

A Moving Address

President Johnson's first public address, before a joint session of the United States Congress yesterday, was a simple and straightforward one, all the more moving because it avoided rhetorical phrases for the most part, and sought to express just what was in the speaker's mind. Plain words on such an occasion assume a dramatic force of their own. And his words, heard round the world, constituted a solemn pledge to carry out the policies of a new domestic, which his late lamented predecessor had been so zealous in promoting.

Particularly Mr. Johnson rededicated the government to the unwavering support of the United Nations, and the honorable and determined execution of our commitments to our allies, to the maintenance of military strength second to none, to the defense of the strength of the dollar, to the expansion of our foreign trade, to the reinforcement of our programs of mutual assistance and co-operation in Asia and Africa, and to our Alliance for Progress in this hemisphere. To these assurances he added a special pledge that "this nation will keep its commitments from South Viet Nam to West Berlin."

He made a particularly strong appeal when he urged that "no memorial oration or eulogy could more eloquently honor President Kennedy's memory than the earliest possible passage of the Civil Rights Bill for which he fought." In the broader field of human rights he stressed the need to "carry on the fight against poverty and misery, ignorance and disease on these lands and in our own." But perhaps the applause was most noticeable when—after emphasizing the awesome responsibility thrust upon him by an assassin's bullet—he declared: "I am here today to say that I need your help. I cannot bear this burden alone. I need the help of all Americans."

And indeed, one might add, the prayers of all citizens of the free world, if the vision and fortitude needed for American leadership is to be maintained.

A Very Minor Issue

One good thing about the concentration on tax sharing and its related problems at the federal-provincial conference now in session is that perhaps the participants will be too busy to tangle over minor matters of controversy. Such as the flag question, for example. If this issue gets lost in the shuffle, or is relegated to a last-minute spot of notice, it will be a relief to a great many Canadians who can't see why it should be brought up at all at a conference of this kind.

Canadians who think this way recall that some eight years ago the matter got as thorough an airing as the government of the day was capable of giving it, or as it is likely to receive again. Citizens everywhere were appealed to, to send in their sample of what a Canadian flag should be. Every table in the big railway room in the Parliament Building was covered with sample flags of every possible description, and many had to be laid out on the floor.

It will be recalled, too, that on that occasion a joint Senate-House committee discussed the question for weeks. And with what result? The committee split right down the middle, and finally gave up the job. Canada survived. So did the Red Ensign with the Canadian badge in the

fly as the symbol of our nationhood in peacetime as in war.

This week's conference could spend days in discussing the same thing and coming to the same conclusion. Our hope is that it won't get the chance—that its agenda of more important matters will occupy its full attention and that, if anybody ever remembers the flag issue, it will be to move that it be given the equivalent of the parliamentary "six months' hoist."

That will give us time to get more pressing problems hammered out, without loading them with irrelevant irritants that would make their solution so much more difficult.

Aid To Shippers

The fisheries and frozen food industries of the Atlantic Provinces should benefit as a result of a new type of box car which has been developed and placed in operation by the Canadian National Railways. This equipment will not only provide flat accommodation for food and other perishable products but, through thermostatically controlled temperatures, ensure steady, preservative protection for such commodities regardless of the climatic conditions prevailing en route from point of origin to destination.

The new box car is said to have numerous other innovations, among them a mechanical device for facilitating loading and unloading operations as well as a device to prevent shifting of the products during transit, thus virtually eliminating any possibility of damage occurring.

In this connection it is recalled that the CNR, through its research and development department, has been a leader in developing ultra-modern equipment of varying kinds for its freight and passenger services. This new addition to its specialized equipment of almost 4,000 protective service cars known as the Food Fleet, should prove of considerable value to shippers from this seaboard region.

Time To Remember

This is a good time to remember that the months of the Canadian winter, December, January, February and March pose a new set of driving hazards to harry the motorist when, according to the records, motor accident frequency increases by 20 per cent while miles travelled shrink by 15 per cent.

This is why Safe Driving Week, which is being held throughout Canada from December 1 to 7, will stress the problems connected with winter driving and walking, with the accent on the responsibility of the parent for instilling safe habits in children through example and safe education.

"Victims of fatal traffic accidents have no worries; it's the survivor who suffers," warns Assistant Commissioner A.W. Parsons of the Royal Canadian Police, who is also secretary of the Canadian Highway Safety Council. "An entire lifetime can be ruined as a result of a moment's inattention or carelessness."

EDITORIAL NOTES

That Israel does not intend to condone vandalism based on religious bigotry is shown by sentences handed down in Haifa. Three eight students, described as "Jewish religious zealots," have been fined \$175 each or 60 days in jail, with nine-month suspended sentences. They were convicted of rioting in a Christian school.

Bernarr MacFadden achieved fame as a physical culturist, and a big fortune to boot. According to his widow, who has recently published a book about this extraordinary man, he distrusted banks and put his money in cans and buried them. For his wife he made a map of places where he had buried the cans. But the widow believes he also buried the map. Then he died in the east before Mrs. MacFadden could reach his bedside or learn where the map was hidden. It hasn't yet been found. It is believed that more than two million dollars of the MacFadden fortune lies underground—nobody knows where.



SANTA CLAUS PARADE

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

A Far-Ranging Ontario Conference

An historic "first" in North America was the Labour-Management Workshop which the Ontario Government started earlier this month. Its novel purpose was to examine in depth the whole range of problems created by "Automation and Social Change."

This subject encompasses many areas of important decisions for all our people than any other in our province's economic and social life today. Hon. H. L. Rowntree, Ontario's Minister of Labour, told the conference. This initial study was concentrated on the golden triangle of Eastern Ontario, and was aptly held at centrally placed Brockville. This area provided a very apt setting for the first and necessary experimental meeting, since here can be found the whole range of production from small family-type mills and manufacturers in the Ottawa Valley to progressive highly-automated company plants along the shores of the new St. Lawrence.

The Workshop drew nearly 300 delegates, representing labour, management, government, churches and education. Brockville's own golden riverbank of electronics and similar sophisticated plants provided its quota of representatives. Typical of the participants in the affair were J.C. Bennett of the Edco Match Co. and Oakland Chemicals, and the Ontario Electric, from Pembroke; Leo Cloutier of the Amalgamated Transit Employees and R.A. Hodgins, president of Hodgins Lumber, from Cornwall; Father Tindal from Toledo, Ont. and Professor Arthur Porter from University of Toronto.

FOR ALL ONTARIO

The conference was so far-ranging, and proved so valuable to the participants, that its creator, Mr. Leslie Rowntree, now plans to hold similar meetings elsewhere to other areas of Ontario early next year. The topics explored in detail included "The role of government in labour relations," "Problems of collective bargaining in a changing technology," manpower training, and "Improving public attitude and supporting manpower training."

PUBLIC FORUM

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SENIOR CITIZENS' PENSIONS

The senior citizens of Ontario have been grossly neglected in not receiving \$750 monthly since May 1. A ten per cent raise was validly promised and promptly omitted. The senior citizens voted the support government in that note and \$100.00 on March 5 months ago. The government is now to every senior citizen of Canada, if we are to maintain the dignity and respect of our government.

This matter is not forgotten by the senior citizens. Their votes are just as important as the money. A promise such as this leads no charm to any government head and is much to be regretted. Hoping this "Jog" will get your attention, to the next election, please give the support "boomerang."

"The extent to which automation will be a blessing or a curse will depend on what steps we are able and prepared to take in order to adjust to the revolutionary changes which automation may eventually bring about in almost all our daily activities," said WELCOME, NOT REBUFF

The theme running hopefully throughout the conference was that we should not cover fearfully away from this new technological advance. Instead, we should adapt ourselves—as we have adapted ourselves to the machine, to electric power, and even to television—so that we can harness automation to our benefit, to make of it the blessing which it is capable of being. "These discussions and studies regarding automation," Mr. Rowntree said "have emphasized the urgent need of providing new approaches and new techniques for manpower training. We must recognize that as has happened in past times of great change, some types of employ-

ment may disappear, but that at the same time other types will be created."

As the housewife has taught herself to use the electric washing machine and the vacuum cleaner, so the worker has learned to work on automatic assembly lines, so can the son and daughter of the unskilled worker be taught to become the builders and maintainers and beneficiaries of automated machinery. I was honoured by an invitation to serve as a chairman at this Workshop, where I followed the proceedings with great interest and an increasing awareness that Canada is on the brink of an exciting new way of life, which will bring untold benefits to the citizen as a whole, and especially to our children and our children's children.

Shameful Eskimo Plight

London Free Press

Canadian consciences should be deeply disturbed by the shocking report of illness, death, and unspeakable housing conditions affecting an Eskimo community on the coast of Hudson Bay. It is difficult to believe that these people, our northern neighbors, have been permitted to exist in such squalor where they are supposed to be wards of the federal government.

It is like turning the history books upside down and to hear from Dr. P.E. Moore, director of medical services for the National Health Department, that 24 per cent of a population of 329 was stricken with tuberculosis in the Eskimo town living in these 64 shacks, and that these Eskimos' infant mortality rate is 184 per 1,000 births.

Provinces Adopt Tartan

National Geographic Society

When neither Scots together, they wear a tartan or the killed tartan and take no thought about it. Scotland and their kinsmen throughout the world have an almost mystical pride in the national costume. Among civilians, the kilts are usually reserved for formal occasions, but on November 30. But the convention remains that there is no tartan for the military. The tartan for any activity or land sport—sort of skiing.

Recently in Edinburgh, a killed Scotsman of the touring Black Watch Highland Regiment, who was in the street, the big Scot grasped his tunic and pulled it over his head as he saw a woman about her head, then lowered him gently to the ground.

American submariners stationed at Holy Loch, Scotland, stand proudly advised never to call the kilts a skirt. The skirt appeared after a sailor was "forbidden" to wear a kilts in public.

POPULAR IN CANADA

Such is a Scotsman's pride in the killed tartan that it has inspired a new craze in America. Tartans International was opened at Stirling, Scotland, in 1952. In recent years, several Canadian provinces have acquired their own authentic tartan. Because women plaid does not have the same official approval, Her Majesty's Register House in Edinburgh.

Drug Addiction Heaven Or Hell

By Dr. Theodore R. VanDellen A few months ago we mentioned the growth of medical and social problems associated with the use of a variety of drugs that cause addiction. We were concentrating on lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD 25). But there are others, including amphetamine, mescaline (peyote), psilocybin, marihuana, and narcotics.

Here is another story of the mind-distorting products. An 18-year-old brainiac was found wandering through an apartment building, completely naked. He carried a pattern was familiar with a variety of clashed somewhat with his long, reddish-brown hair and beard. The young man was in a pleasant mood and said he had lost his clothes in a fire, later, confiding he took them off because they were dirty. He told of having been once drinking alcohol, but there was no smell of alcohol on his breath.

The young man was hospitalized and his wife notified. In time, Dr. Edward S. Dean of San Francisco learned that the patient was familiar with a variety of drugs, including LSD, amphetamine, an old-time asthma remedy, wonderful, and stramonium and belladonna. Stramonium came from Jimson weed and a British doctor, James Gordon Walker.

And the reason, I think, is that President Kennedy once came the man whom the world trusts to hold in his hand the thunderbolt of nuclear power.

On British television, a French commentator told how schoolboys, sensing Kennedy's greatness, were saving pictures of Kennedy's death and his widow's life is the time for France and the United States to overcome their differences. Others assert the drug free mind for creative activity would be beyond reach.

We wonder these products are so popular among certain so-called Bohemian intellectuals. They expect to experience a sense of freedom and excitement in a motor car, and "spiritual and intellectual rewards are sought through hallucinations and narcotics."

WHITE LIGHTNING J.D. writes: My 38-year-old husband drinks three bottles of whisky and one case of beer a week. Could this intake be responsible for the hot flashes he complains of?

REPLY No, even though whisky is sometimes called "firewater," it is not dangerous to neurocirculatory origin and are not necessarily related to the change of life.

OVERALL PUFFING Mrs. F. T. writes: What makes a pregnant woman swell all over from fluid in the tissues?

REPLY Toxemia of pregnancy is the main cause. In this condition the blood pressure goes up and albumin appears in the urine.

OXYGEN FOR EMPHYSEMA Mrs. J. writes: A neighbor of mine has emphysema and his lungs are gone. The only relief he gets is from using a large amount of oxygen a month. Isn't this too much?

REPLY No, even though he uses a standard sized tank.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The safety sign read: School—Go Slow—Don't Kill a Child. Because it was written in a childish scribble: Wait for a teacher.—Toronto Star.

Diplomacy is the art of gracefully backing out of a fight when you know you can't win.—Sarnia Times-Journal.

Some girls who are so afraid of a mouse think nothing of taking up with a rat.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The only way to get a husband to start from where you now are.—Niagara Falls Review.

European Reaction

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Staff Writer

Sympathy and censure are U.S. will remain on the paths Kennedy charted.

Along with the shock waves of sympathy and sorrow, a second mood is emerging—a feeling of uneasiness.

One London newspaper, the Daily Telegraph, refers to a "wave of transatlantic solidarity."

UNEASY FEELING For the moment, in the stunned aftermath of the weekend events, there seems a poignant, almost plaintive desire for some reassurance that the

Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (November 28, 1938) SACKVILLE, N.B. Nov. 28—A bronze tablet commemorating one hundred and seventy-five years of Baptist Witness in Canada, was unveiled in Main Street Baptist Church, Thursday evening, by Mrs. A. X. O., the oldest active member of the church.

Plans were underway for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the historic meeting in Charlottetown on Sept. 1, 1864, of the statesmen whose deliberations led to Confederation.

TEN YEARS AGO (November 28, 1953) More than a thousand children in addition to a large number of adults, viewed the 66 exhibits of Japanese art now being shown at the art centre here. The display which is having its initial showing in Canada at Charlottetown, was arranged by the National Gallery of Canada, as part of exchange exhibition.

Supervise Vehicles OTTAWA (CP) Mayor of London, Ont., and Saint John, N.B., and Montreal, Que. City of Montreal and London, Ont., have left the Congo to make arrangements for the care of 900 vehicles to be kept in use by United Nations forces there. The two men, members of the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, will be in the Congo for about six weeks.

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