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A Universal Benefactor

The Hazen Argue case has entered the realm of high comedy. It will be recalled that when Mr. Argue effected his hasty departure from the New Democratic Party last month to become a new Liberal member, he was denounced by his former colleagues for his "betrayal" of party and principles. They felt that they had been knifed in the back, and even Mr. Douglas showed a trace of bitterness in discussing the matter at that time. But as the days and weeks passed, it became easier for the New Democrats to see that this was a blessing in disguise: a "good thing", which, as Mr. Douglas says, has given the party a "shot in the arm" at a time when it was badly needed.

The Liberals, too, are happy in having acquired Mr. Argue in this odd fashion, as his spokesman on western farm matters and their only M.P. from a riding west of Ontario. Indeed, Mr. Pearson has pointed to the Argue shift as evidence that his party will win the next election.

And the Conservatives? They too are happy. For, as they see it, the only result of the affair will be that Western voters will turn in disgust from both the NDP and the Liberals to their own true blue party.

So, Mr. Argue's defection has brought joy to all three parties. How the electors of his constituency will react we don't know, but Mr. Argue is convinced that they, as well, will show by their votes that they are tickled pink.

It is unexpected, this political performance which has left everyone wreathed in smiles. Which leaves us with the conviction that either somebody is lying, or there should be more defections of this kind to enliven the tedium of life and keep our minds off its cares and disappointments.

Confusing Statistics

According to the Financial Post, some current Liberal propaganda affords a "prime example of how to get the most out of statistics without actually lying." Its reference is to a chart of gross national product which claims the fast growth between 1947 and 1957 as a Liberal achievement and labels the slower growth since 1957 as Tory stagnation. This is described as a "marvellous feat of engineering on confidence."

It is just so happened, says the Post, that the Liberals left off at exactly the point when profound changes in the world economy were taking place—and not even their own Gordon Commission foresaw those changes or anticipated the damage they would do to Canadian growth. It is now clear that 1957 marked the end of the postwar boom and a slowdown in Canadian growth occurred for three basic reasons that are all the poohbahs of politics could alter.

These reasons, according to our Toronto contemporary, were: Canadian exports began to bring in a smaller proportion of national income because industrial capacity in the industrialized world; the rate of Canadian family formation fell off because the flow and pace of reaching marriageable age; and the pace of capital investment in Canada slackened because manufacturing resources capacity had been overbuilt.

The Government, for its part, is charged with specializing in "sins of statistical omission." The Post in this connection cites a stat by Prime Minister Diefenbaker to the effect that corporate profits rose \$1.4 billion during his tenure in office. This, as a bare fact, looks good, concedes the Post. But, even if the figure could be substantiated, what's more important in assessing the health of the economy is what the PM didn't say: Profits as a proportion of sales have been down 7 per cent for a decade—down from 8.2 per cent in 1950 to 5.4 per cent in 1957 and to an estimated 4.6 per cent in 1961.

Which adds up to the fact that you can't believe anybody's these days. What with an election coming on, and all, the old statistics are taking a bad beating. What's needed, says the Toronto paper, is not electioneering in this poney way but "a bold program to put this country back on the path of progress." Ah, that's it! But haven't we heard that before, too?

Perhaps He Means It

While prospects for agreement at Geneva are dim, and a Canadian call to ban nuclear weapons from space has been brushed aside by both the big nuclear powers, there remains the hope that space activities in other directions will lead to more satisfactory results in promoting peace aims. Premier Khrushchev's latest letter to President Kennedy has prompted the latter to designate a high-ranking aeronautics official to take the lead in technical talks with Russian representatives on this subject.

Mr. Khrushchev agrees that it would be fine to pool efforts in developing a satellite communications system, establishing a world weather service, tracking space shots, charting the earth's magnetic field and exchanging information on space medicine. In addition, he suggests that search and rescue procedures be worked out for the recovery of spaceships and astronauts before to earth by accidents. He believes the time is ripe, too, to settle legal problems arising from the Soviet invasion of space. Among other things, he suggests that celestial bodies be made accessible to all countries for research and be declared free from annexation.

As with all Soviet proposals, and of course, the proof of sincerity will come when negotiators sit down to work out the details. First conversations will take place at the current meeting of the United Nations space committee. If Soviet actions are in keeping with the cordial tone of the Khrushchev letter, there could be co-operation in space that might in time bring more co-operation here on earth.

Worthily Honored

It is with pleasure and appreciation that all our citizens will have learned that doctorate degrees are to be conferred by St. Dunstan's University on the Hon. Thane A. Campbell, LL.D., Chief Justice of the Province, Sister Francis Loyola, C.S.M., Superior General of the Sisters of Martha, and Dr. A. A. MacDonald, who this summer will observe his 60th year of medical service in Eastern Kings County.

We have many distinguished Islanders abroad, but fortunately we still have them at home as well; and it is in keeping with the grand traditions of St. Dunstan's that it should be vigilant in searching them out, and in honoring, at this time, three of our citizens whose service, in their various fields, have been of value to the whole community.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All our citizens will regret the indisposition of Opposition Leader A. W. Matheson, and will trust that after a few days rest in hospital, he will be fully restored to health.

We are all acquainted with the remarkable industrial and economic recovery which West Germany has made. Less familiar is the role which women have played in this recovery. According to an official publication, 200,000 women in the federal republic of Germany today own or manage a business averaging 200 employees each, nearly all men. This means that every fifth undertaking is headed by a woman, more than twice as many are in the employ of women and that 25 per cent of the national production is massed by female enterprises.



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The Assay infant usually is one or two months old and is unable to finance an inquiry. He is fretful, nervous, and emotionally unstable. The child usually is fed on the same schedule. Improvement occurs when the mother and father take responsibility for having a baby in the household.

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THE NON-CHEER LEADER

GUARDING AGAINST ABUSE

Principle Of Closure Defended

Ottawa Journal

Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Mr. Pickersill agreeing on anything is in itself surely a miracle. The curious thing, as The Journal sees it, is that they may be agreeing on the wrong thing, namely, that closure is bad for Parliament. "No Government in its senses," said Mr. Pickersill, "would ever use it again."

That was not use of closure; it was abuse of closure. It is the sort of thing which Arthur Meighen, the author of the clause, said he could not imagine as possible in a civilized Parliament.

There is a wide difference between closure and the abuse of closure. Mr. Diefenbaker is not recommending referring the matter—the matter of whether closure should be renewed either by a committee of the House for study. After all, what is closure? Closure means a table and a rule, or device, by which Parliament may control its own proceedings in such a way that certain possible circumstances it may prevent itself from being referred to in the House.

Can we be certain that such a circumstance may never come to the Parliament of Canada? That there can never come here what came at Westminster when under Parnell and Bismarck was introduced to a science, compelling closure.

PUBLIC FORUM

LIVESTOCK PRICES - Sir, As a farmer's friend and farmer I would appreciate the listing of the politicians of the Province and the province of Ontario on the bush and a nod on their behalf of something that exists in the meat packing business.

What farmer to-day can afford to lose from \$200 per head of beef to sometimes as much as \$750 and \$800. Premier Shaw should know why so many farmers are "vacant."

SLOT MACHINES & BINGO - Sir, A considerable amount of money has been taken up lately with the police on the subjects of slot machines and the playing of bingo. Both of which are different from the other two.

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WOODPECKER - Flamboyant boy in the crimson crest. This covens him, and the flicker of his wings. Flashing across the yard, he seems to rest. Perch on the tree trunk. There he clings, and is his by instinct.

Sound Wave Tranquilizer Calms Infants

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen SLUMBERTONE is a small tranquilized powder by a self-containing powered bottle. It produces a constant tone (35 flat, one octave below middle C) and is placed in the crib or bed to help calm nervous or fussy infants. It will not work if the baby is ill, wet, or hungry or if it lasts more than 7 months old.

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Dickens Too Brutal?

By Doug Marshall Canadian Press Staff Writer

A brutal murder scene screened by the CBC at Sunday readings three weeks ago has launched a government-backed inquiry into violence on British television.

The scene was from Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist. Millions of Britons watched the entire BBC Sikes pull out a lead-handled pistol and bludgeoned to death a pleading Nonesuch across a table and dripped onto the carpet.

The scene, the 11th episode of the series, was first dramatized in the novel, was later praised by this critic for its vivid realism and thought-provoking violence.

Some experts argue that violence on the screen is meaningless to children. It is all part of a remote and unreal world governed by conventions, that has no relevance in their ordinary lives.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 2, 1937)

Mr. W. H. Hill, Principal of St. Hilda's College and Associate Professor in the Department of Education of the University of Toronto, stated during her speech: "What should be in the minds of people planning Education of Women today is not the importance of thinking of her daughter as someone she wants married to."

At the Army and Navy Club, last evening, Capt. J. Frank Mackenzie, who has been a leading and instructive authority on the early history of Russia, was followed by a discussion on the subject.

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NOTES BY THE

Women will not be men's equal until they can have a large ballot on top of their heads. It is not, they think, they are handsome. - Galt Reporter.

A 2,500-year-old statue of a young man in a semi-reclining pose has been found about 100 miles northwest of Rome. Here we thought the absolute yardstick was the big city was a modern development. - Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The package deal has reached Las Vegas. We are informed, and the traveler must arrive a winter weekend there at 8:11 a night. This is represented to include a round-trip ticket in first class hotel, a midnight floor show and "unlimited access" to the city's famous "bandits." At the package price, this last presumably means the guest may go to the city's famous "bandits" wherever machines are kept and stand quiet close to one, providing one is not a "touch it." - Detroit Free Press.

The French government tourist office in New York notes that a recent travel bulletin in Ottawa would fit into Texas and still leave room enough for a hobbyist to take a train to the west coast of New York. We don't mind France moving in as much as, long as New York is not sure it is there. - Dallas Morning News.

Immigrants We Depend On

Ottawa Journal

Britain's loss is most markedly Canada's gain in one class of skilled immigrants. They are doctors who graduate from British medical schools. In five years, 1956-60, no less than 1,071 British doctors decided to practice in Canada; another 2,500 went to the United States. South Africa and the Commonwealth countries. British authorities were left to mourn that one-third of the immigration of doctors, whatever pain it may cause Britain, is welcome in Canada.

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On A Plain In Iran

Milwaukee Journal

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The Age Old Story

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