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Rate Boost Granted

The threat of a railway strike has been lifted at the expense of eight of the ten provinces of Canada, whose appeal against the 17 per cent freight rates boost has been disallowed by the Federal Cabinet.

This unpalatable decision is sugar-coated with the statement that the Government recognizes "serious inequalities" in the present freight rate structure, and "has already indicated its intention to move towards a solution of these problems."

How this is going to be done after the increase has gone into effect, without reimbursement from the federal treasury, is not stated.

We should like, meanwhile, to know the identity of that unnamed member of the Cabinet who was quoted by the Canadian Press as saying, at the close of the cabinet meetings on Tuesday, that "everything is under control."

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Mr. Nixon in London

The U.S. Vice President, Mr. Nixon, has opened his visit to Britain with a clear pronouncement that the West will stay in Berlin, strengthen NATO and stand firm against Communist aggression.

The British press has devoted considerable space to articles from Washington correspondents analyzing the Vice President. These detailed studies have included well-known criticisms of Mr. Nixon's past actions, but on the whole they have been balanced and even favorable accounts.

ed as "a welcome opportunity to draw a curtain across the calamitous reverse he has just suffered with the rout of the Republican Party in the midterm elections—"

Commenting on Mr. Nixon's visit, the London correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor notes that the British people are extremely politically conscious and follow American national elections pretty closely.

The French Election

It is a strange election that was started in France last Sunday and is now entering its second phase.

To begin with, the man who wants to be President—and, of course, will be—did not have his name on the ballots. Then, although there are something like eighteen parties, including splinter groups, not one of them, with the exception of the Communists, is opposed to General de Gaulle, at least officially.

To confuse the situation still further, when the election results have been tabulated and the elected members have taken their places in the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament will have little, if any, responsibility. The President will virtually be a dictator in the sense that the Government—General de Gaulle, that is—will be empowered to overrule Parliament on any issue, not the other way round; and he will stay in office as long as he feels like it.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

A Hungarian Communist newspaper reports that workers in that country would rather learn English and German than Russian. There's a moral in that, if only the rulers of Hungary are clear-headed enough to see it.

There have been seven hunting fatalities in Nova Scotia since the deer season opened. A similar story is told every year in all areas where hunting goes on. It may be that game licenses will have to be reserved for those who demonstrate their ability to distinguish a deer from a man.

The union of Ghana, a member of the Commonwealth and Guinea, a former French possession, now independent, raises another question for the Commonwealth as a whole. Does Guinea, ipso facto, become a member of the Commonwealth or doesn't she? It may be the beginning of further evolution in the Commonwealth pattern.

Archbishop Makarios, spiritual leader of the Greek Cypriots, says he has "been given to understand" that the United States State Department will support the island's demand for independence, but that Mr. Dulles is not saying anything about it publicly for fear of Turkish reaction.



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OTTAWA REPORT

Tampering With The Record

By Patrick Nicholson

A jealously-guarded parliamentary practice lies behind the recent outbreak about tampering with the printed record of the evidence given before the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons.

It was charged that around three dozen alterations and "massive" deletions were made in the evidence given by Monsieur Edmond Cloutier, the recently retired Queen's Printer.

That Parliamentary "bible," entitled "Beauchesne's Parliamentary Rules and Forms," has definite instructions on this point. All parliamentary proceedings are reported word for word by a very efficient staff of shorthand writers, chosen with care for that task, says this book; the chief of this staff, "The Editor of Debates," is responsible for obtaining "an absolutely correct report" of everything that is said in Parliament.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sir,—I wish to express the thoughts of practically all farmers re Daylight Saving Time. The farmers are being squeezed in every direction these times. A single turnip is being sold in Newfoundland for 25 cents, while we are getting 25 cents for one bushel, which mostly contains from 20 to 30 turnips. The super markets are buying from bakers at the rate of 7 1/2 cents a pound and selling for 17 1/2 cents a pound, and many other products likewise, thereby lowering farmers' prices every year.

This 17 per cent increase in freight rates which is in the offing, is going to cost the farmers of this Province some two million dollars. If this is not put on we will likely have a strike hoping up our transportation system for weeks. Our redress is that our Island Government should sue the Dominion Government for infringement of the terms of Confederation with Prince Edward Island, in order to stop such nefarious practices to our welfare.

But to add insult to injury we have all the Mayors of the municipalities of this Island of ours voting for Daylight Saving Time, giving the farmers another death-dealing squeeze. We all know that all wealth here comes from farmers and fishermen; without them the municipalities would starve to death.

The Mayors' action in this regard is the height of ingratitude, and to add to this spirit of ingratitude, we'll take our Capital City, Charlottetown, for example. The farmers have no toilet facilities therein. They have to run around and get a key from some gas station or other place and oftentimes you get the wrong key. The farmers will all have to buy a trailer and take their own toilet facilities with them. It is a disgrace to a City of its size.

The one great reason farmers are so much against Daylight Saving Time is that if you hire a man on the farm he starts at 7 o'clock, when the dew is on everything. You lose that hour and in the evening he quits at 4 o'clock when everything is ideal for working. Another hour lost. Instead of getting eight hours of work you get six hours. Two hours' pay gone for nothing done is the deal the farmer gets from our municipal mayors.

This Daylight Saving Time is the height of nonsense. Why not go to work an hour earlier and stop at 4 o'clock, and quit such nonsensical ideas and leave the farmer alone with Standard Time? I am, Sir, etc. JOHN Y. MACDONALD Rice Point, P.E.I.

OTTAWA REPORT

Tampering With The Record

Members may not make material changes in the meaning of the report of what they actually said in the House. But "slight verbal alterations" are permitted in the printed record, if necessary to "make the meaning precise and accurate."

The same general principles apply to the record of parliamentary committees.

PRINCIPLE AT STAKE

In this case, I learn, the transcript of M. Cloutier's evidence was sent by the Editor of Debates to the Committee staff, who sent it to the office of the Queen's Printer to be printed. The changes appear to have been made while the text was in the Printing Bureau.

The changes may or may not have been significant. But what is important is that these changes were made in violation of the accepted rule that parliamentary reports must be a historical record of what was actually said. No alteration and no deletion is intended to be permitted, even to expunge regrettable comments made in the heat of the moment.

But in spite of this strictly observed rule about the inviolability of the spoken word in Parliament, there have been a number of notorious instances of changes being made, perhaps unobserved by all but the eagle-eyed few. One such occasion was on one of the last days of the past session, when Finance Minister Donald Fleming was steering his

departmental estimates through the House of Commons. In the course of a detailed speech lasting well over an hour, Mr. Fleming was repeatedly heckled and interrupted, especially by the Leader of the Opposition, Hon. Lester Pearson, and the Opposition Financial critic, Mr. W. M. Bendickson, Liberal M.P. for Kenora-Rainy River.

HANSARD MISSED IT

Mr. Bendickson made about two dozen interruptions. These ranged from the succinct comment "Nuts," to the vague question "was it St. James' Street?"

This query prompted Mr. Fleming, his patience taxed, to retort that at that moment Mr. Bendickson would not be straight on his directions about St. James' Street or any other street.

Later Mr. Bendickson enquired about "light money". Mr. Fleming drew his own conclusions, and snapped that he didn't think his honorable friend should be talking about tight things at that time.

"A pretty cheap remark" interjected Mr. Pearson.

This exchange was reported word for word in the newspapers, but when the official report of the debate appeared the next day, the three remarks relating to the "tight" money had been expunged from the historical record.

Which was perhaps just as well. But I mention this episode to show that the comments of a parliamentary veteran, of a Cabinet Minister and of an ex-Cabinet Minister can all be "tamped with". So it is splitting hairs to complain when some unauthorised person makes three dozen alterations in the evidence given by a civil servant.

Algerian Problem Remains

By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

Although the French elections represent another smashing personal victory for Premier de Gaulle, they may spell bad news for his hopes of ending the Algerian war.

The de Gaulle landslide that sent the Communist party reeling may in a sense result in an embarrassment of political riches for the general and his plans for ending the Algerian fighting.

De Gaulle, of course, was not directly involved in the campaign—the presidential election comes later—and he explicitly forbade his name to be used by any party. But the voters showered their favor on those candidates supporting him.

It's apparent that the new French Assembly, when it finally is convened, will have a rightist character, including possibly an absolute majority of de Gaulle supporters.

But many of these deputies are more adamant than de Gaulle on the Algerian question. They stand for "integration" of Algeria, making it virtually a province of France.

De Gaulle, while cautious in his political promises, has indicated he has in mind a more moderate solution, closer to the hopes of the rebels. His attitude might lead to internal self-government for the North African territory in federation with Tunisia and Morocco, both former French colonies.

Six of the premier's cabinet ministers were elected outright. But a more significant development was the success of the new party founded by Information Minister Jacques Soustelle, the Union for the New Republic (UNR), in its first trip to the polls.

WATCH SOUSTELLE The UNR, with 17.6 per cent of the popular vote in Metropolitan France, ranked second only to the Communists in the vote total and won nine seats, including Soustelle's. The UNR thus assumes a dominant role, with predictions that it will win between 100 and 150 seats in next Sunday's run-off, when only a simple majority will be needed to win.

The other large group is the Independents—Conservatives—who also are expected to send more than 100 deputies to the Assembly. The election in Algeria and the Sahara will be held Sunday and it is expected those territories will send 70 right-wingers to Paris, since participation by radical nationalists was forbidden by the French Army.

Soustelle—as one of the chief architects of de Gaulle's rise to power—is seen as a key figure in the emerging right-wing power, and he is being carefully watched in France and elsewhere in an attempt to anticipate his future path.

MAXIMS

Make yourself an honest man, and then you can be sure that there is one rascal less in the world.

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Dental Decay Commonest Ill

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. WHAT is one of civilized man's most common afflictions? Bet you can't guess! It's not the common cold, heart disease or cancer. It's not foot trouble, either, although millions of persons have poor feet. DENTAL DECAY Our most common affliction seems to be—dental decay! There are few persons who never have been bothered by dental caries.

But this greatest of all villains is about due to abdicate its leadership among men's ills. Within the next decade, according to officials of the American Dental Association, there is a real possibility that dental decay will be eliminated as a major factor in disease.

WONDERFUL CHANGES Sounds like a pretty wonderful era, doesn't it? So let's take a peek 10 years into the future—in 1968—to try and see what changes in dentistry are likely to have occurred.

You'll probably see just as many patients, maybe more, waiting in your dentist's office. In 1968 the population of the United States is expected to be more than 200,000,000.

THE 1958 ratio was one active dentist for every 1,900 persons. STILL NOT ENOUGH Even though six new dental schools have been built in Colorado, Florida, New England, New York, Oklahoma and North Carolina, since 1958, the number of dentists hasn't increased proportionately with the population.

Still, your dentist now can handle many more patients than the slightly more than 1,000 he could accommodate annually in the 1950s. One reason is because he has more persons to aid him.

While your dentist worked alone a decade ago, he now has dental hygienists and dental assistants to help him.

NEW EQUIPMENT Another reason is the amazing new instruments and techniques he uses. While most of his equipment and know-how was employed in filling your cavities back in 1958, he now uses them primarily in the prevention of dental disease.

Much of his work is devoted to periodontal or gum diseases and other problems of older age groups.

He often will give teeth a coating of remineralization agents which will help keep them healthy and strong. And he will be able to provide you with genuinely effective antiseptic agents.

Yes, sir, there has been a lot of dental research in the last 10 years! 1958 is a great year for your teeth.

QUESTION AND ANSWER F.C.R.: I have had a cracking of the knee for about one year. What is the cause?

Answer: Cracking of the knee may be due to a number of conditions, among them arthritis, rheumatic changes of the ligaments around the knee or loose body in the knee joint. An X-ray may reveal the cause in your case.

It may often be of very minor significance. It might also be well for you to consult a physician concerning your condition.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(November 27, 1933)

The Public Utilities Commission have instructed the Canadian Appraisal Company, Montreal, to make an appraisal of the property of the Maritime Electric Company in its province. It is expected the work will begin next week. The appraisal, when completed, will be placed on file in the office of the secretary of the Commission, and will be available to all customers in the Province.

Mr. J. E. Dalton, Proprietor of Gourlies Ltd., Summerside, has opened the premises recently occupied by the Canadian Stores.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A Vancouver bank robber says that hunger led him to crime. He was smart enough not to have tried to steal a loaf of bread—that's the crime that gets one twenty years.—Edmonton Journal

Sometimes it seems that the world goes about looking for trouble. The Middle East may be cooling off, but now everybody wants to argue about Antarctica, a place that until recent years concerned only the snowshoe adventurers and the dogs who pulled their sleds. However, we can hopefully observe that in this new dispute there will be no displaced persons problem.—Detroit Free Press

Turf followers in the Soviet Union, who according to recent dispatches seem to be just as numerous as racing fans elsewhere, will be interested in the fortunes of a new thoroughbred that can be expected shortly to enter competition in Moscow. It's the owner rather than the steed himself who stirs interest, for none other than Nikita Khrushchev is the proprietor. The horse was presented to the Soviet chieftain by the workers on a collective farm in Kiribai, though it is not stated whether this was in appreciation for Khrushchev's leadership or merely in gratitude for a hot tip on a race.—New York Herald Tribune

which adjoined his place, as a most modern five and ten store. An archway connects the drug store with the five and ten.

TEN YEARS AGO

(November 27, 1948)

Word has been received by Dr. J. K. L. Irwin, Charlottetown, from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, notifying him that he has successfully passed the College's examination for certification in the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Irwin joined the staff of the Polyclinic here in 1947.

A new and completely modern co-operative creamery is in process of construction at Crapaud to serve the upwards of 400 patrons furnishing cream to the manufacturing plant in this enterprising centre. A feature of the new building is the provision of adequate refrigeration facilities for the butter, and individual lockers for 300 creamery patrons where they may store foods. The building is 99 feet long and 53 feet wide.

When plaintively the gulls predict A change of tide unchecked circumstances, When wet shells, tenantless derelict, Wash in the flesh known permanence. Yet kittiwakes sideslipping to break The silvery bones of fish scattering Of clams, unhoisted and may never take Away the rapture moving wing.

The intonation in each wave Confirms the whole, as from the lambent sea The clamorous breakers to have The rocks in every chain symmetry. Though ebb tide takes the and salt winds burn, Each pulse of life is creating its turn.

—Sarah Hill in the New York Times

The Age Old Story

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