

The Right Emphasis

In a recent speech in London, Ontario, External Affairs Minister Paul Martin took the opportunity of reaffirming his belief and loyal faith in the Commonwealth of Nations as the most potent influence for world peace today. And he produced, incidentally, as good a definition as one can find of what this organization stands for.

"Perhaps the closest we can come to a definition of the Commonwealth," said Mr. Martin, "is to call it a partnership—a partnership based on a measure of historical recollections, on a framework of common values and institutions, and above all a willingness to consult and co-operate on a basis of mutual confidence."

Recent events in Viet Nam and elsewhere, where the Commonwealth principle of "consultation and co-operation on a basis of mutual confidence," is notably lacking, add emphasis to the Canadian minister's point that this aspect of our partnership is the most important of all.

It is the thing most needed to prevent racial struggles from developing into a war of global proportions, and of terrifying consequences. For the Commonwealth is itself a multi-racial group of 21 nations, widely distributed over the globe and accounting for nearly one-quarter of the world's population. Representing different cultures, creeds and continents, it must of necessity be prepared to merge differences and collaborate in a community of purpose. As Mr. Martin said, this challenge of the Commonwealth is being met fairly and squarely. The prime ministers at their last conference reaffirmed their belief that for all Commonwealth governments "it should be an objective of policy to build in each country a structure of society which offers equal opportunity and non-discrimination for all the people, irrespective of race, color or creed."

It is important in this connection to note that regardless of what political systems are followed by the various Commonwealth member nations, the Monarchy is still the tie which holds them together. There is no parallel in history for this setup, and it is not surprising that to outsiders it seems to have no logical reason for existence. Yet it works, and it is continually evolving along lines which offer the best guarantee for further progress and stability.

A Treaty Violated

Even though a ceasefire agreement has been reached among warring factions in the Dominican Republic, the action of the United States in sending troops to interfere is likely to rankle in the minds of Latin Americans for a long time.

In this connection, notes the Montreal Gazette, it would seem that two articles of the Charter of the Organization of American States have been violated. Article 15 says: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other state." Article 17 says: "The territory of a state is inviolable; it may not be the object, even temporarily, of military occupation or of other measures of force taken by another state, directly or indirectly, on any grounds whatever."

These articles gain significance when it is realized they were inserted, above all, for the purpose of avoiding exactly what has now happened—the landing of American marines, such as occurred so frequently in the first 30 years of this century.

President Johnson's action represented a departure from the foreign policy of the Kennedy Administration,

which encouraged progressive movements in Latin America. It represented a certain tendency toward the foreign policy of Barry Goldwater, which the American people rejected decisively last autumn. Not surprisingly, Mr. Goldwater has enthusiastically endorsed Mr. Johnson's action.

When the first contingent of marines was sent, it was explained that their purpose was to cover the evacuation of American citizens. This was probably reasonable enough. However, it later became clear that this was, in large part, a pretext. As Mr. Johnson said in a television speech, "there are significant signs that people trained outside the Dominican Republic are seeking to gain control over the rebel movement." But former President Bosch, an anti-Communist whose return is supported by the rebels, has denied that there has been any significant Castroist or Communist infiltration.

On the basis of the little evidence available in the confused situation, it is impossible to say who is right. But, as the Gazette very properly points out, by acting so hurriedly on the mere suspicion that some Castro-followers were active President Johnson has placed himself in the position of seeming to oppose social changes in Latin America. This may have far-reaching and unfortunate effects.

Already In Dispute

While Early Bird hovers over the mid-Atlantic and its inaugural telecasts are being assessed, a fight is going on between the corporate giants in international communications over who is to control the satellite's crucial terminal points in the United States. This is important because, while it can relay 280 to 300 two-way telephone calls at one time, a television transmission requires the equivalent of 240 of these.

The Communications Satellite Corp., known as Comstat, which owns Early Bird and was set up by Congress to open an era of space communications, is seeking exclusive ownership of American stations through which all forms of communication to and from the satellite must pass. The established international carriers, including the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., RCA Communications Inc., Western Union Telegraph Co. and International Telephone and Telegraph Corp., have accused Comstat of exceeding its statutory authority. They demand the right to share in the ownership of ground stations.

The British, French, Italians, West Germans and Canadians also have one station each, government controlled; and the problem of ownership in these cases raises another vexed question. If a televised news event, for example, could be distasteful to the government concerned, a disinclination to operate the ground station could be a new wrinkle in censorship.

Communications specialists are particularly interested in the policy of the Soviet Union, which so far has remained aloof from the international consortium of 45 nations co-operating with Comstat. The Soviet launching last week of its own communications satellite, which relayed live television broadcasts between Moscow and Vladivostok, was seen as indicating that the problem of satellite alliances might become a new addition to the lexicon of world politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A short walk after a hearty meal is better than a nap which may lead to a fatal heart attack, according to Dr. Gerhard Volkheimer of Humboldt University Medical School in Germany. He pointed out that fatty chyle—a fluid produced during digestion—can accumulate in the thoracic duct during complete rest right after consuming a rich hearty meal. Any sudden movement upon awakening may send enough chyle into the bloodstream to cause a fat embolism and block a vital artery.

It is time, indeed, that our pressing provincial requirements were given some attention at Ottawa, and our junior member for Queens, Mr. Macquarrie, made out a good case for action in speaking in the budget debate on Tuesday. The floor of the House of Commons is the right place for airing such grievances—not behind the closed doors of a federal-provincial conference. Mr. Macquarrie was particularly effective in dealing with our problems of education and unemployment; in showing why, in the former case, it should be possible to devise means of providing more federal aid without any trespass on so-called provincial rights; and in the latter how federal policies had actually been harmful to employment in this province.



FLOWERS THAT BLOOM IN THE SPRING

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Too Many Tory Leadership White Hopes

Conservative politicians on Parliament Hill are privately deploring a glaring gap in the affairs of their party. This is the lack of a short list of impressive candidates willing to respond in the event of a call for a new leader.

For every top executive position, whether in business, defence forces, the bureaucracy or politics, there should be either a presumptive or else a small group from whom a successor could be quickly chosen in case of need. This is not disloyalty to an incumbent; it is merely insurance against human uncertainties.

Hence many Conservatives rue the shambles left by the events of 1963, and by the more widespread turmoil within the party this year. John Diefenbaker is only mortal; his near three-score years and ten or a careless driver might strike him down any day, his followers assert. Who could succeed him as national leader of the Conservative Party?

OUTLOOK CHANGED In 1962, the answer was obvious. A leadership convention then would predictably have been contested by four men then sitting in the cabinet: G. Hees, Donald Fleming, George Nowland and David Fulton—with their prospects for winning rated in that order.

The measure of Conservative anxiety today is vividly highlighted by the far-ranging speculation heard, embracing no less than thirteen hoped-for or self-suggested candidates for the leadership. These include two Conservative MPs in good standing and in good health, one in bad standing, one who was a 19th century baby, and done who is not a member of, the Conservative Party; also, three provincial premiers, one senator, and four men who no longer sit in any legislative assembly.

Further, the Conservative picture is so frayed at the edges that one even hears suggestion of an entirely new "Confederation" Party, aimed at attracting Canadians of good faith regardless of political affiliation, and led by a premier of another party.

One candidate has seemingly put himself in the field already and is running fast. That is David Fulton. Some months ago he made his move, trying to organize "Fulton for leader" committees across Canada, and even inviting one of his obvious rivals to join such a committee. This has prompted a vigorous stop-Fulton drive among the many Conservatives who consider that his unsuccessful leadership in B.C. has amply demonstrated that he cannot attract votes.

Talk here discounts the three provincial premiers: Ontario's John Roberts—as yet lacks sufficient experience; Nova Scotia's Stanfield lacks color; Manitoba's Roblin lacks national stature.

WANT EXECUTIVE ABILITY Many thinking Canadians have control. War is not and, as all know, it could wipe out the race. Assuming that humanity wishes to avoid that dismal fate, and assuming also that sexual continence will never be sufficient to prevent the race from multiplying, it follows that birth control, widely adopted, is the answer.

This is the sole point of the hypothetical argument about the crowding of available land space, an argument that is no more debunkable than the proposition that 10 squared equals 100.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (May 6, 1940) Miss Helen F. Marks of the Enman Drug Company, Summerside, tied for first place in a class of 26, in a course of pharmacy recently completed at the Maritime College of Pharmacy, Dalhousie University.

The Ligonian Dramatic Club of Charlottetown presented their act, comedy "Tempest and Sunshine" in the King George Hall, Kensington. The play was directed by Mr. Frank (Huck) O'Neill. The specialties included vocal solos by Misses Josephine and Maureen Brown, and Mr. Danny Wedge in comedy songs.

TEN YEARS AGO (May 6, 1955) Miss Shirley MacDonald, New Dominion, charmed audiences at Queen Charlotte High School and Prince of Wales College as she sang her test piece "Gentle Annie". She had received 95 marks at the Music Festival, the highest of this year.

Louis "Cobey" McCluskey of Charlottetown, scoring with a good left hand and having a smart fight, scored an unanimous decision over Rudy "Sugar Boy" Watkins of New York City in a bristling ten-round fight at the Forum before a large crowd.

TO BE DEPLOYED Sir.—Wonder if I may have a few corners of your paper to discuss the breaking of bottles. Example one: Last Sunday we went by car to Montague, via Orwell Head Church, returning a couple of hours later to find a bottle had been broken on the highway.

Another example: My son who likes to collect bottles and sell them for the few cents they are worth, collected quite a few on his way to do some work ("raking a lawn") returned later to get them from the ditch to find every one smashed by two boys who know better. This is a very dangerous habit which should stop, and besides it looks horrid. What will tourists think? I am, Sir, etc.

AN ISLANDER

Menopause Not All Bad

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

A reader writes: "I am 51 years old and have been going through the change of life for about four years. It seems the last six months have been more disturbing in some ways. I'm restless, uneasy in the stomach, sweat profusely, and have spells of excessive warmth with a desire for fresh, cold air, both night and day."

Since we do not have a practical test for the menopause, it is difficult to determine whether these symptoms are due to anxiety or the change. Symptoms due to a gradual slowing of ovarian function are the most consistent manifestations. The diminished output of sex hormones leads to hot flushes and sweats. These are most troublesome but easy to control with hormones. Our writer should be happy she is a housewife and not a receptionist, saleswoman, or an executive. It is embarrassing to develop spells of excessive warmth and sweating when dealing with the public.

On the other hand, nervousness, irritability, restlessness, insomnia, and aching should not be attributed to the shrinking ovaries. The same can be said of palpitation, difficulty in breathing, and uneasiness in the stomach region. These signs usually are of nervous or emotional origin. Those bothered along this line probably had similar or related complaints long before the menopause began. Many women prefer to blame the climacteric because it is a more acceptable cause.

The psychic aspects of the menopause are not entirely coincidental. The middle-aged woman is entitled to be concerned about the appearance of gray hair and wrinkles. The children are leaving for homes of their own and she fears there is little enjoyment left in life. In addition, there are problems associated with aging, and the change of life triggers the button that sets off the bomb.

Women should concentrate on the good things associated with the menopause. It is not a disease, and symptoms are transient. They should be thankful to be relieved of the discomforts accompanying menstruation and concern about pregnancy.

RUPTURED NECK ARTERY A worried writer writes: I am 58 years old. During my usual medical checkup, the company doctor discovered a ruptured artery in my neck. Will an operation be necessary?

REPLY There are many arteries in the neck; some supply blood to organs that are more vital than others, including the brain. Ask the company doctor to answer these questions.

STOMACH CAPACITY H. V. writes: How much food can the average stomach hold?

REPLY This is difficult to determine because the organ stretches. In addition, some of the contents escape into the intestines as we eat. According to one authority, the stomach holds one quart, but I know persons with a bigger capacity than this.

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL CONCERT Stars Of The Festival—1965

Confederation Centre Theatre Thursday, May 6, 1965—8:00 P.M.

- 1. String Ensemble, Largo by Handel—Kathleen McGuigan String Ensemble, Charlottetown
2. School Chorus, The Cricket—South Winsloe School
3. School Chorus, Donner le Bonjour—Montague Elementary School
4. Rhythm Band, Own Selection—Nine Mile Creek School
5. School Chorus, As I Went by My Little Pigsty—Sunbury
6. Piano Solo, Piper's March—Robert Vidal, Sherwood
7. Piano Solo, Calypso Boy—Joseph Martin, Sherwood
8. Vocal Solo, The Wingmaker—Anne Fraser, Charlottetown RRI
9. Vocal Solo, The Ferry—Pamela Campbell, Charlottetown
10. Vocal Solo, Sunlight and Moonlight—Kathy Doucette, Kensington
11. Piano Duet, Valse Arabesque—Andy Lea Schurman and Mary Gaudet, Summerside
12. School Chorus—The Pedlar—Souris Elementary School
13. School Chorus, Fishing—North Milton School
14. School Chorus, Yarmouth Fair—Cross Roads School
15. Flutophone Ensemble, Own Selection—Belle River School
16. Chorus, The Boat Song—Sherwood Brownies
17. School Chorus, House to Let—Rochford Square School, Grade 3
18. School Chorus, Il Etait un Berger—West Kent School
19. Girls' Chorus, How Great Is Your Name—St. Patrick's Girls' Choir, Fort Augustus
20. Piano Duo, Scottish Reel—Ann Lapp and June Phillips, Summerside
21. Piano Solo, Gig—Faye Rogerson, Charlottetown
22. Piano Solo, Turkey in the Straw—Billy Knox, Sherwood
23. Folk Song, Lark in the Clear Air—Sherdylthe Tredenic, Charlottetown
24. Piano Duo, Finale from Sonata in G—Norma Hagen and Marianne Murray, Charlottetown
25. School Chorus, Dashing White Sergeant—Birchwood High School, Charlottetown
26. School Chorus, Spittingtime Is Coming—Kinkora School
27. School Chorus, Merry Are the Bells—Prince Street School, Grade 6
28. Recorder Solo, Own Selection—Neil McKinnon, Clyde River
29. Piano Solo, A Stately Measure—Jessie Shaw, North Bedouque
30. Vocal Solo, A Fairy Tailor—Eunice Lund, Charlottetown
31. Vocal Solo, Highland Lullaby—Jean Ings, Montague
32. Girls' Trio, A Fairy Nocturne—Mary Jo McQuaid, Mary McCormack and Debbie McIntosh, Souris
33. Vocal Solo, A Bird Song Away—Elaire Bryenton, Brackley
34. Piano Solo, Evening in the Country—Sharon Smith, Millview
35. Jr. Girls Choir, God is a Spirit—Kensington United Church Choir
36. Girls Chorus, Earth Rejoices—Queen Charlotte High School, Charlottetown
37. Chorus, Lock Lomand—Montague High School Glee Club
38. School Chorus, It was a Lover and His Lass—Souris High School
39. Piano Solo, Bach Prelude—Peggy Peters, Rollo Bay
40. Family Group, Own Selection—Jenkins Sisters, Summerside
41. Vocal Solo, Own Selection—Faith Marie McKenney, Charlottetown
42. Mixed Chorus, Were You There—Basilica Choral Group, Charlottetown
43. Oratorio Solo, Own Selection, David Hall, Charlottetown
44. Mixed Chorus, Own Selection—Confederation Centre Choral Group.

Performing groups must be accompanied by adults who take full responsibility for them before and after their performances.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Bert: "Did you notice that girl we just passed?" Mert: "The one in the tight sweater, silk stockings, with roses in her hair, and the striped shoulder bag?" Bert: "Yeah!" Mert: "No, not particularly!"—Montreal Star. Highway litterbugs are reported to cost Canadian taxpayers \$2,000,000 a year, not including cost of anti-littering advertising campaigns.—Ottawa Journal. Some women can dish it out much better than they can cook.—Sarnia Observer. The guests at the banquet were chatting in little groups of twos and threes and seemed to be having a good time. The toastmaster turned to the first speaker on the agenda. "Shall I let them enjoy themselves a little longer?" he inquired. "Or shall I introduce you now?"—Galt Reporter.

Don't Blame The Dog

Animal lovers, no matter how belligerent they may be in defending the dumb creatures, will probably all have to admit that they understand very well the feelings of Mr. Sidney Young of Port Arthur who recently shot a dog which had been barking (the said) steadily since 1958. Everybody has had this kind of experience. A hitherto quiet neighborhood suddenly becomes a place of hellish torture because somebody has a dog which spends all its waking hours barking. But Mr. Young tackled the problem the wrong way. He should have "metaphorically" shot the owner. Having done that, he should then have gone around to the back yard where he would have found the dog tethered or otherwise confined. By removing the tether, or penning the garden gate and letting the dog out, he would have found that the barking stopped. People who keep a dog which barks are people who should not have a dog. Dogs bark because they are agitated or bored. A dog must have exercise. A dog needs companionship. Most dogs cannot stand confinement for any length of time without showing distinct signs of disturbance. It is incredible that people who cannot understand that dogs must have exercise regularly should ever think of having a pet in the first place. Such people have no feeling for animals. The law should be directed at the owner and not at the barking dog. It is the rare dog which cannot be quieted and calmed made reasonable and normal by a master who understands him. BRITISH DRILL SMALL A British instrument-maker has produced a drill that can bore a hole 0.004 of an inch wide in one-inch steel.

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