

Warheads And Politics

When a Liberal spokesman, Mr. Paul Hellyer, recently advocated that Canada accept American warheads as have other NATO members, he was promptly called to task by his leader, Mr. Pearson. Mr. Hellyer, said Mr. Pearson, had gone "further than we have done as a party," and "he was not speaking for the party." Mr. Pearson, speaking belatedly for the party, has now caught up with Mr. Hellyer, and declared himself in favor of nuclear arms for Canada.

It was a close call for the Manitoba Liberal Association convention, which had to make a complete about face on this issue over the weekend. The convention at first had rejected a resolution in favor of nuclear arms; then word came of their national leader's speech and the delegates hastened to vote by a wide majority in favor of the same resolution.

With the Conservative national association meeting at Ottawa this week in its first session since the party's membership in the Commons was cut almost in two in the general election, Mr. Pearson's surprise move was not inexpect in the political timing. The Conservatives undoubtedly will have to discuss such doubtful subjects as nuclear weapons for Canada, and if they fall in line with this proposal it will be hard for them to avoid conceding the initiative to the Liberal leader.

This is the political angle. Mr. Pearson assumes that Canada made commitments to accept nuclear armament in connection both with NATO and the North American Air Defense Command, and says it should live up to those commitments. He hasn't said why it took him so long to come to this conclusion, but apparently he accepts General Norstad's statement to this effect, though it has never been conceded by the Government.

General Norstad, however, had said the NATO commitment involved accepting American warheads under American control. Mr. Pearson interprets the commitment as providing for joint NATO control and use of the weapons. There has been argued that the weapons in question are tactical, not strategic, and that in any case no increase in the "nuclear family" would be involved. But Mr. Pearson didn't go into this point in his statement, nor has the Government so far thrown much light on the matter.

It is expected that Prime Minister Diefenbaker will discuss the issue when he delivers a keynote speech at the Conservative convention on Friday. It's plainly the Government leader's move, and the sooner he makes a clearcut statement as to his attitude the better.

The Red Ensign

As some action is expected to be taken before the next election on the so-called flag issue, it is to be hoped that all who have any doubts about the status of the Red Ensign will study the case as presented by a correspondent in this recent issue of the Montreal Gazette. Here is the gist of it:

The Red Ensign became the official and distinctive flag of Canada by Order in Council on Sept. 5, 1945, after thousands of Canadians were killed fighting to uphold its honor in the Second World War. At the United Nations, it is one of the

few flags which bears an Armorial Shield and cannot be confused with the flag of any other nation. Also it is declared, in the Canada Shipping Act, to be "the proper national colors for all Canadian ships."

Ever since the a b o v e official declaration was made, all prospective immigrants to Canada have been informed by the Department of Immigration that "the flag used as distinctive of Canada is properly described as the Red Ensign with the Shield of the Coat of Arms of Canada in the fly. The flag consists of a red field, with the Union Jack in the first quarter next to the staff. The inclusion of the Union Jack signifies Canada's association with other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations."

This declaration goes on to state that "the Coat of Arms bears the emblems of the four countries from which the original settlers of Canada were chiefly drawn—the Three Lions of England, the Lilies of France, the Lion Rampant of Scotland, and the Harp of Ireland, together with a branch carrying three maple leaves, the special emblem of Canada."

Why anyone should wish to have a different flag is surprising to the majority of Canadians; but there is a vociferous minority which is campaigning continuously along these lines, and we may expect to hear more from them at party conventions and other political powwows. Doubtless there will be a watered-down resolution of some kind to pacify these gentry at this week's Conservative gathering at Ottawa, and another one when the Liberals hold their national council meeting there in February.

The Gazette correspondent suggests that if those who are concerned about retaining the Red Ensign would forward a copy of his letter with a note of approval to their parliamentary member, they could soon put a stop to this nonsense. It may take more good than that, but the idea's a good one.

Luck Of The Irish

According to a Dublin commentator, the national gallery of Ireland has shaken the international art world with a string of expensive purchases. It has bought a world famous Tintoretto, two Murillos and a Courbet, among others. The prices are never disclosed, but art experts think they must total well over half a million dollars.

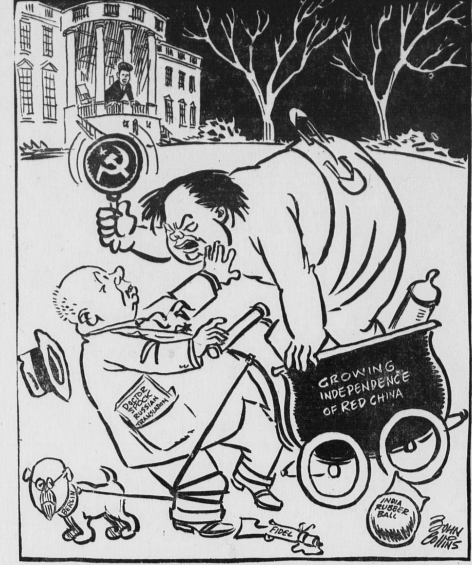
The money comes principally from the estate of George Bernard Shaw, that most famous of all Irish playwrights, and from the colossal royalties on "My Fair Lady". Shaw once said that he had learned nothing at school in Dublin, but got a superb education as a child looking at pictures in Ireland's national gallery. In his will he left to the gallery nearly one-third of his estate.

Shaw, of course, knew that some of his plays would be revived to add more royalties to his bequest. What he didn't know was that one of them, "Pygmalion", would be adapted by an American songwriting team into a musical that would bring in more money in royalties 12 years after his death than all his plays ever earned at any time during his life. But this is what has happened.

"My Fair Lady" turned his gift into an astonishing flood of good fortune. Every time anyone buys a ticket to one of the several productions of "My Fair Lady" anywhere in the world, a piece of the price goes to the national gallery at Dublin. The Hollywood version ensures that the world will continue.

EDITORIAL NOTE

A Canada Council bulletin reports that the job of charting Canadian speech is finally moving ahead. Professors with tape recordings are getting down dialects in the Maritimes, the richest of all linguistic mines. The Canadian Linguistic Association is working on a "Dictionary of Canadian English on Historical Principles." It hopes to collect perhaps half a million words with special links to Canada. "A Dictionary of Canadianisms" will be published by W.J. Gage before 1967. "The Canadian Dictionary" (McClelland and Stewart) and Cassell's "New French-English English-French Dictionary" are recent dictionaries of Canada's two official tongues which include words and idioms native to the country.



THE OTHER FAMILY

Ottawa Report by Patrick Nicholson

Growth Of Harassed Water Power

The "white horses" on our rivers, which were a curse to our early travellers, are perhaps the most valuable but least-thanked contribution to our high standard of living. Harassed to provide hydro-electric power, the rapids and waterfalls on our rivers contribute enormously to our national work force, not only through automated factories but also by means of punishment domestic conveniences.

Two years ago, Hon. Alvin Hamilton, who was then our Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, told me that Canada had achieved an all-time record in the growth of our harassed water-power during the previous calendar year. New hydro-electric generating capacity brought into operation during 1962 totalled 2,563,800 horse-power, he said. That raised our total capacity of water power plants to 23,884,948 horse-power, or an estimated \$8 billion horse-power still ready to be unleashed. But much of that is as yet undeveloped in Canada, and the end of our hydro-electric expansion in central Ontario is in sight.

Improving on earlier artists, today's skilled craftsmen make wigs that are hardly distinguishable from nature's own luxuriant efforts. But they also turn out bizarre varieties in green, pink, purple, or lavender, designed chiefly for advertising, modeling, or for shock and amusement in ultrasonic wigs.

ROBOTS AT THE BENCH

The government report on the development of electric power in Canada during 1962 now reveals this trend.

National Geographic Society

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CHICKEN QUEST

Mr. H.A.S. writes: Recently you asked a question on fundal nest in an infant. Our son, Cyril, was born with what the doctor called chicken breast, and he advised us to exercise the infant's arms daily against his deep on his stomach. His condition has cleared.

DIABETES IS CONTROLLABLE

M.S. writes: Does a B.I.C. ever get cured of diabetes?

WOUND UP

A.C. My mind has made my eyes to blur and my heart to beat fast. Is there a y help for a person such as me?

RELAX AND STOP THINKING

Relax and stop thinking about the world. Call your doctor if TODAY'S HEALTH HINT— Cut the toe nails straight across and not shorter than the flesh.

ALFRIAN EPHELES FEED 16 HOURS OUT OF 24

Their food consists of grass, foliage, canes, fruits and bark.

Easy Drying Is More Common Among Women

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen MANY PERSONS bruise easily, often after a slight bump or friction. The black and blue mark that appears a few hours later stems from bleeding under the skin. We do not know why some individuals are more sensitive than others. The condition is more common in women and the walls of the vessels rupture or tear with great ease.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The third Glassco Commission report says the Post Office carries some four billion pieces of mail each year — about 225 for every person in the country. And this time the Post Office seems most of it bills. — Ottawa Journal.

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The 88th U.S. Congress

Canadians who think our politics are uncertain and confused at the present time might look to the U.S. Congress where the House of Representatives is the "normal" state. Here is a session starting off without anyone being sure how many of the President's legislation will be passed. The House of Representatives is also elected 33 senators. The House of Representatives is also elected 33 senators. The House of Representatives is also elected 33 senators.

Lonely Day In The Rain

Paris has a way with anything, and now it has turned its attention to the umbrella. Paris has been having its worst weather in years, with pounding rains, or snow that soon turns to rain. Instead of complaining about what cannot be changed, the French designers have found the answer in umbrellas that should make the women of Paris even more attractive than ever.

Our Yesterday's

Twenty-five years ago, on January 15, 1938, George A. Calbee, manager of the marketing department of the Canadian Sales Tax Bureau, Association, suffered a heavy loss when his feed house was a fire on Wednesday evening. A sad circumstance was that his watch dog was always in the building with him, and he died.

TEN YEARS AGO

January 15, 1953 The P. C. Federation of Agriculture will be well represented at the Maritime Federation Meetings this week in Montreal. The newly elected president, Roland MacDonald of Soutport will head the delegation from here.

NAME NEW DEAD

TORONTO (CP) — Rev. William Bothwell, 41, chaplain of the University of Toronto's Hart House, has been appointed Anglican dean of Montreal. He is expected to take up his new duties in June.

The Poet's Corner

I THINK THERE I count the wealth I'm thankful for, The kindness I'm thankful for, And those I've memorized, I'm thankful for the times I've failed.

COUP LEADER

POPE AT PRAYER (AP) — Maj. Gen. Antonio de Castro, 59, former head of Haiti's armed forces, was overthrown by a military coup in the capital, Port-au-Prince, on Jan. 16, 1963.

PARADES

- Charlottetown to: Sackville, \$2.10; Moncton, \$2.80; Truro, \$3.80; Saint John, \$4.80; Halifax, \$5.20; Antigonish, \$5.60; Sydney, \$9.20; Quebec, \$11.25; Montreal, \$12.50.