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that there was political interference in making appointments to the public service. There were seven on the committee, counting the chairman—five Conservatives and two Liberals. The Opposition, we believe, had a right to protest that they were inadequately represented; but that did not excuse Mr. Ferguson's refusal to appear before the committee or Mr. Campbell's abstention from the hearings as a Liberal member thereof.

The absence of Mr. Ferguson left the committee with no specific charge to investigate, but they took evidence from the three commissioners under oath, to the effect that there had been no political discrimination, and reported that the commissioners were willing to make available to members of the House "complete information covering their general operation or specific appointments."

The matter rests. It is to be hoped, as a result, that there will be a more general regard for the responsibilities attached to the privilege of making charges of this kind in the Legislature. One of these responsibilities, surely, is the duty of following them through and of cooperating in every way in bringing the facts to light.

Soviet Exploit

The achievement of leaving and returning safely to an orbiting space ship puts Soviet spaceman, Lt. Col. Alexei Leonov, in a class by himself. The feat has been hailed by London scientists as adding "another touch of fantasy" to the world's space exploits and as a big step forward in making possible the assembly of high orbiting space platforms. This is essential in achieving a manned lunar landing, and is conceded to have put Russia considerably ahead in the space race with the United States.

Leonov is reported to have moved about in the dangerous nothingness, taking pictures with a movie camera and carrying out other experiments. There was no hint from official sources what these were, but it was assumed that he was testing conditions for what has been described as prefabricated satellite "service stations" in outer space in preparation for flights to the planets.

The scientific importance of this event is momentous, and it could be that its military significance is of equal importance. As a Canadian Press commentator puts it, the prospect of the Russians being able to work on orbiting space vehicles "like carpenters putting a roof on a house" may spell a complete change in air defense planning on this continent.

Already the Canadian government has been slashing defenses against bomber attacks. "It is our hope," said a government white paper on defense a year ago, "that there can be a gradual phasing out of jet interceptors and radars as the relative threat from the manned bomber diminishes." The latest Russian space feat, indicating the high priority that is being given the resumption of the manned moonshot program which was downgraded two years ago by Premier Khrushchev, is taken as confirmation of this view. Canadian air defense expenditures now take up only one-fifth of the RCAF budget.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Britain is probably the first country in the world to recognize airport noise as a community responsibility. Some 61,000 householders living within the radius of five or six miles of London (Heathrow) Airport, Britain's noisiest area, are to receive a grant of 50 per cent of the cost of soundproofing and air conditioning of their houses.

At the Canada Farm and Industrial Equipment Trade Show at the coliseum in Toronto recently, a new piece of equipment was shown. There will be no need now, predicts a farm commentator, for the operator of a spreader to become queasy when the wind is with him for he is shielded from both odor and flying particles.

"If every person on earth could count on enough food of the right kind," comments the New York Times sadly, "the present turbulence among the nations might disappear. Well-fed people can reason things out. Starving people cannot. Yet we still have shocking disparity between those nations which, with whatever troubles they have, are satisfactorily fed, and those that are not. A third of the earth's population goes with less than it needs, from birth to death."



LYNDON BRIDGE KEEPS FALLING DOWN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

One Party Seal Who Won't Perform

What will be the fate of the fifty-thousand and first seal, which refuses to perform? H. J. Robichaud, Fisheries Minister in the Liberal Government, told the House of Commons last week that he would not extend the quota for young seals in the Gulf of St. Lawrence this season, so no more than 30,000 may be slaughtered, or in many cases brutally skinned alive, by the hunters operating there from aircraft and ships. But did the Minister not hear about the skinning-alive being plotted by his party for the one Liberal MP who refuses to be a performing seal—a role traditionally demanded by the Liberal Party, but so anathematized by others? "Just wait until the next nominating convention; then we will get that—Keith Davey, national organizer of the Liberal party, was overheard to assert in a gallery of the House of Commons recently, when Ralph Cowan, Liberal MP for Toronto's York-Humber constituency, was typically exercising his indignant bellow in debate. WIND OR WISDOM? Ralph Cowan is today's most controversial back-bench MP. His critics, mostly Liberals, say variously that he is a crank, a bag of wind or an embarrassment. Impartial observers such as I regard him as an admirable MP: hard working, alert to the taxpayers' interests, and superior to the narrow partisanship of an inflexible party line. Performing seals say what they are told to say, sell their constituents down the river at the crack of the party whip, always vote with their leader, and in general give their party no trouble. Cowan does not perform. So the seal-hunters are out to skin him alive. I believe they would be making a mistake: a well-disciplined party

may drift smoothly, but it does not create an effective parliament. Nevertheless the Liberals, it is reported, want Cowan's constituency association to nominate someone else as its official candidate in the next election. So obviously they would prefer to lose the seat rather than have Ralph Cowan re-elected, for he is the only Liberal who has ever succeeded in winning that riding, overthrowing a huge Conservative majority of 14,166 to do so. How did he achieve this? He married into Humberdale 35 years ago, and raised his family of four children there. He played a prominent role in the community life, who brought the 250-bed Northwestern General hospital there, and now serves as president of its board. Who typically fought for the rights of a school principal, sacked after 32 years service? Meanwhile he worked his way high on the business side of a Toronto newspaper. TORIERS VOTE LIBERAL. His candidacy attracted lifelong Tory voters to support him through their personal admiration for his ability. Both his nominating meetings attracted from across Toronto his long-time friend, the pressroom superintendent of the newspaper where he worked, who happens to be the father of seal-hunter Keith Davey. His program in Parliament has been to work for the elimination of budget deficits; for the creation of more jobs; and for the development of Columbia power. He is an alert watchdog over the spending of the taxpayers' money, and worked closely with Finance Minister Gordon on his first budget, even achieving four amendments in it. His favourite sideline is to combat what he calls "the present tendency to opt out from morality." Representing a predominant Anglo-Saxon constituency, he has battled every step by the government which he considered to be an inequality favouring Quebec or a sell-out to French-Canadians. Parliament needs the honesty and frankness and independent thinking which Ralph Cowan epitomizes. His industry is an example to his many idle fellow-MPs. Above all, he exhibits the most desirable quality in a burgess: individual initiative, as opposed to circus-like performance. May the seal-hunters never get him!

Parliament Degraded

Time was when membership in Parliament was rightly considered one of the highest honors to which a Canadian might aspire. Not now, it seems. "You are all fortunate that you are not there," an embittered young MP tells a Toronto audience. And Commons Speaker Alan Macnaughton, whose early resignation is expected, appears to agree. The MP complains of unsubstantiated rumors about cabinet ministers; about wondering whose reputation will be next on the execution block; of "smear by implication." All members are "sick of this unhealthy activity of members going around trying to get something on other members," protests John Munro, 34, Hamilton Liberal. Specific charges are one thing. It is the duty of a conscientious MP to make them if after investigation he is satisfied that there has been grievous wrongdoing, that a member or a government is untrue to the public trust. In such an event, as Mr. Munro has stated, the British practice should apply: The accuser should stake his seat and his parliamentary name on establishment of the charges and failure to prove his allegations should bring his automatic resignation. This tradition has not been honored at Ottawa. It should be, if the good name of Parliament is to be restored. Mr. Munro's Liberal colleagues are little more innocent than the Conservatives of poisoning the atmosphere in the Commons. The cracks in their party's reputation resulting from the bribery-coercion allegations still being sifted by Chief Justice Dorian; the furniture on time, some time, deals; delayed deportation for bigtime hoodlums; the dismissal of a junior cabinet minister who is now before the Quebec court; and now the comic opera of the Rivard escape have incited some Liberals into excavating for material with which to attack the attackers. The Ottawa scandalama threatens to get out of hand.

PUBLIC FORUM

Sir.—Mr. Diefenbaker's opponents are at it again (another rumor he is about to retire.) This is one time he is given lots of headlines, even an appropriate picture. It would be top strategy if they could somehow get rid of this colourful Canadian, the man they most fear in another election. It would be added strategy too if they could give the Conservative Party a new, inexperienced and unprepared leader, especially, when the Liberals are all set to call an election. One writer in his efforts to down-grade John G. Diefenbaker put it this way: The Conservative Party could not remain a truly national party without Quebec. After taking a second look we could say, how could the Liberal Party remain a truly national party without the other nine Provinces? The Conservatives have 10 seats in Quebec, but the Liberals hold not a single seat in the whole province of Saskatchewan and only one seat in the whole province of Alberta. In fact, very few seats West of the Ontario border. Why is John G. Diefenbaker so strongly entrenched West of Ontario? The answer is simple. There he is well and favourably known and fondly called "Honorable John." I never was a Conservative, but I am satisfied we need an alert watchman in the Opposition, and a practical businessman as Prime Minister of Canada during these difficult times. Now let us take a brief look at Mr. Balcer, the man who seeks to destroy John Diefenbaker. It was not Mr. Balcer that strutted out of the convention that nominated John Diefenbaker in 1957? Did he know then what Mr. Diefenbaker was going to do in 1964? Perhaps he did know that he was a man that could not be prevented from looking after both ends of Canada as well as the middle, and that he was not a high tariff man. Perhaps Mr. Balcer could explain to us why the 10 Ontario and Quebec Conservatives deserted the party and Mr. Diefenbaker their leader just before the last election, a time when it would hurt their party most? Could Mr. Balcer also explain why he (Mr. Balcer) has recently suggested these same rebels and deserters head the Conservative Party as replacements for "Honorable John"? Then, he suggested the former Minister of Justice Mr. Fulton as Leader. It will be well remembered that Mr. Fulton took on the leadership of the provincial Conservatives in B.C. and things went badly against him. Does this not show how insincere Mr. Balcer is? We have often heard of wolves in sheep's clothing; could it be that Mr. Balcer is a Liberal in Conservative clothing? I would ask every Conservative including Mr. Heath, Macquarrie to remember, that when Hon. John G. Diefenbaker took over the leadership of the Conservative Party they held only 39 seats, and that he gave them the largest majority ever obtained by any political party in Canadian history. And, even though 19 Ontario and Quebec members quit his party at a crucial time just before the last election, he went on and took nearly 100 seats, 24 times as many as the party held when he took over the leadership. There was a time when Britain needed a Churchill. Today Canada needs an Honest John. I am, Sir, etc. DISGUSTED LIP

Acne Among Adolescents

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Teen-agers with acne may be looking forward to spring because it means more sunshine and a better complexion. Ultraviolet dries only skin and promotes scaling, which in turn eliminates debris that forms blackheads. Avoid over-exposure; too much is likely to backfire. Many had this experience last year when pimples and blackheads returned after too much summer sun. The cause is unpredictable. Do not take stock in the saying "All youngsters will outgrow it." Many do, but the penalty of neglect may be residual scars, pits, and bumps. The individual does not have a choice of what type of acne develops. Those with deeply infected cysts and abscesses are more likely to have extensive scarring unless they receive expert care. The youngster with mild acne runs the same risk by picking and squeezing the lesions. Scars can be camouflaged or removed partially by dermabrasion (skin planing). Simple treatment helps the majority. The face should be washed several times a day with warm water and a medicated soap, such as Safeguard, Dial or Acne-Aid detergent soap. An abrasive cleanser, such as Brasso, is helpful when lesions are severe. Blackheads are removed with a comedo extractor, preferably after hot compresses are applied to the skin. Creams containing sulfur, such as Acnomel, Fostril, or Acne-Dome, are of value at night. Several remedies contain antibiotics, sulfonamides, or hormones. Relationships often exist between seborrhea of the scalp (dandruff) and acne. Frequent shampoos with medicated soap are helpful. Avoid greasy hair pomades. A diet low in fried, greasy foods, chocolate, nuts, and substances rich in iodine is recommended, along with ample out-of-door exercise and rest. ECHOING FOOD B. G. S. writes: What causes everything I eat to repeat on me? REPLY This is a form of indigestion, which may result from improper mastication, eating too rapidly, stomach or gall bladder many instances the cause is swallowing too much air with each mouthful. ONE SHOT LEG M. C. writes: What causes one leg to become shorter than the other in adult life? REPLY Possibilities include fracture, certain blood disorders, and diseases such as polio, tuberculosis, and osteoarthritis. In most cases of short leg, the defect originated before birth or in childhood. Discovery in adulthood usually means the cause was missed in previous years. OUTLINING N. A. writes: Why does the doctor make lines on my chest when he is examining me? REPLY He is marking the outlines of the heart and diaphragm to determine their size and location. This is done by tapping the chest; the tone over the heart, for example, is less resonant than over the air-filled lungs. DON'T MASSAGE VEINS B. B. writes: Is physical therapy good for varicose veins? REPLY No, it may be somewhat risky to massage the legs or apply heat to such heat. ON A TROPICAL ISLAND T. R. writes: How does one live with "de-personalization"? REPLY By himself. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Get more sleep when colds are a-rie. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

NOTES BY THE WAY

Sometimes you can straighten out a youngster by bending him over. — Calgary Herald. Opportunity has to knock, but temptation just has to stand outside and whistle. — Financial Post. The manager of a grocery store put this sign in his window: "If you need it, we have it." His competitor across the street posted this sign the next day: "If we don't have it, you don't need it." — Hamilton Spectator. Under the new Army pay scale, a corporal receives \$385 a month if he has held the rank for two years, is married and draws subsistence and trades pay. This may not produce rich corporals but considering other benefits they receive, there undoubtedly will be quite a few unadorned civilians. — Fort William Times-Journal. An Englishman reports the results of his own remarkable survey: in a four-month period of 500 drivers who overtook him by speeding, 297 were women, of whom 215 were wearing glasses. — Ottawa Journal. A riot in a ballroom these days would pose an interesting challenge to the police. How could they decide which ones were fighting and which were dancing? — Toronto Star. Mr. Michael Smyth (S.C. Redwater) said youth ought to be given a chance to do something constructive. We suggest the best way to do that is to leave youth to the home and schools and the churches. There is too much slobbering over youth these days for its own good. What kind of citizens do we want for the future anyway? Coddled mice or resourceful and hardy men? — Calgary Herald.

Franco-Russian Entente

President de Gaulle of France is making progress in his effort to reach an entente with Russia. France and Russia have already co-ordinated a proposal for the convening of a new Geneva Conference on Southeast Asia, the Viet Nam crisis by negotiation. The proposal has had little success so far, but the very fact that the two countries should be joining forces in this matter is highly significant. Further, the retiring Soviet ambassador to Paris, Mr. Vinogradov, has just announced that his country agrees with de Gaulle's recent statement that the problem of Germany should be settled by a "European solution." Although Mr. Vinogradov did not give any details, it seems evident that the two countries will seek to agree on a solution of the German problem, which would then be presented to other European countries for consideration. A common stand between France and Russia on either Viet Nam or Germany would probably leave the United States in a difficult position. To some extent at least, such proposals as might be made would be in conflict with American interests. This would not disappear either France or Russia. And this gives a further reason why the two countries are interested in developing closer relations. That Russia's attitude seems to be serious can be seen in the new appointment as Soviet ambassador to Paris of Valerian Zorin, a deputy Foreign Minister and a top official for many years. Perhaps these two countries will not, in the end, be able to agree on common positions. But if they do, the world will witness another diplomatic revolution of exceptional importance.

Losing Its Meaning

Is the sap running? This question, unfortunately, has lost its meaning for a great many of us. Formerly it was just about the most important thing anyone could ask at the country store or in the rural school yard. In the not so distant past, the majority of farmers had some sort of maple bush and many of them would tap the trees as soon as the first sign of steady warm weather came along in March. Not that the early mild spells could be relied on, but any opportunity had to be utilized. Now quite a few of the maple groves are gone, having been cut off and sold. Even more often the bush or part of it still exists but is not tapped. The maple products industry is a victim, primarily, of the high cost of labor, because it absorbs more labor than is readily available on the modern farm. There are still some sugar bushes being tapped, of course, some of them on a fairly large scale. But the day when the maple syrup season was a definite part of the year for most of the population is over. It is a symbol of change that one of the biggest events of the year at Upper Canada Village is tapping the sugar bush, primarily for the benefit of interested visitors and only incidentally for syrup making. Although no one took up the idea until the St. Lawrence Parks Commission established a sugar bush, it has been evident for quite some time that there is a lot of spectator interest attached to his operation. Last year about 10,000 people visited the Commission camp, and the total will likely be much higher this season. It would seem possible that there are, or will be some day, similar opportunities in making popular attractions out of traditional farm operations.

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