

What Did He Mean?

When Prime Minister St. Laurent declared in Parliament on Monday that "so-called big powers" too often have treated the charter of the United Nations as "an instrument to regiment the smaller nations" and as one to be discarded when their own "so-called vital interests" were at stake, he was making a general statement; but since he was replying to a want-of-confidence motion criticising the Government for having followed a course of "gratuitous condemnation" of the action of Britain and France in the Suez, it is to be presumed that he had Britain and France in mind.

When the Prime Minister went on to say that he had been "scandalized" more than once by the attitude of the big powers, and that "the era when the supermen of Europe could govern the whole world has and is coming to a pretty close end," he was speaking to the same resolution and was still, presumably, thinking about England and France. At best, it certainly appeared that he was lumping Britain and France with Russia in his condemnation of the "big powers." Yet in yesterday's debate, when accused by the Opposition with having the effrontery to compare British and French Middle East action with the action of Russia in Hungary, Mr. St. Laurent heatedly denied the charge, and said this represented a "complete distortion" of his statements.

Certainly no one would like to think that the Prime Minister of Canada intended to make any such comparison, or harboured any such revolting idea. Yet what other interpretation, precisely, can be placed upon his words? He is an able and experienced lawyer, and can handle the English language perfectly. Why did he choose to speak ambiguously, with all the appearance of being "willing to wound and yet afraid to strike"? One would have more respect for forthright utterances at this time, whatever their import might be. The whole attitude of the Government is reflected in these off-beat generalities, "so smug, so self-righteous, so hypocritical," as one Opposition member pertinently remarked.

A Grim Possibility

During the Second World War Britain and the United States swore eternal friendship. Since then it has been said many times by spokesmen of both countries that never would any quarrel develop into a serious rift and, although there would be differences of opinion from time to time, in no circumstances would either country take up arms against the other. Indeed, this has been said so many times that it is now generally accepted as an article of political faith. At least, it was so accepted until two or three weeks ago. Now, while full-scale war between the two countries is still so remote a possibility as to be scarcely worthy of conjecture, the possibility of friction that might even involve shooting at one another is less fantastic than it used to be. We are living in topsy-turvy times, and what was outside the category of possibilities a year or even a month ago is not necessarily so today and may be well within the category next week or next month.

Not much was said about it at the time, probably because no one wanted to dwell on it; but when British and French naval forces were enroute to the Suez Canal there was a report going the rounds at U.N. headquarters to the effect that some consideration was being given by American authorities to having them intercepted and turned back by the United States Mediterranean fleet. The report has not been confirmed or denied, which probably means that there was something in it. A reasonable view is that it had been suggested to President Eisenhower who, on second thought, considered it too drastic a measure. It almost certainly has

brought on a shooting episode, and only Heaven knows what would have come of it.

Now, we are told, the United States is insisting on British and French withdrawal from the canal area even before the U.N. police force, such as it is, has taken up its allotted positions. This is another step in American policy to placate the Arab world at whatever cost may be necessary. If the logical sequence is maintained, we can expect to hear that the United States has supported Egypt's demand that the British and French be driven out of the area by force. Since the U.N. force is not strong enough for that assignment, the logical thing would be for United States' forces to intervene and help in the driving-out process. Then the world would witness the grim spectacle of Americans—and of course Canadians—firing on the British and French and the British and French firing back in self-defence, much to the joy of the Soviet leaders who at last would see their great dream come true.

A totally unwarranted prediction of utter insanity in relations between erstwhile friendly nations? Let us hope so. But American policy, and of course Canadian policy, which is allied with it, will have to change drastically for the better before such a possibility can be ignored.

Reply From Naples

In view of the graver issues involved, perhaps it is a matter of small consequence that Egypt has "humiliated" Canada as a result of the delay in sending the Queen's Own Rifles to join the U.N. force in the Middle East. This charge was made in Parliament, however, and the Prime Minister choose to answer it. He is reported to have declared, heatedly, that "neither Colonel Nasser, nor anything said in the Commons or Canadian newspapers trying to belittle Canada's part in the U.N. force was going to suggest that we have no right to have that glorious battalion continue to be called the Queen's Own Rifles."

Nobody in Canada, of course, was challenging that right or belittling the Queen's Own. But it is ironical that while the Prime Minister's words were being received over the wire yesterday, another dispatch, from Naples, reported Canadian Army officers in Italy as complaining that the Queen's Own Rifles would never be sent to the Middle East; that there had been suggestions the battalion should remove its shoulder patches to satisfy the Egyptians, and that "the morale of Canadian soldiers has already suffered enough." The only Canadian soldiers not sent to Egypt, the report added, are members of the Queen's Own.

With all due respect to the Prime Minister of Canada, the ring of truth in the Army officers' words makes his own words on this subject sound like a plugged nickel.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The United States Foreign Aid Program is big business for the givers as well as welcome assistance for the recipients. A report says that since the Marshall Plan began in 1948 77% of all the money spent found its way into the hands of American manufacturers.

A Canadian oil expert says there is enough oil in the Athabasca region, provided it can be extracted economically, to look after this country's requirements for at least 2,000 years. By then, if all goes well, the United Nations should have managed to have the Middle East situation cleared up and the Suez Canal in running order.

The Provincial Boards of Trade have acted wisely in calling the attention of the Federal Government to the unsatisfactory ferry service at Borden. Even if a causeway is finally decided upon—and certainly there is no assurance that it will be—it will be a long time, perhaps several years in the making. Another boat for the service should have been under construction long since.

A stock show featuring \$5 million worth of high class cattle is now under way in the Chicago amphitheatre where the Democratic National Convention was held in August. Owing to the calm bovine temperament it won't be as noisy as the political gathering, but it will probably make just as good a contribution to the nation's wellbeing.



MORE PEOPLE ARE DISCOVERING

OTTAWA REPORT

Quebec & And The Convention

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The provincial government of Quebec may attend as a solid phalanx at the Conservative Party convention here next month. That national convention will meet to select a new leader of the Conservative Party. For this purpose, Quebec's "Union Nationale" party has been officially recognized as being bona fide conservative, by the Conservative Party machine.

Consequently, Premier Maurice Duplessis and all Union Nationale members of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of Quebec may attend as full voting delegates - if they wish.

Mr. William Rowe, chief executive of the Conservative national office here, and son of the party's temporary leader, Hon. Earl "Realt", has given me this information in reply to my enquiries. At a meeting of the national executive on 2nd October, he told me, the resolution was drafted to permit any member of the upper or lower legislative chamber of Quebec to be given the status of an ex officio delegate at the national convention, on two conditions. These are, first, that he supports the federal Conservative party, and second, that he is a member of the Union Nationale. He must also intimate his wish to be accredited as a delegate.

FROM RED TO BLUE
Thirteen Union Nationale M. L. As have already indicated their wish to be accredited as delegates, Bill Rowe told me. It begins to look as if Quebec proposes to turn Conservative in name as well as in fact.

Monsieur Duplessis, leader and founder of the Union Nationale, was himself elected leader of the

Quebec Conservative Party in 1933, three years before he founded the U. N.
There are no other near-Conservative or would-be Conservative parties, under any other name, in any other province, whose members are thus automatically qualified to be voting delegates at the Conservative convention. Mr. Rowe told me, Premier W. A. C. Bennett of British Columbia responded to my enquiry emphatically that no supporter of his would be interested in an invitation from the party which he himself quit a few years ago.

There will also be 225 riding delegates and 75 delegates-at-large from Quebec. The latter will be selected to represent the professions, farmers, the press, businessmen and organized labour. Great curiosity here awaits the naming of these delegates-at-large, to see whether they will include the Diebener-for-leader group of prominent Quebecers. This group is one of the most sensational aspects of the strong support reported for Prince Albert's M. P. as a leadership candidate. It consists of prominent Quebec residents, representative of a wide variety of activities, most of whom bear names written deep in the history of the Conservative Party. They are in many cases the sons of former Conservative federal cabinet ministers from Quebec, who themselves have now returned enthusiastically to the Conservative Party in support of John Diefenbaker, after many years of political disinterest.

MACHINE COLD SHOULDER?
I asked Bill Rowe whether all or any of this group had been or would be named as delegates. He

replied that he knew of the movement, but had not yet seen a list of their names. "If recommended," he declared, "they should be appointed as delegates-at-large. We would welcome people of such eminence at the convention."

The nomination of delegates-at-large from Quebec rests in the hands of the Quebec Conservative organization. This is not a formally or democratically constituted association, with elected officers, as exists in other provinces. It is a nominated and self-appointed agglomeration, led by Bob Perron, M. P., Guillaume Plette of Quebec City, Leon Balcer, M. P. and others. Mr. Balcer is himself a candidate for the party leadership and Mr. Perron is said to be one of his chief supporters.

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A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOT

Sounds In The Mid-West

By Wilfred Taylor of The Edinburgh Scotsman

"I've been to school at most of Chicago's universities," said the young man who was tending the bar in the Press Club. There are five or six universities in Chicago. It turned out that he had graduated in music with the help of an Army grant. But he figured it out that there was a brighter future in public accountancy, so he had become a public accountant and was augmenting his earnings by working in the Press Club Saturdays. It is quiet on Saturdays so he gets an opportunity to increase his knowledge of public accountancy.

He was a pleasant, courteous young man, and he wanted to know how our preconception of the United States checked with the reality. We told him that it was like the difference between black and white and coloured TV. He thought that there might be a colour transmission showing on one of the channels but came back to report that it wasn't. He asked us what we thought of Chicago compared with New York. We said that on the whole we found Chicago more congenial. "That's a mighty pretty thing to say," he said, "and I sure appreciate it." MORE RELAXED

The reasons for our preference are partly arbitrary. It is much cooler here and less humid. A cool wind blows off the lake and the atmosphere is more relaxed. Stern purpose is writ more softly on the brows of the Chicagoans. The skyscrapers are more widely spaced in the Loop, and you can sometimes across the streets without hitting the green light.

It is pleasant to hear by one of the kerb-side news stalls under the brilliant flashing lights and listen to bells chiming "Rock of Ages" far above you. There is a Church, or rather a temple in the Loop which is brilliantly floodlit at night. It occupies one of the smaller skyscrapers, and after going through the vaulted door you take the elevator up to the top where the church proper is, sited as near to heaven as it can get. ENGLISH INN

Yesterday afternoon we visited a fully equipped English Inn, the "Nag's Head". This had just been set up on the third floor of the Pal-

mer House by the British Travel Association as one of their gestures towards the International Travel Association conference which is taking place there. It contains all the appurtenances of an English Inn, including a dart board and a London innkeeper and his wife. At the main door of the hotel we saw a London taxi-cab painted in red. As a Scot we were pleased to note that among the cheese-fondly displayed in the inn was one labelled "Scottish."

As yet we haven't seen any newspapers from home so that it is hard to get a firm view of the British reaction to the crisis. Most of the U.S. radio and TV stations are carrying long reports from U.N.O. and everywhere people are sitting up late listening for the latest information. We do not lack our friends and supporters. We read a letter in the "Christian Science Monitor" yesterday from a correspondent who itemised the many acts of provocation to which Israel had been exposed, and for good measure he listed the occasions on which the United States had taken punitive action against the aggressors. But all the time one sense a horror that blood is being spilt and that force is being employed. As our host, said, last night, "Sir Anthony Eden will be justified if in fact peace is restored to the Middle East." But the Middle East is far from the Middle West and people here are greatly troubled in their minds. The more intelligent take the view that there must be more under the surface of events than they have been told.

PEACEFUL SUBURB
Out here in South Chicago the last leaves are dropping from the maples and the elms. Bonfires are burning in back yards and everywhere you see men in shirt-sleeves spraying the grass from their green hoses. There hasn't been rain in four weeks although snow storms have been raging in Colorado and Nebraska.

It is quiet and peaceful in this suburb. Yesterday we wandered along under the trees to the shopping centre and then attended divine worship in the Morgan Park Presbyterian Church. It is a new and elegant church, and the pa-



BIRTHRIGHT
Lord Rameses of Egypt sighed
Because a summer evening passed
And little Ariadne cried
That summer fancy fell at last
To dust; and young Verona died
When beauty's hour was overcast.

Theirs was the bitterness we know
Because the clouds of Hawthorn
keep
So short a state, and kisses go
To tombs unfathomably deep,
While Rameses and Romeo
And little Ariadne sleep.
—John Drinkwater.

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tor's name is Billy Graham. Mr. Graham preached a lively sermon to his packed congregation. His theme was that one ought to cut down on essentials and accessories. As a Scot we felt that we weren't doing too badly. Every American church of consequence has a printed order of service, and the choir, in their colourful smocks, give an academic touch to the scene. In our pew a young father was holding a fat baby boy on his lap and feeding him milk from a bottle. Half-way during the sermon, the baby began to protest, and his father slipped him to his wife, who carried the baby, who wanted essentials and accessories, out.

THROUGH CHINATOWN
Riding home from the Loop last night we were for a long way the only white person in the bus. The route runs through Chicago's Chinatown, so we had the company of Chinese and Negroes. At one point an attractive young Negro woman came aboard along with two merry chocolate-brown little boys. They were both wearing smart Raglan coats and green corded felt hats. They looked like miniature men about town.

All night long the locomotives on the Rock Island railroad, which passes near here, sound their whistles as they approach the open crossings. You come to take this melancholy but soothing howling as part of the general sound pattern. These locomotives moaning in the night are just as much a part of the South Chicago symphony as the constant swish of automobiles zooming along Halstead Avenue a couple of blocks away.

BLAME EGYPT
ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Ankara radio says Egypt has been instigating large-scale trouble in other Arab nations, with Communist help. A broadcast also bitterly attacked Syria for accepting Soviet weapons, imposing a state of siege (martial law) and "making troop concentrations along the Lebanese border."

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
AVOIDING CONSTIPATION
A MATTER OF TRAINING
REGULARITY is important in avoiding constipation, a fairly common ailment in this speeded-up world of today. Good functioning of the bowels, you see, actually is a matter of proper training and habit.

While everyone doesn't have the same bowel habits, I advise that you set aside a specific time every day to answer nature's call. If you can't find time in the evening, get up a little earlier in the morning. And don't be tense. Try to relax your movements, endeavor to establish regularity.

Regularity in eating is essential also. If you eat all three meals at regular times each day your stomach will get to know when the food is coming.

It might be well to eat about the same amount for each meal. As a rule, it isn't advisable to eat a big supper after consuming only a light breakfast and a light lunch.

To supply the necessary bulk, I suggest you eat plenty of fruits and vegetables, if you have no intestinal trouble. Eat at least two different vegetables at both lunch and supper.

Potatoes are good, too. But don't substitute them for vegetables; eat them in addition to the others.

Either fresh or cooked fruits are good. And while fruit juices are fine, your body needs the natural bulk of the fruit itself for regularity.

Although meat, eggs, fish and poultry are low in residue, you need them to maintain a properly balanced diet.

PINT OF MILK
Milk also is essential. Drink at least one pint a day.

Finally, that laxative of artificial means producing bowel movements. But always avoid any large doses of laxatives of any kind.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
M. B.: What causes nails to break easily?

ANSWER: There is a condition affecting the nails that runs in families. This causes the nails to be very fragile and easily broken. No treatment has been discovered for this condition.

Sometimes, arsenic, taken internally, is helpful, but this should be taken only under the direction of a physician.

The Age Old Story
Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

OUR YESTERDAYS
From The Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(November 28, 1931)

Among the visitors from this province to the Toronto Winter Fair, who returned last evening were Hon. G. Shelton Sharp, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. J. W. Boulter, Secretary of the Potato Growers Association, and Mr. Walter Shaw, of the Department of Agriculture. Hon. Mr. Sharp reported a very successful one, especially in the number and quality of live stock exhibits.

By resolution at its annual meeting at Halifax this week, the Maritime Board of Trade endorsed the resolution of the Associated Board of Trade of Prince Edward Island asking that finances in connection with the Car Ferry be charged against consolidated revenue of Canada so as not to affect the operating account of the Atlantic Region of the C.N.R.

TEN YEARS AGO
(November 28, 1946)

Prince Edward Island potato growers who have been confronted for the past few weeks with serious financial loss because of lack of frost-proof storage space for a large part of their crop have found relief by shipping hundreds of cars to safe frost-proof storage in Amherst, N.S., where they will be stored temporarily before being marketed from Amherst.

Seven Polish soldiers who fought with Montgomery's Eighth Army arrived in the city last night to work on island farms. The men were met at the station by Mr. J. B. Martley, Manager of the local National Employment Office, and the farmers for whom they had travelled thousands of miles to work.

MAXIMS
Happy the people whose annals are blank in history-books.

MARTIN IN INDONESIA (Reuters)
Paul Martin, Canadian minister of health and welfare, arrived here Monday in the course of a good-will tour of Asia on his way to the Colombo Plan ministers meeting in Wellington next month. Martin was the guest of honor Monday night at a dinner given for him by Prime Minister A.L. Sastroamidjojo.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

So many prophecies turn out, in the long run, to be absurd. A lot of deep thinkers, for example, thought that the closed motor car would be the doom of the cigar—Hamilton Spectator
A Navy jet plane, went so fast it overtook its own bullets and shot itself down. And this, in spite of all the tests Navy men have made over the years, trying to spit into the wind!—Orillia Packet

The right attitude, it is said, is more important than dieting or drugs for the slim figure. We would suggest the right attitude is to push yourself away from the table three times daily while you are still a little hungry.—St. Catharines Standard
Frenzied natives of Tanganyika, wanting to touch the dress being worn by Princess Margaret, mobbed a cordon of guards surrounding the Royal visitor. But none should speak slightly of the natives who got out of control. Young natives of Canada and the United States have been known to act the same way in the presence of Elvis Presley and others of his ilk.—Fort William Times-Journal

And we certainly welcome the edict that nobody has an inalienable right to civil service job. If this information is passed down through the civil service and indeed through all Canadian business and industry and employment in general then we may get back to the sound principle that a man must earn his job and continue to earn it. For too long now have the willing and able workers been hindered or held back by those who get their feet on board the machine and just go along for the ride.—Ottawa Journal

A man can now have a breakfast of onion soup and cognac-spiked coffee in Paris, drink champagne and read Hemingway on a plane, and within the day be on the trail of big game in French West Africa or Equatorial Africa. Air France provides the winged transport from Paris, and game hunting organizations take care of the local preparations. They are ready to provide guides, guns, cars, Picot beds, mosquito netting, portable showers and refrigerators and evidently everything a man thinks he might like to have to make him happy before and, if possible, after he triggers one of the elephants, lions, buffaloes, rhinos, hippos and antelopes in what the French call Black Africa.—France Actuelle

Fourteen years ago, Canada reported 2,804 cases of diphtheria with 267 deaths. Last year, there were only 139 cases and only 15 deaths. In 1942, there were six cases of smallpox. Canada has not had one case of smallpox since 1947. The reason for the change is a simple one. Parents have come to recognize the need for vaccination against these diseases. Unfortunately, diphtheria and smallpox are not the only diseases against which children require protection. Whooping-cough is still a child-killer. Thought the number of cases has declined, there were still 15,682 victims of the disease last year and 136 of the victims died.—Montreal Gazette

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