

Another \$500 Million

It was at a federal-provincial conference, behind closed doors, that the federal government announced its multimillion-dollar medicare scheme, all cut and dried in its major provisions, and with complete disregard for the rights of Parliament to be given a preview of the project so far as any proposed federal expenditures were concerned.

The reaction of the provincial ministers was said to have ranged between surprise and outright anger at this arbitrary announcement. They thought they had been called to Ottawa to confer on terms on which a new health resources program might be formed.

Mr. Pearson was gracious enough to say the conference could establish an advisory group to assist the federal government in operating the program, and Miss LaMarsh to say that the federal grants would not be tied to any system of formal agreements with the provinces.

What was expected from the federal government at this time was some assurance that its medicare plan would include assistance to tuberculosis sanatoria and mental hospitals—two costly phases of the health program in every province which had been ignored under the plan.

The proposed \$500 million fund announced by the Prime Minister, Mr. Wedge contends, would mean nothing to the Island as we did not have any medicare schools or research facilities. We cannot quite go along with this statement.

China And The UN

In addressing the United Nations General Assembly yesterday, External Affairs Minister Martin is quoted as stating that Canada agreed with Secretary-General U Thant that Communist China should be invited to join the world organization.

It seems clear, as the Globe and Mail points out in this connection, that China, with its 700 million people, should be brought into the United

Nations to face the opinion of mankind. The last time the UN faced the question, in 1963, the vote was 57 against admitting Peking, 41 in favor and 12 abstentions.

Several times in recent years Canadian spokesmen have said that they favor in principle Peking's admission to the UN; several times Canadian officials have dealt with Chinese Communist officials over wheat sales.

Mr. Thant suggested no formula to overcome the formidable political obstacles which stand in the way of Communist China becoming a member of the General Assembly.

Has It Come To This?

Canada's new national flag has been the subject of enough controversy without dragging it again into the political arena. One would imagine that Mr. Pearson, of all persons, would be insistent on this point so far as he and his party followers are concerned.

The flag reproduction was mounted on a backdrop behind the head table, with two large election pictures of Mr. Pearson directly under it.

And, of course, the climax of the applause and table thumping was reached when Mr. Pearson, in dealing with his government's record, said: "There was, for example, the decision—dodged for decades—to have a distinctive Canadian flag."

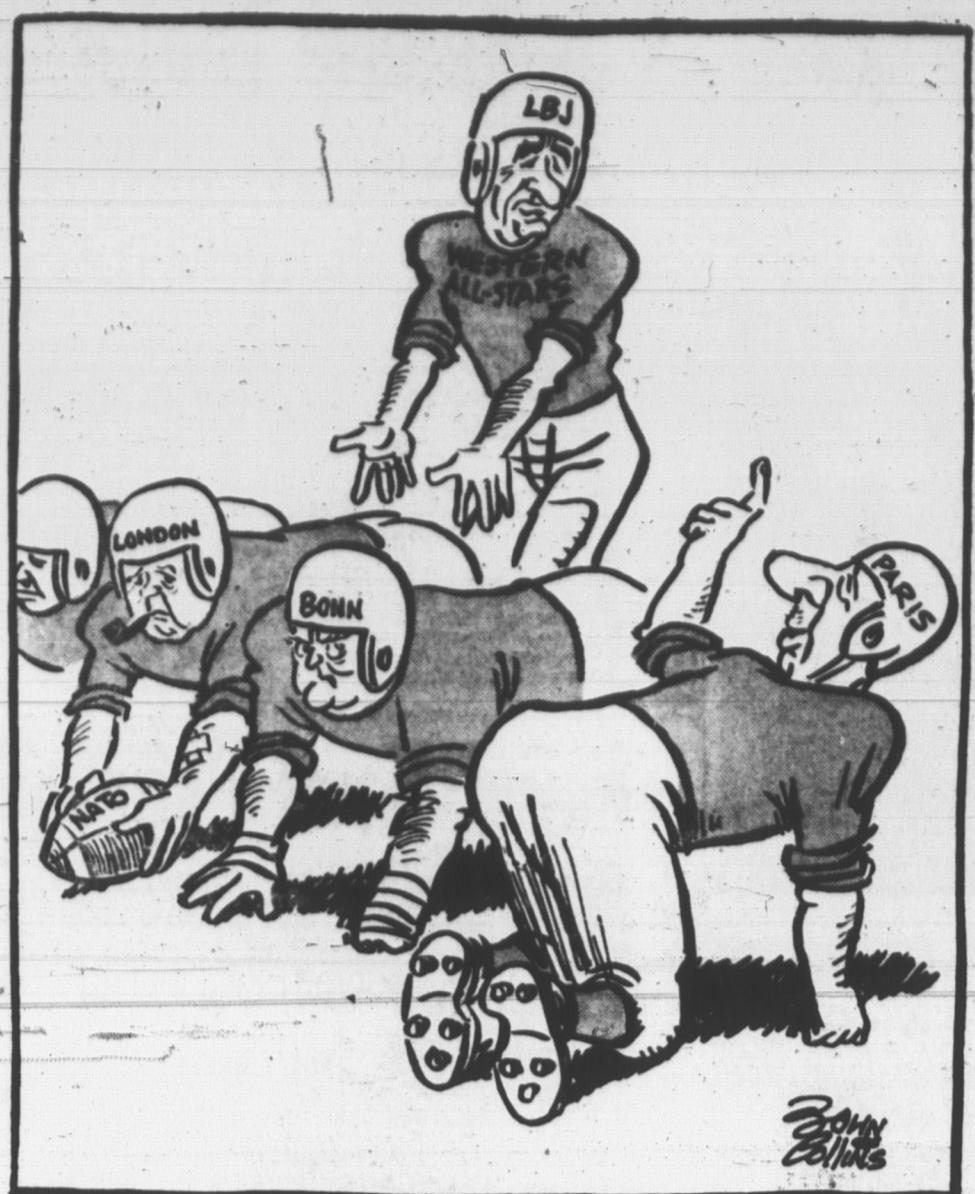
Later, Finance Minister Walter Gordon, national campaign chairman, was asked at a press conference if the flag would be used as a Liberal Party poster during the campaign.

There are other ways of showing pride in the flag as a symbol of Canada's proud tradition, and of teaching the younger generation to do likewise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Bank of Canada has cheery news. It reports that the supply of coin, bank notes and chartered bank deposits in the hands of the public rose \$162 million to \$18,965 million last week, representing a major upturn after several weeks' decline.

The U.S. national aeronautics and space administration has announced it is definitely going to shoot for Mars in 1971. This is not to be a fly-by, as was Mariner 4, which this summer turned in some remarkable pictures of the surface of Mars.



"I BROUGHT ALONG MY OWN PLAYS"

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Election Campaign Instructions Reviewed

Now that the Liberal Party has hired an army of highly-paid public relations advisers to create an acceptable image for it, its election campaigning is as contrived as the marketing drive for a new detergent.

The Liberal Party has recently completed a series of "Campaign Colleges" to train its candidates in this "new politics."

This document, an unlucky thirteen pages long, is headed "How to present and stick to national issues."

"We must realize that our opponents will have some strong points which it is a waste of time to attack," admits this order from headquarters.

SCANDAL UNIMPORTANT?

Prime Minister Pearson himself is dutifully obeying orders when he asks all parties to abstain from "smear, scandal and scuttlebutt" in the campaign and stick to the national issues.

The battle orders warn Liberals that there is a big note to be won, but by promises and program rather than by carping criticism.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion as correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents. All letters published are subject to editing and condensation where necessary.

LIQUOR SITE PROTEST

Sir—What is this protest your paper speaks about? Surely this crowd of self-glorified and self-styled champions of personal freedom cannot expect to raise even a government eyebrow on such a naive and bigoted issue.

Are they so short sighted as to suppose that the young people will stand around and watch visitors to a partially remote liquor outlet when they are well occupied with academic and athletic objectives?

It is only through years of conditioning that these attitudes have been formed. They are utterly archaic and synonymous with our present liquor laws which are responsible to a great extent for the desire of our youth to taste that which is supposedly "cursed," "evil" and "forbidden."

We, as well as the government, obviously, treat this protest with the utter contempt it deserves.

not easily convinced that criticism can substitute for policy. That is a truism which all political parties would do well to remember; but do the voters really want more of those expensive election promises?

In a vivid confession which will alarm many truly liberal Canadians, this secret battle plan orders: "We should, as much as possible, ignore direct attacks upon Douglas and the NDP because they are competing for the same votes that we are."

LITTLE MAN FORGOTTEN

One glaring weakness in the marketing package of the Liberal Party is admitted: "we have become a metropolitan-suburban party; this indicated a considerable gap in our appeal to the rural people of Canada."

Further, the Liberal hierarchy admits to "a lack of identification with the low income groups as the party of the common man."

The oystermen and fishermen of Virginia's Chincoteague Island turn cowboy for a few days every summer.

For more than a hundred years, men of the Atlantic Coast island have saddled up their horses, donned hip boots, and crossed the channel to round up the wild ponies of neighboring Assateague Island.

At low tide, the wiry ponies are persuaded to swim the quarter-mile stretch of water to the beaches of Chincoteague. Power boats keep them in line along the way. Some of the colts, too young to make the 15-minute swim, are brought by Jeep across a nearby bridge.

WILD PONY AUCTION

Once at Chincoteague, the ponies trot to waiting pens to be sold the next day to the highest bidder. Usually 100 to 200 animals make the crossing, but not all are sold.

Sponsored by the Chincoteague Volunteer Fire Company, the colorful pony penning event attracts thousands of visitors. The "oldest wild west show in the east" takes place the last week of July.

In addition to the actual pony swim and auction, there are

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

A five-hour air raid alarm, longest of the war, kept Berliners in chilly cellars most of the night and morning. Most of the raiding British planes stayed over the city's industrial suburbs.

The Royal Navy and the Free French forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle withdrew from Dakar, and the British government announced that they had given up a three-day naval and air battle for that key port of French West Africa.

TEN YEARS AGO

Government subsidization of the arts in Canada is essential if the arts are to develop as they should, Lady Eaton said in an interview at Calgary, Alta.

The Independent French newspaper, Le Monde, said the acquittal of two white men for killing a Negro boy in Mississippi proved that two scales of justice exist in the United States for whites and Negroes.

Sleep Inducers

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The theory that a sleep center exists in the brain has many advocates. Electro-sleep machines sold in Europe, and I understand in this country, are said to stimulate these centers and lead the insomniac into the arms of Morpheus.

The electrical stimulation is continuous and causes either continuous tingling or pulsatile sensations over the temples or eyeballs. Time will tell whether the machine is an improvement on the ordinary sleeping pill.

More rational gadgets include those that relax emotional and muscular tension. The old-fashioned hot water bottle or heating pad is high on the list. Shades and masks to keep out the light are more popular and sensible.

Sleep also can be induced by flashing beams of light into the eyes. Many devices were introduced for this purpose, varying from a miniature lighthouse next to the bed to a clockwork-driven assortment of little mirrors reflecting light.

There are innumerable records and tapes that are said to lull the insomniac to sleep. Perhaps we should say hypnotize rather than lull because some repeat "You are sleeping, you are sleeping." Others emit soothing sounds such as that of the sea and still others use poetry.

But the oddest of all sleep-inducers are performed by the victim prior to going to sleep and include special exercises and variety of rituals. Others must use certain night clothes, bedding, or pillows.

BREATHING ACTION

J. B. M. writes: How does one breathe properly?

REPLY

Voluntarily. Many people inhale by raising the chest, expanding the thorax, and sucking in the abdomen. Others protrude the abdomen during inspiration to allow the diaphragm to descend. The latter is more efficient provided the abdominal muscles are pulled in during expiration so the diaphragm will go up and help force the air out of the lungs.

Wild Pony Roundup

National Geographic Society

Historians are not sure how the ponies first came to Assateague. Most popular explanation is that they descended from Arabian horses that swam ashore from a wrecked Spanish galleon in the 16th century.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Interesting line picked from the air waves was about the man who was bequeathed 1,000 alarm clocks and spent the next week winding up the estate. — Fort William Times - Journal.

To a Vancouver gal goes the bumper sticker - of-the-month award. The message on the back of her small English car: "Come one step closer and I'll scream." — Financial Post.

Everyone has heard of a gaggle of geese, a giggle of girls, or a pad of bestnits, but here are a few new ones from London medical circles: a rash of dermatologists, a hive of allergists, a scrub of internas, an eyeful of ophthalmologists, a staph of bacteriologists, and a gargle of laryngologists. — Catholic Digest.

Rich Uncle (a strict Sabatarian) — "I am extremely sorry to learn that Eustace is in the habit of visiting a golf club on the Sabbath." Loyal Wife (brightly) — "Oh, but he doesn't play. He only pops over there for a few drinks and a game of poker." — Vancouver Sun.

Father — "There's plenty of time for Bessie to think of getting married. Let her wait till the right man comes along." Mother — "I don't see why she should wait that long. I didn't when I was her age." — Montreal Star.

A new device is said to ride premises of rodents by emitting high-pitched noises that rats can't stand. Even if it doesn't work on rats, it still might be a hit record. — Calgary Herald.

Acting In Concert

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP) — One possible conclusion arising from the India-Pakistan ceasefire is that the United Nations works well if the major powers agree.

The UN record to date in the latest Asian crisis — although only the first and perhaps easiest step has been completed — is in utter contrast to the sterile performance of the last session.

For widely divergent reasons of self-interest, the United States and the Soviet Union acted in concert on the Kashmir fighting, giving the UN a long-overdue boost in morale.

They had crippled the last session with a warring argument about non-payment toward peacekeeping costs, which the U.S. finally abandoned quietly.

No one expects the current accord to establish a long-term pattern. The U.S. has been cool to the good auspices of the UN in Viet Nam, although lately it has sought every avenue for a basis for peaceful negotiations.

Russia, having declined to contribute to various peacekeeping chores from the Congo to Cyprus and the Gaza Strip, now shares with the U.S. an unprecedented interest in UN effectiveness.

Each of the two big powers have compelling reasons. The U.S. still hopes that India and Pakistan will form some

sort of containment against communism, especially the Chinese variety, even though Pakistan has slipped as a trusty ally.

The U.S. had little or nothing to gain from a warring war between two allies which have received perhaps \$10,000,000,000 or more in American military and economic aid over the last 10 years.

Russia is similarly tied to India, which it has supported against China at considerable cost. It has been reluctant to antagonize Pakistan by taking sides and remains eager to polish its Asian image as much as possible in competition with China.

President Johnson, who abruptly postponed scheduled visits by both men last summer and drew domestic and international criticism, now is believed eager to reschedule the visits.

Aside from any good that might be done in firming up the shaky ceasefire and grappling with the complex differences between the two countries, such a step seems essential to avoid letting Russia make too much diplomatic hay.

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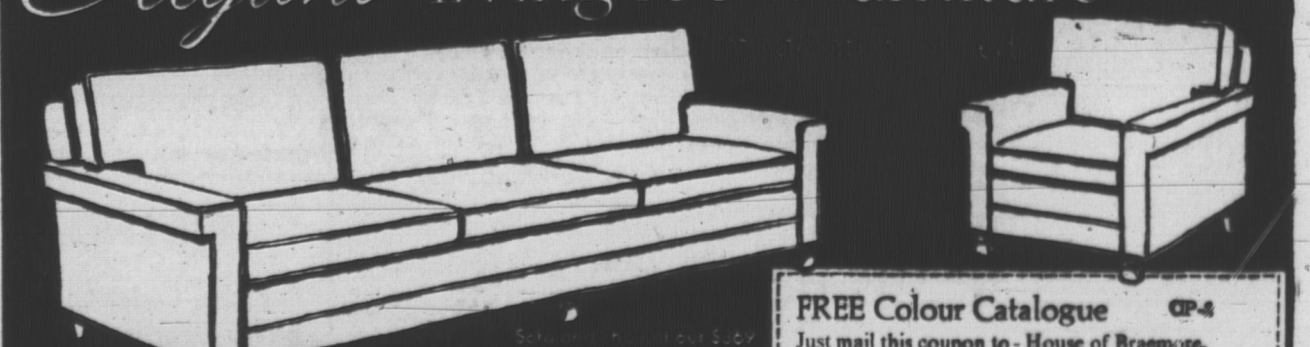
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