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On The Downsurge

Whether it was "lack of funds" or "Liberal advertising," or a combination of both these factors that accounted for the decline in Social Credit support in Quebec in Monday's federal election, most Canadians will agree that it was a good thing. The sudden upsurge of this party in the 1962 election amazed the nation and of itself assured a Parliament of minorities. The largest question on Monday was whether that surge would continue in Quebec, or decline.

Last year Quebec Sociéts won 26 of the province's 75 seats under the party's deputy leader, Real Caouette, who predicted that this time he would win 60 or 62 seats. Although personally re-elected in Villeneuve constituency, it is clear that he will be returning to Ottawa with a reduced membership. The new Democrats, who also made a serious bid for Quebec support, failed to capture a seat. This left the way clear for the Liberals to score heavily, with the support of the Leasage government.

There were sinister implications in the Caouette campaign in Quebec, which boded ill for the country regardless of which of the major parties held power under a minority government setup. The Conservatives found his followers uneasy bedfellows in the last Parliament, even when they were supporting Conservative motions for their own purposes. The Liberals may also have trouble with them, but their reduced numbers will make them less of a threat than many people had feared they would prove to be after Monday's votes were counted.

Words In Season

We must wait until the armed services vote is announced this weekend to know whether the Liberals have or have not the overall majority in the next Parliament which Mr. Pearson insisted, during the campaign, it was necessary to have in order to insure stable government. If that vote leaves the issue uncertain, we shall probably have to wait until the next Parliament opens to know what the score is, and who is running the country. In the circumstances, we find the following statements of Dr. Eugene Forsey, in a recent issue of the Ottawa Journal, as timely as anything we have come across. It is particularly worth the attention of our politicians on both sides, who have given far too little thought to the views it sets forth.

"Elections," says Dr. Forsey, "are not held to produce a clear majority for anyone. They are held to elect a Parliament to transact public business, and Parliament should transact that business until it becomes impossible for it to do so, or until some great new issue arises on which it is imperative to consult the people. If one government can't carry on with the existing House, and no alternative government is possible, and there is no great issue of public policy, then the government which can't carry on should resign, and make way for one that can..."

"If it turns out that we are entering on a more or less prolonged period of minority government, either our political leaders will have to learn self-restraint about wasting our time and substance in needless elections, or we shall have to find means of restraining them. The means is ready to hand. No Prime Minister can dissolve Parliament without the consent of the Crown. All we have to do to protect ourselves against political riotous living in the form of elections every few months is to accept what is still accepted in Britain and was always accepted here till 1926: The reserve power of the Crown, in very special circumstances, to refuse a Prime Minister's request for dissolution..."

"Various chatterboxes and scribblers, learned and otherwise, have told us, times without number, that an appeal to the people is always in order. It is 'democratic'. But is it always? In actual fact, by means of defamation and intimidation and the deliberate inculcation of disillusion and disgust, a series of repeated dissolutions would probably be the very means of first delaying and ultimately defeating the true popular will, and so represent a triumph over, and not a triumph for, the electorate..."

"Democracy does not mean simply counting heads instead of breaking them. It means also using them. Are we parrots who can do nothing but repeat a phrase which, in ordinary circumstances, is a useful summary of sound constitutional doctrine, but in extraordinary circumstances becomes a grotesque travesty? Are we mere recording machines, playing back a constitutional jingle turned on by political disc-jockeys?"

Dr. Oppenheimer Honored

Dr. Robert Oppenheimer, victim of an epic witch-hunt during the McCarthy hearings in the U.S. Congress some years ago, was honored recently by the bestowal of the Atomic Energy Commission's prized Fermi Award. There is now every reason to believe that one of the world's most distinguished scientists will once again be given security clearance for a role in American policy planning.

At the time of the McCarthy hearings, the American public was shaken by disclosures that the Communist conspiracy had operated more deeply and pervasively in American government and society with more acceptance and less resistance than they would have expected. Officials who could not abide or tolerate Americans who had been branded with Communism or had tolerated the far left, instituted a series of purges. It took some years for the majority of the public to work their way out of the initial postwar confusion, get their bearings and discover that a combination of fear and political extremism had been riding roughshod.

It is questionable, says the Christian Science Monitor, if any citizen with average information could guess the damage to the United States which the 1954 verdict against Dr. Oppenheimer caused. The first team of American scientists quietly left the government service or remained outside, choosing not to work under a McCarthyite system. They did not return until President Eisenhower brought his new science advisory committee directly into the White House. The reign of security fanaticism at the Atomic Energy Commission was soon ended.

Dr. Oppenheimer was judged "a loyal citizen" by the board of inquiry before his security clearance was revoked. But he continued to suffer consequences of the smear campaign against him. A new balance now has been established between defending the independent world against the spread of the Communist power system on the one hand, and defending the values of American democracy on the other. The Fermi Award, on this occasion, is hailed as marking the arrival of the American people at a new high level of political maturity.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Congratulations particularly to Hon. J. Angus MacLean on his sixth straight victory at the polls on Monday. He set an altitude record in Queens last year for having taken the riding on five straight occasions. This election puts him in a still rarer category. Whether in or out of government, Mr. MacLean has always given a good account of himself. And talking about "clean" elections, we believe he was the first to campaign here on this issue, years ago. It was a real pioneering job in those days, too!

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OLD CHARLOTTETOWN

Trinity United Church, Prince Street, as it was in 1863

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OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Black Watch Honored By U.S. Congress

Our veterans of the first World War will be interested to hear how their comrades of the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada have been honored by the Congress of the United States. Congressman James A. Burke of Massachusetts, described at length the gallantry and the untarnished record of the Black Watch since it was first raised in Scotland in 1726. The regiment's history in Canada dates from the French and Indian wars, and this is recorded by the words "North American" among the battle honours emblazoned upon its Regimental Colours.

The Canadian regiment of the Black Watch has an interesting association with U.S. soldiers dating from the first World War. This is how Hon. James Burke described it in the Congress. RECRUITS FROM U.S.A. "During World War I, permission was granted to recruit United States for Lieutenant Colonel Percy Guthrie to come from Canada and recruit men from the Greater Boston area for the 23rd Battalion, known as the MacLean Kilites of America."

PUBLIC FORUM

Section of the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, and when these prices are assembled in the records of the formula price there was a very positive indication that the formula price was operating to the disadvantage of the producers here. These comparisons of the formula and graphs and charts will be revealed to all producers. Then there was one and the same question: What is meant by that? Toronto to ensure to the supply of western beef, hence the freight will be less than here. Yet we have seen that the equivalent formula price was more for cattle than they could have brought in at Halifax. Furthermore, the price paid elsewhere. To these are indefensible; what are they for you do as. What you know when you first get sand in your eyes, you close your eyes. Then it will come a time when you no longer close them because it hurts more but you do as you do as. What are the plans of the Producers Association now? At present they are assembling facts and so that in the near future they may begin in earnest the promotion of the establishment of stock yards here as soon as possible.

What To Feed The Athlete?

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen WHAT IS THE best diet for the athlete? Normal, well-balanced meals, including meats and other items high in proteins. Many coaches and other athletes have their own pet diets and foods. Most of the reasons they give would not stand up under controlled scientific methods. Some players do better on an empty stomach; others on a full stomach. All too often these diet schemes receive credit that should go to the skill and endurance of the athletes along with good coaching.

The major limiting factor in muscular work is the amount of oxygen that can be delivered to the interior of the muscle cell. In fact, the superior part of the athlete lies in his ability to meet the demand for oxygen. Carbohydrates are being converted into energy when oxygen is lacking temporarily. This device supplies quick energy but only for a short term, even such as the 100 yard dash. Beyond this point, fat and utilizes more oxygen to create energy than the energy derived from fat.

Not so. Only one nerve (facial) is involved in Bell's palsy and the brain is not affected. JUVENILE ARTHRITIS M. S. writes: A 2-year-old son of our building has some trouble with her left leg. The doctor told the parents the girl has arthritis. Is this possible, in our age group? REPLY Yes, but it is unusual. Children also develop other joint disorders that are not classified as arthritis.

Australia Forging Ahead

Australia was poised for great developments, the Australian ambassador to the United States, Sir Howard Beagle, stated in an exclusive six-page interview published in the March 25 issue of U.S. News and World Report. Sir Howard said that Australia had grown considerably in population and in economy since the war with the increase in the gross national product amounting to a rate of seven or eight per cent a year.

FLY IN LOBSTERS

LONDON (CP) — Each week about 10,000 lobsters are flown in here from Canada, destined for the United Kingdom. They are packed in cardboard cartons and on arrival are put in large tanks where they can keep for 10 days.

Improved Ferry Service Boreen-Cape Tormentine

Leave Borden 7:00 a.m. 8:25 a.m. 10:05 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:50 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:40 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine 7:00 a.m. 8:25 a.m. 10:05 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:50 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:40 p.m. 5:25 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 9:15 p.m.

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of life's saddest troubles is having ulcers and being a failure just the same. — Montreal Star. "What made you marry Dad, Mummy?" "So you're beginning to wonder, too!" — Financial Post. The main reason a fool and his money soon part is that the economy is highly organized for extracting money from a fool. — Call. The people who complain most about the present (say teenagers probably can't) fear their own lives prior to age 12. — Hamilton Spectator.

Left Turn In Europe

Don't let this leak out to the John Birch Society, but it's beginning to look as though the United States government is getting a little squawky over the unpalatable idea of a socialist Europe without so much as a grammar. Once upon a time, any right-thinking administration in Washington was in horror at the thought of a pale-pink color scheme on the outside of a building — well, things have changed.

Our Yesterday's

Twenty-five years ago April 10, 1938 Halifax, April 8 (CP) — Opposition leader Percy C. Boppre made a personal appeal to the House of Commons of Sir Charles Tupper in Halifax, during discussion Tuesday in Nova Scotia Legislature today. Sir Charles was author of the act giving free public school education in Nova Scotia.

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FLYING OUTCAMP RESTAURANT

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