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"The strongest industry is weaker than the weakest ink"

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that exists in most people. It has been shown time and again that lotteries are an inefficient and expensive way of raising money; only a fraction of the money paid in is available for the purpose for which the lottery is set up.

From a practical standpoint, the federal government would run into complications if it undertook to legalize provincial lotteries. Some provinces would run a lottery—Quebec for instance. Others would have nothing to do with the idea. How, for example, would the government prevent Quebec lottery tickets being sold legally in provinces where gambling of this kind is frowned on?

Our Winnipeg Liberal temporary concludes—in full accord with the Conservative Premier of this Province—that "in the light of past experience here and elsewhere, this is one part of the Hall report that Ottawa would do well to ignore."

Of Real Concern

While Parliament is feuding over such windy issues as flags, anthems and films it is neglecting more important matters. Such as making provision for allowing the Auditor-General to do his work efficiently, for example. Isn't it scandalous that this official, who has responsibility for checking government accounting systems, internal control and audit procedures, for ensuring that public funds are adequately protected against misuse, and for making public any evidence of illegality, irresponsibility or dishonesty in the handling of money, should have to complain on this score?

One would imagine that a matter of this kind would automatically take precedence over every other item on the agenda. In time of high expenditures of public funds, it is particularly important that the Auditor General be given every possible assistance in the performance of his duties. Yet he has been complaining about his staff problem for the past three years. The staff is inadequate, and the result is that the investigations are not as thorough as they should be.

The Commons public accounts committee has made recommendations to improve the situation from time to time, but whatever assistance has been given has fallen short of requirements. Attention was called to this matter by the Glasse Commission in its report on problems of government organization, and it has frequently been cited in the press as an inexcusable piece of negligence.

Why aren't the rafters in the Commons chamber resounding to this theme? Why aren't the members waxing indignant and blowing their tops to some effect? If there must be wrangling and feuding on Parliament Hill, surely the fight could be staged over something of real concern to the taxpayers.

De Gaulle Won't Like It

What looks like a major blunder in diplomacy has been committed by the U.S. State Department in publishing, at this particular time, diplomatic papers containing some dramatic comments upon General de Gaulle by the late President Roosevelt. American-French relations are in a precarious enough state, without pulling these verbal skeletons out of the closet. Here are some examples:

"De Gaulle may be an honest fellow," wrote Roosevelt to Churchill in 1943, "but he is the messianic complex. De Gaulle is without question taking his vicious propaganda staff down to Algiers to stir up strife between the various elements..."

In another message, Roosevelt wrote that de Gaulle should go "to the oasis of somewhere." "I do not know," he wrote to Churchill another time, "what to do with de Gaulle. Perhaps you will like to make him Governor of Madagascar."

Clearly, Roosevelt could not stand de Gaulle. This was known before but not in such detail and with such documentation. The publication of the record at this time may have been purely coincidental, but the President of France is not likely to think so. He has a good memory for grievances, and he will suspect the worst in this case.



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DIVIDING WALLS

Berlin & Jerusalem Had Ancient Precedents

National Geographic News Bulletin
Walls divide two of the world's great cities today — Berlin and Jerusalem. This is the oldest wall known to man. It existed long before the more famous wall that fell to Joshua and the Israelites in Biblical times around 1400 B.C. Writing of her research, M. B. Kenyon said the Jerichos wall that earlier time "were sufficiently organized as a community and sufficient in building in stone to surround their settlement with a massive, free-standing wall."

Review Of Aid

Globe and Mail, Toronto
It is encouraging to learn from External Affairs Minister Paul Martin that Canada's external aid program is to be reviewed. The review, as he told the Commons, was prompted by the recommendation of the recent United Nations conference on trade and development that each country should try to achieve a level of assistance as close as possible to 1 per cent of its national income.

House Of Incidents

Montreal Gazette
The expulsion from the House of Commons of Alvin Hamilton, the former Minister of Agriculture, is another example of the extent to which the present House of Commons is becoming unmanageable. A Parliament that has been able to get little legislation passed, that has seen frequent scenes of anger and uproar, that has seen the impartiality of the Speaker brought into question, is clearly not functioning well. In the context of past Canadian history, it might well seem that such a Parliament could not last much longer, and that a general election could not be far away.

The Darkened Roundhouse

Ottawa Journal
Changes shape has thrown the steam locomotive world into confusion before pausing for retelling and attention while the diesel train runs from Vancouver to Halifax and back with infrequent stops to replenish its tanks. The success of the system is proven by its long existence and the increasing participation in it of 130 people can learn of an urgent situation within 15 minutes. The success of the system is proven by its long existence and the increasing participation in it of 130 people can learn of an urgent situation within 15 minutes.

Merchant Alarm Plan

Link, Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Seven years ago a need for a better system of information regarding fraud, counterfeiters, bad checks, and shoplifting was recognized by the businessmen of North Bay, Ontario. The Chamber of Commerce provided the solution by setting up a free "Merchant Alarm System" with business members participating in the plan.

PURITY DAIRY

Parents Prefer "Purity Products"
The chain has been effective insofar as it has forwarded merchants before they were involved and on two or three occasions we have been contacted by persons who were taking advantage of our members in some illegal manner.

NOTES BY THE WAY

New Diagnosis For Hepatitis
By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
A new 30-second test is now available for viral hepatitis. The procedure is welcome because diagnosis is commonly difficult to diagnose, especially during the first week of the illness.

Commonwealth Gathering
By Alan Harvey
Canadian Press Staff Writer
It looks as though the Commonwealth in its new giant economy size, is going to require some brisk re-organizing of its structure.

Station and would occasionally show it to visitors. But McGill's hopes of getting the collection together as a result of opening the Repath Museum on Saturdays.

APPOINT SPOKESMAN
In the past, Britain as host country has sought to overcome such difficulties by appointing a single spokesman to meet correspondents daily and give a unified view of proceedings, meanwhile enjoining individual delegations to secrecy, or at least discretion.

Never On A Sunday
Montreal Gazette
The Peter Repath Museum of Natural History at McGill will be opened on Sunday for the first time in its 32-year history.

STIFF MUSCLES
P.D. writes: When I was young I had a nervous breakdown. I was hospitalized and made exchanges with other collectors.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—
A scar on an arm does not prove the character of a small pox for life.

N.Z. DECIMAL BILL
WELLINGTON (Reuters) — Finance Minister Harry Lake Friday introduced in Parliament a bill providing for the introduction of a decimal currency system in New Zealand.

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