

Always A Sportsman

The late Mr. Lucas Allen was in his younger days a noted athlete and sportsman, and he never lost the sporting spirit in the many activities he engaged in later life...

Mr. Allen would not have put it this way, for he was among the most modest of men, and would have laughed at the idea that he was setting a worthy example to others when he felt that he was only "doing his bit"...

One thing which we recall particularly about Mr. Allen's career in public life, during the years in which he sat in the Legislative Assembly, was his complete freedom from petty partisanship...

Mr. Allen was regarded as a formidable man in debate, but we do not recall a single occasion when he ever lost his temper, when he ever used an unkind word, or cast an aspersion of any kind on an opponent's motives or integrity...

This was just an example of how Mr. Allen "played the game" in every field of activity in which he participated. He always observed the ground rules, and had no use for a "win" on any other terms...

Timely Observation

In his inspiring address before the Canadian Club here on Tuesday evening, Mr. Donald Gordon confessed that he was startled and disturbed by a statistic produced by the Canadian Tourist Association...

Naturally this was a matter about which the President of the Canadian National Railways would be concerned. But it was not from the standpoint of promoting transportation that he was speaking...

After all, he reminded his hearers, it was personal contact between Canada and men from the Maritimes that made Confederation possible...

bers of the legislature of the Canadas, accompanied by other prominent men in business and public affairs—and including 23 journalists—started on their historic tour...

"I am not offering interprovincial travel or good fellowship as a cure-all for the ills of Canada," Mr. Gordon hastened to explain. "But as I know well from my own experience, there is something about personal contact—about first-hand knowledge of how the other person lives and works and feels—which acts better than anything else to bring about a feeling that one can work with this person towards a common objective."

It was in this light that he viewed the importance of our centennial celebrations in Prince Edward Island this year. By helping Canadians from all parts of the country to know more of their own history and to become better acquainted with each other, he suggested, the celebrations represent for this reason alone "a significant contribution to Canadian unity and to Canadian maturity."

Mr. Gordon touched on many other aspects of "the idea and spirit" of Confederation, but we thought these remarks particularly appropriate to our centennial program, and encouraging to all engaged in making it a success.

A Needed Reform

It is to be hoped that due attention will be given to a private bill which has been introduced in the House of Commons by Mr. Robert Temple, Liberal member for Hastings South. This bill would provide for the automatic commutation of a death sentence where a court of appeal is not unanimous in confirming the conviction.

In commending this proposal, the Toronto Globe and Mail points out that when a man is on trial for his life he cannot by law be convicted unless all 12 jurors—who are not men expert in law or evidence—are convinced of his guilt. Yet when his fate is handed to the higher courts, where all of his judges are men highly versed in law and evidence, a bare majority is sufficient to send him to the rope.

Surely if even one judge of either provincial appeal court or Supreme Court of Canada is so filled with reasonable doubt of a man's guilt or the fairness of his trial as to dissent from his fellow judges' decision to uphold conviction, society takes a fearful risk in hanging an innocent man.

The Globe and Mail recalls that this actually happened in Toronto, in the case of Arthur Lucas, who went to the gallows despite a strong case made by one member of the Supreme Court to allow his appeal; and there have been a good many consciences in Toronto that have not rested easily since.

Even those who may believe in the validity of capital punishment may well feel that there is need for a change in our existing laws, to the point at least where a judge's doubts should provide valid grounds for commutation of the sentence.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Department of National Health and Welfare advises that farm machinery will figure in accident reports as soon as the land is workable. Many crippling or fatal accidents are due to neglect or carelessness or the practice of allowing youngsters to operate tractors or other heavy equipment for which they have neither the strength or good judgment. Something worth keeping in mind.

One year's profit of one U.S. corporation, notes an exchange, would be more than enough to wipe off the total of personal loans owed by Canadians to the chartered banks. On the day that the Dominion Bureau of Statistics issued its statement showing that general personal loans by chartered banks climbed to \$1.4 billion, the Bell telephone system of the huge AT and T Corporation announced a profit for 1963 of \$1.5 billion.



THEY'VE BEEN LEARNING WHITE MEN'S WAYS

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Defense Step In Right Direction

Paul Hellyer's White Paper, located chiefly in National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa, is a costly and triplicated source of delay, confusion and waste.

MUST MERGE INTO ONE The Government has decided that there is only one adequate solution, says the White Paper: the integration of the armed forces of Canada under a single Chief and a single defence staff.

This column has frequently been taken to task for its glowing waste of employing expensive, trained, lavishly uniformed and well-paid soldiers, sailors and airmen in Ottawa as chauffeurs and "cleaning women" for the top brass in their homes, and as clerks and messengers in their offices.

These men in brass kilts and outdated domestic perquisites, which are not granted the average employee in the industry, are even to cabinet ministers, the taxpayers will continue to pay for cosmetics, cleaners and sergeants as sweepers. But the White Paper does promise efficiency and economy in a way where it has been lacking, and an end to the thinly disguised

governmental concept that defences" is a make-work program to reduce unemployment.

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German Measles Said Spreading

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen This may be a big year for German measles (rubella). At the time of this writing, there is an outbreak of epidemic proportion in the United States...

Child day camps, day care centres and develop it 14 to 23 days after exposure. Symptoms resembling those of measles are present during the first 12 to 23 hours preceding the rash.

The rash disappears by the third day. When this happens, there is a danger that the person had German measles. By this time, it no longer is contagious, but the veterans are permitted to return to school after an additional day's rest.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A professor of education says children should be taught at school how to live at home. The old belief was that children should be taught at home how to behave at school—Ottawa Journal.

Wife—"My husband is becoming quite a nut." Friend—"What does he play?" The wife: "No, he goes out every day, he reads the newspaper home light as a drum."—Gail Reporter.

First woman: "Did you ever catch your husband flirting?" Second: "Yes, but the only way I did catch him."—Montreal Star.

Why must people who are had at remembering the last lines of jokes be so good at remembering the first lines?—Toronto Star.

Home is the place where dad is free to say anything he pleases, because no one will pay the slightest attention to him any way.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.—Globe and Mail.

British Reprisal Attack

By Doug Marshall Canadian Press Staff Writer

Britain's lapse into fighter-plane diplomacy to level a mud-slinging Yemeni fortress Eassey Sa'ud has been predictably pleased none expect possibly the Sheriff of Benhar.

While British observers tend to discount Yemeni claims that 25 people—including women and children—were killed in the attack, they are hard pressed to find justifications for an action that was bound to damage Britain's reputation as a reformer.

Just what was the point, ask the critics, in hardening Afrikan opinion against Britain, presenting the Arab world with a perfect anti-Western rallying cry and precipitating an embargo on the United Nations Security Council debate?

It is a heavy debt balance—so heavy that it is impossible to understand how the cabinet could ever have come to such a decision, says the right-wing Sunday Times. Whitehall sources said the

advice reached its decision because of pressure from military and political authorities in Britain's Aden base—and only after internal disagreement.

The argument runs that Britain was obliged by treaty to retaliate for five attacks on federal territory by Yemeni aircraft in recent months. Moreover, Britain needs to retain the confidence of the federators' rulers in order to prevent the—bustion of influence over Middle East oil interests.

MODERATE POSITION

Countering this argument, the critics say Aden will have to sooner or later and the best way to prepare for British departure is to bring the UN into southern Arabia as soon as possible.

There is some suggestion that this moderate position was adopted by British Foreign Secretary A. Butler when the cabinet made its decision about the raid.

However it appears he was persuaded to favor a stronger response by Commonwealth Secretary Duncan Sandys and Defence Minister Peter Thorneycroft.

Ultimately, the decision to strike lay with Prime Minister Douglas-Home and he took it with the knowledge that the United States wasn't particularly happy about the possible results.

Events may justify him but meanwhile his critics are worried that in using a sledgehammer to crack a nut he may have wrecked Britain's Middle Eastern arm out of joint.

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Our Yesterdays (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

The regular supper meeting of the Summerdale Y's Men's Club was held in Epworth Hall.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 9, 1954) The quarterly meeting of the Nurses' Alumnae of the Charlottetown Hospital was held at the Hotel Victoria.

THE YAY, three-act comedy "Tish" received much favorable comment following the performance by the Y's Men's Club.

TO VISIT BONN OTTAWA, (CP)—External Affairs Minister Mervin (P) visit Bonn May 15 for talks with Foreign Minister Schröder and other officials of West Germany.

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Another statement made was... I am, Sir, etc. ROBERT McILVAINE, Albany, P.E.I.