opinion, and doubtless it would have the support of all political parties if it were introduced in the next Parliament. Canada, it has been pointed out, is one of the few countries in the Western world without a permanent voters' list.

However, this would require at

least two revisions of the list each year to keep it up to date for any general election call. Mr. Nelson Castonguay, Canada's chief electoral officer, told the Commons standing committee on privileges and elections in 1960 that it would cost an estimated \$5,000,000 annually to maintain the permanent list system. That's a lot of money, for whichever party government has to worry about budgetary deficits for the next four years.

On the credit side is the fact that such a list could be available for use in provincial elections and even in civic contests. It would also provide the means for eligible voters to cast their ballots on election day even if they are not in their own electoral district. And, most assuredly, it would afford welcome relief to election campaigners.

Navy Week

We are very much a part of Canada's naval tradition in this Province, and should need no inducement to share wholeheartedly in the observance of the week which has been set aside in honour of this branch of the service. The week begins tomorrow, with "Battle of the Atlantic Sunday", when at special services across the country are on board Her Majesty's Canadian ships, tribute will be paid to those who gave their lives in war at sea. During the following days, attention will shift to the present, to Canada's navy of 1962.

In a message to the people of Canada at this time, National Defense Minister Harkness points out that the Navy's purpose is to ensure that Canada, together with allied and friendly nations, will have unrestricted use of the seas in peace and war. The RCN is a well trained and thoroughly proficient anti-submarine force, and it is necessary that we keep it so. The observance should also remind us of the fine work carried on the year round by the Navy League of Canada, in its sponsorship of the Sea Cadet movement and other activities that contribute to the welfare of our youth and country.

Monetary Gambit

"International speculation against the Canadian dollar" has been given as a chief reason for the decision to peg our currency at 92 1/2 cents, U.S. valuation. Finance Minister Fleming says the rate was established after careful assessment of all the factors involved, including the attitudes in the foreign exchange market and the nature of the exchange transactions which have been taking place in recent months.

There seems no doubt that while the change may have serious effects on the cost of financing provincial and municipal government loans in the American market, it will be of considerable assistance to Canadian exporters and to our tourist trade as well. There is no reason to doubt Mr. Fleming's statement that the overall advantages will outweigh the disadvantages. But this leaves unanswered the question of why the action was taken in the middle of a general election campaign.

The thought persists that the Minister's "careful assessment of all the factors involved" included, first and foremost, assessment of the political factors. What these are we can only surmise, but they must be very potent ones indeed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Did Prime Minister Diefenbaker notice, asks an exchange, that in choosing June 18 for the federal general election he chose the anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo? Now why didn't Mr. Pearson think of that?

Postmaster General Hamilton tells against himself the story that in his earlier days of campaigning in Montreal Notre Dame de Grace car drivers were afraid to make hand signals; if anyone put his hand out of a car window the Conservative candidate was sure to shake it.

The Music Festival was the chief topic of interest throughout the Province this week. Even the political campaign had to take second place, which is probably just as well since we shall have enough of this before the June 18 showdown. The orators' speeches, however eloquent, will sound harsh after the songs of Apollo.



MAY POLE DANCE

CAMPAIGNING DAYS

They Aren't What They Used To Be

Arthur Blakely in The Montreal Gazette

The old-timers have been saying for years that election campaigns aren't what they used to be. So does Revenue Minister, George Nowlan, but for quite a different reason. He holds that the demands made on the time and energy of the serious election candidate of today are much greater than they were a few decades ago. He must be able to do more things than his predecessor, and do them more often.

Some time ago, Mr. Nowlan sketched in the details of one day in the life of the election candidate of today. It wasn't the sort of picture likely to encourage the faint-hearted to enter active politics.

"His day begins with telephone calls," says Mr. Nowlan. "After he has managed to disengage himself from the phone, he rushes down to his office to be greeted by delegations, by mail, by more telephone calls and then again more telephone calls."

"He approves, with some doubt, his advertisements, his daily press releases, his election posters, his leaflets, his letters to his constituency and a radio speech which he has to record immediately and which he reads for the first time en route to the local broadcasting station where it will be recorded."

STARTS CANVASSING "He bolts his lunch, if he has any, surrounded by his strategists, half of whom say he can't lose, and the other half of whom say he can't win. He hastens to his car, drives out in the country and starts canvassing."

"If he is a sitting member, he is told very bluntly that things couldn't be worse, and he can't win. If he is running against a sitting member, he is told things couldn't be better, and he can't lose."

"He then returns to two or three teas which his lady organizers have organized, where he eats a sandwich, takes a sip of tea, shakes hands with some 20 to 60 ladies who may have congregated in that home."

"If there is a funeral, he attends. If there is a fire, he is a member of the bucket brigade. And if there is a flood, he carries sandbags always hopeful of course that a camera is conveniently near."

At the afternoon's campaigning draws to a close, he remembers, with some qualms, a television appearance scheduled for a time now almost at hand.

He goes to the television station, is handed a suggested speech five minutes before he goes before the camera, and told not to look at his text while he is speaking, to look natural, to talk in an easy and informal fashion, but to be above all things firm, and to look sincere. After his TV speech, he gets rid of his makeup and takes two or more telephone calls, one from his sister who thinks his speech was wonderful and another from a stranger who says he had planned to vote for him but, having heard the speech, would not now vote for him as dog-catcher."

LAST RESOURCES Time is pressing, however, and he hurries to his automobile to drive 10 or 100 miles to an evening meeting at which he is to be the major speaker. He has not now vote for him as dog-catcher."

Once there, he listens for two hours to the preliminary speaker, and then is told he is allowed 10 minutes in which to make the major address. By the time he gets up to speak, the audience is exhausted. The appropriate jokes have been told, every point has been made and (worse still) he is brought on by the chairman who introduces him as one of the best speakers in the province, if not in Canada.

lingered for this purpose. Then he accepts an invitation to go to the chairman's home for a quiet sandwich, only to find his loyal committee assembled there in force, anxious to go over campaign plans in detail.

"He tries to sleep while someone is driving him home, staggers up to his door, only to find a delegation of committeemen waiting for him. Among

them is his publicity chairman, who must have a story in the night's news. Also, he must have the "ad" approved for the weekly paper, as well as for the farm paper. And just as he crawls up the stairs to go to bed, his chairman says: 'Now we have only three weeks left and during that period, we certainly have to go to work.'"

Nehru Gets Tougher

By Carman Cumming Canadian Press Staff Writer

Prime Minister Nehru, an avowed moderate in most things, is proving again that he can be a hard man to deal with where Indian territorial claims are at issue.

Nehru, who shocked many of his admirers with the takeover last December of Portuguese territories on the Indian subcontinent, is faced this week with renewed demands from Pakistan for a Kashmir settlement and with heightened tension in the border dispute with Communist China.

Both are complex and long-standing problems. Nehru has indicated that his government does not plan to back up an inch on either of them.

TRY LEAPFROG MOVE In the Ladakh region, a bleak, three-mile-high plateau in northern Kashmir, Nehru has ordered what appears to be a tentative attempt to push back Chinese encroachment.

China is said to control some 12,000-14,000 of the 15,000 square miles of Ladakh claimed by both countries—the two most populous in the world.

In the Indian parliament Thursday Nehru confirmed Chinese charges that India has leapfrogged advance Chinese positions and set up checkpoints behind them. The Chinese, he observed, were rather nervous about it.

A Chinese note earlier in the week had alleged that two posts had been built "with fortifications which are obviously meant for a long entrenchment" to the southwest and northwest of a Chinese post.

If India didn't get out immediately, it added, "the Chinese guards will be compelled to defend themselves."

Nehru responded with the comment that, while India did not want war with China, it had to be prepared for the contingency of war and "we are growing stronger to face it."

Now reports from New Delhi say India may have sufficient strength built up by air and mule train to begin stronger patrolling at least, although not enough for a serious offensive.

Informed sources have been quoted as saying the Indian troops would try to cut off the most advanced Chinese posts, thus forcing the Chinese to fight for their foothold or pull back.

WANT AN ACTION On Kashmir, disputed ever since a Hindu Maharajah joined the predominantly Moslem province of India at independence in 1947, Pakistan is again pressing for UN mediation and a self-determination plebiscite.

The current UN Security Council meeting on the issue was convened on Pakistani charges — called absurd by Nehru — that Indian leaders had threatened violent seizure of the one-third of Kashmir that Pakistan has held since the ceasefire of Jan. 1, 1949.

India has rejected a plebiscite on the grounds that the two-thirds it controls are an integral part of India, and a vote would only disturb the stability of the area.

Underground Defense

Nanaimo Free Press

A strong new link in the Semi-Automatic Ground Environment (SAGE) System which defends North America from air attack through electronic data processing and computing system joined in the task of scanning Canadian skies for approaching aircraft.

The new link is located at RCAF Station Edgar, near Barrie, Ontario. Other installations will be made at additional radar stations across Canada.

At Edgar, raw radar test signals simulating both friendly and enemy aircraft are now picked up and processed through electronic equipment. FST-2 ultra high speed electronic system. Detailed location information is extracted automatically from the radar data, converted to a computer code format and then transmitted electronically to an air defence direction centre.

With the addition of this facility, RCAF Station Edgar has become an integral part of the electronic computing system that is designed to automatically detect enemy targets as they approach the North American continent, and, if necessary, successful interception of the target.

The electronic system tells in a fraction of a second the position, height, direction, speed and number of approaching aircraft and flashes this information to

the air defence direction centre for processing and possible defensive action.

For added reliability, the data processing systems are always installed in pairs. This permits one unit to go down for maintenance repairs without interrupting the tireless vigil of the other.

Some conception of the size of the equipment needed at each CADIN site was given by company engineers who said that each of the systems has over 5,000 vacuum tubes and literally miles of wiring housed in 21 large cabinets. The units are installed in specially constructed "black-box" type buildings, readily identified by the big white domes that house the surveillance and height finder radar antennae. Each system costs about one million dollars.

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Tablets Offer Chance To Cure Nail Ringworm

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen "DEAR Dr. Van Dellen: Please describe the plan for the toe nails. I think I have it. What is the cure? If it is not checked, what are the results?"

This infection varies greatly from a hardly detectable white or yellowish discoloration along the edge to complete disintegration of the nail. Somewhere between these extremes the nail becomes brittle, lusterless, discolored, ridged, or pitted. The under surface may be raised by heaped up debris.

Diagnosis is made by scraping or removing bits of the diseased nail and studying the material under a microscope. Ringworm is the cause when fungi are seen in this material. Before going on, I would like to ask our inquirer to consult a physician who will run this test. This is the only way to find out.

We could be very specific in answering the rest of the questions had our reader been certain of the diagnosis and started the letter. "I have a proved case of ringworm of the nails." This is said because fungal infections of nails are firmly entrenched in the nail bed and plate as well as in the adjacent tissues. The root is not involved because these fungi are not capable of invading living tissues.

Antifungal ointment and solutions are of some value but best results are obtained when they are used in conjunction with the antiringsworm tablets. Removing the nails offers temporary relief but rarely is followed by lasting results.

The nails should be trimmed to avoid mechanical pressure and it opens to go barefoot or to wear open-toed or well aerated shoes.

The disease is not fatal; if it is let alone, the toe nails become distorted, ridged, and unsightly.

These abnormal looking nails distress some women for cosmetic reasons. But the average person accepts defeat gracefully provided he has given the best remedies and plans to go to bed, his chairman says: 'Now we have only three weeks left and during that period, we certainly have to go to work.'"

Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.

RHEUMATISM A. S. writes: How does rheumatic fever differ from rheumatism?

REPLY Rheumatic fever and arthritis are two distinct diseases but occasionally are difficult to tell apart, except through special blood tests. The joint manifestations of rheumatic fever are more fleeting in that they come and go and the wrist or ankle that was swollen yesterday is normal today. Arthritis is more persistent and may be followed by deformity. In addition, the heart seldom is involved in arthritis.

ARTHRITIC NECK A. M. C. writes: Is it possible for arthritis to follow a whiplash injury?

REPLY Yes, provided a vertebra was damaged when the original injury took place.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 5, 1937)

Dr. S. A. Hill of Toronto has been transferred to the staff of Health of Animals Branch, Prince Edward Island, filling the vacancy caused by the transfer of Dr. Allan Robertson to Ontario. All services of the Health of Animals Branch on the Island are under the supervision of Dr. E. S. Notting.

A request was made at a meeting of the Charlottetown Curling Association recently for the Curling Club to increase its capital to provide for renovating and enlarging of the present building and the installing of an artificial ice plant, and an up to date club house would be included in the plans for the new plant.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 5, 1952)

A group of 25 former students of Acadia University organized a P.E.I. branch of the Associated Alumni of Acadia University, recently. The following officers were elected, Hon. president, J. Walter Jones; president, Gordon Bennett; vice-presidents, Miss Helen Yeo and Mrs. James E. Burnett; secretary, Mrs. J. D. Davison and treasurer Stewart Veale.

An important annual meeting of Cryptic Rite Freemasons was held in Saint John, N.B. Saturday evening. Several members from this province were in attendance, including R. H. Rogers, W. J. Drake, Frank Vandersterne, Ernest MacInnis, George Brady and Ernest MacMillan.

Speaking for Myself

Aha! Now Meet the Kremlin Stooge

Just last Wednesday, in a brief CBC broadcast, I advanced the view that the plan for a Canadian Peace Research Institute "has not given rise to any violent controversy in the Maritimes," such as has developed around it elsewhere in Canada.

Now the situation seems to be changing swiftly. At least, the broadcast scarcely ended before I began getting telephone calls accusing me of being a "Kremlin stooge" and "following the Communist line," because I spoke favorably of the institute idea.

It is not my inclination, however, to devote much space to dealing with such charges. On the face of it, it is obvious that there can be little point in addressing answers to the empty-headedness of the rant-and-rave artists who automatically see any endeavor which makes use of the word "peace" as being Kremlin-inspired.

SERIOUS SURRENDER It is true enough, of course, that Communists and their sympathizers have sought to distort and twist the meaning of the word — to despoil and maul it — as I make it over as their own, through their creation of organizations known as "Peace - this" and "Peace-that".

But it would be exactly as gutless, in my opinion, to surrender the word "peace" to the idea of the pursuit of peace, to the Communists and their debasement, as it would be to surrender our society to their sway.

The journey wouldn't need to be particularly long, from one extreme to the next; not if many of us are so illy-livered that we allow Communists to describe the meaning we are to associate with words. And those who insist on seeing "peace" as a smear-term, rather than an entirely reputable word with an original and continuing meaning that is almost universally understood have gone quite a distance in that direction.

VALID QUESTIONS While that is about all the patience or comment I have to spare for those who have aimed venom at supporters of the plan, including me, it needs to be added that I've also received several largely-sensible calls about this same Peace Research Institute matter.

Certainly I can understand the attitude of those who question the method proposed, and argue that "peace is too abstract a subject to be handled through research procedures," or the others who insist that Russian attitudes make the project hopeless.

Yet the thing to be said about the method planned for the Peace Research Institute is that it is literally the only method that has been used successfully in tackling virtually every major problem of the modern world that has ever responded to treatment.

ESTABLISHED METHOD The institute, when brought under the auspices of a Canadian university, plans to engage in intensive, independent research, to establish knowledge which can form the basis for official or public action.

This is the established method of men and governments through which they achieve

REPUTABLE GOAL If nothing more, it must be described as reputable to seek to strengthen understanding — yes, understanding at the level of the people as well as at that of government — as a contribution to the shaping of long-term policies. That is what independent research can accomplish and what the Peace Research Institute hopes to bring about.

And — oh, yes — it may be that the Russians never will come to agree with whatever understanding of peace we achieve — may never assess the hazards of war in the same terms as we do in Canada — may never arrive at agreement with such steps as to minimize those hazards as gain acceptance here.

DESERVES SUPPORT Well, who ever said that the perils of our age are slight? Anyway, how can there be too much knowledge of everything that enters into peace, no matter what use we may make finally of that knowledge.

Certainly I think the purposes of the Canadian Peace Research Institute deserve support, in keeping with the belief, as expressed by Pierre Berton, of the Toronto Star, that "the only real hope for Man is that he keeps on trying."

Perhaps peace can't be made secure even by those who believe in and pursue it. But whatever hope there is rests with them, and not with those who treat it as a dirty word.

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