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The strongest member is weaker than the weakest link

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But What's The Cure?

A credible diagnosis of the sickness affecting Parliament was produced in the closing hours of the interim supply debate on Thursday by Arnold Peters (NDP-Thurso).

As explained by Mr. Peters, the trouble in Parliament is that there is a personality clash between Prime Minister Pearson and Opposition Leader Diefenbaker, and that this is affecting all members of the House to the point of "making a farce out of Parliament."

In support of his diagnosis, he noted that the House ordinarily makes good progress whenever either Mr. Pearson or Mr. Diefenbaker is away, but that everything dribbles to a halt — frequently a nasty and explosive halt — when both of "these two antagonists" are present.

But what do about it? No procedure exists under which these two leaders, who have made manifest their mistrust of each other, might be compelled to take alternate weeks off. And if we must await for an end to bickering between them before there's to be an improvement in the condition diagnosed by Mr. Peters, no early end can be anticipated for this business of "making a farce of Parliament."

Right To The Point

As debate on proposed changes in federal-provincial fiscal arrangements opened yesterday in Ottawa, T. C. Douglas, national leader of the New Democrats, came at once to the point that is of greatest concern to this province: Enlarging a province's share in a tax field does not help it at all unless it has sufficient of a tax potential to meet its basic needs.

Mr. Douglas at once contrasted the situation of P.E.I. with that of other provinces, taking Ontario and Quebec as his examples.

In those other provinces it is possible to talk of strengthening their ability to meet their constitutional responsibilities by turning over to them a larger share than in the past of the yield from income and corporation taxes and succession duties, as is now planned. With the national economy soaring this year, the benefits to them should be large and satisfying.

But that method produces no significant benefits in a province such as P.E.I., as Mr. Douglas pointed out, "where there is not the tax potential," nor any real sharing in the economic expansion. According to figures he presented, "if P.E.I. had received the whole of the taxation revenues collected within its borders in 1961-62, it would have received \$3 million less than it got that year under equalization payments."

What Mr. Douglas called for was action in keeping with "the basic principles laid down by the Rowell-Sirois Commission", to assure "certain minimum standards of health, welfare and education services" — something which can be accomplished only through "some pooling and some sharing of tax revenues" and proper regard for fiscal need. Nothing less can serve the needs of this province or forward a proper concept of nationhood for Canada.

The Angry Man

The reputation enjoyed in Parliament by Ralph Cowan (York-Humber) is chiefly as the angry man of the Liberal party. He enhanced that reputation at Thursday's sitting of the Commons without making any other contributions that need to be regarded as notable.

In particular, as is his custom, he directed his anger against the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, while sparing time also to convey that he plans to vote against his party's leadership on the flag issue. He accused the CBC of squandering millions of tax dollars; of competing unfairly with private broadcasters for advertising revenue; urged that both its radio and television systems should be sold to private interests, and added:

"I believe the CBC in this day and age is unnecessary. . . . It does not serve one useful purpose that cannot be served by private broadcasters, and better."

In the apparent thought he was giving authority to his views he also declared that "these young punks" running the CBC were even bolder when he began a 40-year career in the business side of a privately owned radio station.

What an argument! At this time Mr. Cowan is 62 years old. If at this age he is beginning to resent the new generations crowding up behind him — to dismiss scornfully the new approaches and new attitudes given application by those new generations — to try and wind them off as "young punks" — he can expect nothing but deepening of the bitterness he already is carrying into his ripening (or over-ripening) years.

There are plenty of things about the CBC that deserve to be discussed, criticized, or even deplored. But the shrieking of across-the-board anger against it, such as is indulged in by Mr. Cowan, invites no serious attention by either the friends or critics of that institution.

Truth Is The Casualty

In the midst of all the recalling now being done of the start of the First World War, one of its features seems to be getting less attention than it deserves. J. B. McGeachy, associate editor of The Financial Post, put it well recently when he wrote:

"The first casualty in war is always truth; neither troops nor nations will show any stomach for a fight unless persuaded that the enemy is diabolical. So it immediately became official doctrine, to be believed by everyone on pain of social obloquy or even imprisonment, that the whole blame lay with the Kaiser and his crew of plotters in Berlin."

The point remains worth remembering, whether or not one agrees with the rest of Mr. McGeachy's views, which amount to the rejection of what he describes as "the conspiratorial theory," as held by those who continue to see that struggle of long ago as "caused exclusively by wicked Germans and as a necessary though terrible evil."

It is his opinion, and he recognizes that it is controversial, that the 1914-18 war's "cause, or more correctly its origin, was not wickedness but stupidity, meaning the utter incompetence of the politicians and diplomats to take realistic views and grapple with the problems they faced."

In a way it is pointless to debate this opinion, for neither Mr. McGeachy nor any other person can say just who could or should have chain reaction of events which culminated in that war, although there are obvious senses in which Europe's politicians collectively "staggered and stumbled into war," as Lloyd George once put it.

Whatever the cause, however, it always has been the fact that "the first casualty in war is always truth." It likewise tends to suffer severely even in the kind of war described as "cold."

EDITORIAL NOTE

It is their own fault, in a way, but it remains a little sad to watch tourist after tourist feeding money into Charlottetown's parking meters during evening hours when no such payments are required. Friday evening is the one exception.



"EVERY POLICEMAN NEEDS HANDCUFFS" U.S. ADJUSTS POLICIES

Atlantic Partnership And De Gaulle

By ROBERT R. BRUNN in Christian Science Monitor

Because the grandiose Charles de Gaulle habitually makes headlines it is sometimes forgotten that the United States is still trying its policy to encourage the French drag on American plans.

For more than a year American planners have considered the grand design for the Atlantic community was stalled. It may have been too visionary to begin with.

The Guillian is slow down on the American initiatives in Western Europe had to be met with a policy that works.

Europe, more and more, is turning toward the United States for know-how. This helps to bind the Atlantic community.

For example, Euratom recently negotiated a vast reactor program with the Atomic Energy Commission.

Strongest Bond This kind of exchange is becoming more and more common as American nuclear research and space technology well ahead of the Europeans.

Private American business is looking for ways to use some of the latest developments through licensing.

Despite the French position, the military organization is still considered to be the strongest bond between the two sides of the Atlantic.

Canada has its separatist in both sides of the Atlantic. Quebec should get along without the rest of Canada, and the rest of Canada should get along without Quebec.

Crucial Bargaining This powerful information group of bankers and officials is practically safe from Gaullist pressures.

Public Forum The Supreme Court is expected to decide on the constitutionality of the Quebec Act.

Thought For Aged Sir, — As I set my pen to this subject I feel like crying out along with the rest of the world: 'What a day that was!'

Dear old friends, the years take their toll, and we cannot escape it while we are here in this fleshly tabernacle.

Justice Minister Frenau could do no on their own account don't speak with the majority of Quebecers, Canada's most important province.

Some Basic Truths My dear old friends, the years take their toll, and we cannot escape it while we are here in this fleshly tabernacle.

Controlling Acute Gout

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Gout is a disorder of metabolism, and as such it belongs in the same category as diabetes and obesity. The victim of gout is unable to handle uric acid; the diabolical difficulty with it, and the overweight cannot utilize fluids in general.

Recurrences may be expected. As the disease progresses, the intervals between attacks tend to shorten. Now and then an ankle, knee, hand, wrist, or the back bear the brunt of the sore.

There are so many good remedies available for this prolonged bout. Colchicine is an old product but it continues to be one of the best.

Chronic gout is best treated with probenecid (Benemid) and this drug has the effect of lowering the uric acid level in the blood.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Siberian officials have complained to the Kremlin about his habit of shipping parasites to Siberia. Siberians may have to start sending their mail to Moscow. — Ottawa Journal.

Why not seizure and confiscation of vehicles driven by persons convicted when these vehicles are employed in lawbreaking? Enforcement officers are granted such powers under various provincial laws.

Because stainless steel razor blades last twice as long as the regular blades, there has been a sharp reduction in the number of blades sold, and some razor companies have been losing their jobs. So often when many gain a benefit from an innovation, a few have to suffer because of it. — Fort William Times-Journal.

War Echoes, Old And New

By Doug Marshall Canadian Press Staff Writer

Humblings of war in South-East Asia during the last few days coincided with requiems in Britain for the "war to end all wars" which the U.S. forces now gathering in the South Pacific will be called to fight next on the list if South Vietnam fell to the Communists.

Too Much Talk Minnesota Star Canada's parliament is a hotbed of political maneuvering that Prime Minister Pearson would be the only one to have the right to veto.

Moreover the U.S. decision to wait and see, without issuing any ultimatum, is a far cry from the act of bringing the matter before the United Nations Security Council.

General newspapers comment that the U.S. foreign policy is in a state of confusion since the Cuban crisis of 1962.

The right to the U.S. has gained ground in the past few days. The idea to call the shots probably will be decided in the next few days.

Can't Let Man be angry with God. The U.S. and Canada are in a state of confusion since the Cuban crisis of 1962.

A Golden Age

Michigan Journal The violence here and abroad, the universal yearning for peace, the demands for equality, the expectations of men over the world and the contrast between men planning to reach the moon and men unable without inordinate difficulty to read a book.

Our age will be remembered not for its horrifying crimes or its appalling injustices but because it is the first age since the dawn of history in which man has been able to believe in practical materialism.

That is the wonder of our age. And if the dream is realized it will be in a century that is called golden.

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J. R. B. Coleman, Director, RCAF Air Force Branch, Ottawa 4, 1964.

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