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Labor needs MLA in present post

THE demand by Local 708 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, that Prince Rupert's Social Credit MLA William H. Murray cross the floor of the British Columbia Legislature is an understandable one. The union is worried. Its telegram to Mr. Murray expressed the fear that our MLA would become contaminated by some of the ideas and nonsensical mouthings that have been uttered by some Social Credit members during the past week. It is a reasonable thought because if a person plays around in the mud long enough a certain amount of dirt will rub off on him. We agree with the union that it would be an unfortunate occurrence if Mr. Murray became besmirched with some of his colleagues' ideas and theories.

The union's request that Mr. Murray leave the Socreds to their own devices points up the esteem in which our MLA is held. While many of us do not agree with Mr. Murray's politics we value him for his efforts in the legislature on our behalf. He does all that is humanly possible for a backbencher to do for this constituency and often battles his own party's ministers to try to gain projects for this area.

A more important point, however, particularly to labor, is that Mr. Murray is the chairman of the provincial government labor committee that has already begun a study of the unemployment situation. Where he is, Mr. Murray is in a position to help labor. Should he cross the floor at this time, he would most certainly be removed from the chairmanship of the labor committee and would become, like former Socred Mel Bryan, an ineffectual Independent. He wouldn't even be a member of the official opposition.

No, as much as we'd like to see our MLA cut the ties that bind him to the sacred cow group, we do not think it advisable at the moment, no matter what his unthinking cohorts say or do. If action is taken on the recommendations of Mr. Murray's labor committee, if a solution to ease the unemployment situation is found and if some of the kinks are removed from B.C.'s present Labor Act, then will be the time to cut the cord. By that time Mr. Murray, will have ample excuse to realize that Socred promises are just that, promises. There will be the slowness of progress on the Port Edward-cannery road project. If the rate of work is anything like it has been then he'll have excuse enough to rid himself of the Social Credit stigma. By that time many more Social Credit members may have seen the light and crossing the floor en masse will be more effective.

Canada's first aviator

On February 23, 1909, at Baddeck, Nova Scotia, occurred the first heavier-than-air powered flight in Canada or the Commonwealth. The pioneer aviator was J. A. D. McCurdy, still with us and enjoying life at the age of 73.

To mark the 50th anniversary, H. Gordon Green has written a book (Brunswick Press: $4.00) entitled "The Silver Dart," the name given by McCurdy to the 600-lb. biplane in which he performed his feat. Mr. Green has told the exciting story well.

It is not by chance that Douglas McCurdy was Canada's first successful flyer. He belonged to a family that was clever and scholarly even by Cape Breton standards. As a boy he showed talent and daring.

He was a protégé, almost the adopted son of Alexander Graham Bell, the Scottish-born genius who invented the telephone (in Canada, as Bell himself tells us in Green's book, setting up little argument forever).

Attracted by Cape Breton's scenic beauty, the rich and famous Bell built a summer mansion at Baddeck. There, with McCurdy and other gifted youths, he conducted "aerial experimentation." There were failures before the Silver Dart, McCurdy's own design, made its historic ascent—three quarters of a mile at 40 mph.

McCurdy quickly became the most skilful pilot of his time and went barnstorming in Canada and the U.S. amid thunderous applause. Later he was a successful plane manufacturer and lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia. He was also one of the fathers of the Canadian air force though, when he made the proposal in 1914, Defence Minister Sam Hughes rebuffed him with the words:

"The airplane is an invention of the devil and will never play any part in such a serious business as the defence of a nation, my boy!"

Green's account of these events makes lively reading and is a valuable addition to Canadian history. —The Financial Post.

German teacher's praise

Casper Kuhlmann of Bremen taught German for a year in Elgin high schools under the New Carolina teacher exchange program. In the Wisconsin Journal of Education he makes some observations.

School sport at athletic events is wonderful. Pupils are early to take responsibility. Average students get enough opportunities but exceptional students including the greatly talented, do not.

More importance is attached to how many students a pupil participates in than how good he gets out of them. Pupils who both like and enjoy group activities seem happy. There is little of "that other form of individual adventure, of reading, walking, dreaming, meditating, of doing things alone which you cannot share with the group."

"There is a widespread fear of being different (of which so many German students would be only too proud)," he found. "To be 'well adjusted,' to be 'with the gang,' to wear, to eat, to do, to think what the rest wear, eat, do and think—is that really what Jefferson meant with 'pursuit of happiness'?"

Totaling up the pluses and minuses, though, how did teacher Kuhlmann feel? His answer is:

"I am going to send over as soon as possible my own children."

—The Milwaukee Journal.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Communist acceptance may be Khrushchev goal

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
Associated Press Staff Writer

Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev apparently has decided against giving the Western powers an excuse for unilateral rule of the countries of Eastern Europe.

It is a decision that seems to be the culmination of a little noticed overturn of a generation-long Russian policy. Since when, Khrushchev made Pankow, or East Berlin, a city south of Moscow, Eastern European countries have been under Communist governments, the Western powers have been the ones that Poland and Czechoslovakia have tried to court.

It was not by chance that Premier Gomulka of Poland came home from visits to the West demanding aid in Communist Germany.

Czechoslovakia and Western nations have talked of private conversations all of the Soviet Union did, or have anything in common. Ambassador Zdenek Fierlinger, communist in Moscow, is reported to be a close friend of Western diplomats.

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"Therefore, we say be realistic. Understand our position. We do not want any acquisitions either political or material. Let us endorse that which has happened as a result of the Second World War and which has been recognized by the whole world.

"It is not to the liking of imperialists that after the Second World War socialism from Europe's frontiers to Pankow (the GDR, the East German Communist state), Czechoslovakia and other countries. Yet there is no escape from these facts."

Officials here said this was probably the most pointed statement of a major theme with which Khrushchev has made.

With respect to East Germany some reports claim that one of Khrushchev's underlying motives is to compel the Western governments to recognize the Communist regime as a sort of buffer government.

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Cowan Water Work Company

Brotherhood Week is over but good Samaritans are needed for the rest of the year.

—Cartoon by Les Callan.

Women may get to moon first

From the Baltimore Evening Sn

It may not be a man after all who inhabits the first manned orbital satellite. Col. John Stapp, the Air Force expert on rapid transit and attendant medical problems, says that tests so far show the male of the species to be much less stable than the female in the cramped surroundings of simulated 18,000 m.p.h. flight.

Should it indeed so work out, the selection will be a blow to the prestige of the sex that advertises itself to be the stronger, cleverer and more adventurous. There is precedent, to be sure, especially for the later womanned flight that first escapes the terrestrial field of gravity—it is a cow, not a bull, that vaults the moon in the old rhyme. But the idea will still take a lot of getting used to.

The solar system has traditionally been man's domain, containing as it does a Jupiter but no Juno, a Mars without a Bellona, a Uranus and Saturn and Pluto and Neptune and Mercury to overbalance lonely Venus. Let there be no questions asked as to the gender of Terra herself, and let the pioneer female be on her guard—one wobble in the lofty course of that first vehicle and think of the aspersions to be made about woman drivers.

All Aboard

By G.E. Mortimore

About the sneakiest word I know is "innuendo." It makes me think of Latin guile, of Machiavelli, and of poisonous snakes threading through the underbrush.

The Shorter Oxford Dictionary gives several meanings for the word "innuendo," including the following:

"3. An oblique hint or suggestion, esp. one of a deprecatory kind . . ."

The innuendo is a fancy kind of hint. It's a hint with a wiggle to it.

It isn't always used to deceive. It can be a useful tool of diplomacy, a way to convey unpleasant truths without hurting people's feelings too much.

Sometimes it is deliberately used in a heavy-handed fashion to blacken people's characters. This kind of innuendo is known in vivid modern jargon as the "smear."

And sometimes, well-meaning people use innuendo by mistake.

They get carried away by their enthusiasm.

A man of this sort is like an excited fireman who turns his hose on the bystanders and drenches them to the skin.

I think the Hon. P. A. Gaglardi swung the hose in a pretty wide arc when he said:

"We don't want any Hoffas in this province. We can do without them. There is no room in B.C. for gangsterism in labor."

The implication of this is that there are some labor leaders in the province with ambitions to be Hoffas; that there are some gangsters-in-training in the ranks of B.C. labor.

If Mr. Gaglardi or other members of the cabinet have charges to make against any B.C. labor leaders, they should bring forward some evidence.

So far Mr. Gaglardi has not proved that any B.C. labor leader is corrupt, or has ambitions to be. Maybe he is aiming the hose at some flames of corruption in the United States, in one part of the labor movement. He ought to watch how he swings the nozzle. He is getting a lot of people wet, and mad.

If I thought Mr. Gaglardi was doing it on purpose, I'd accuse him of using the "splash" technique.

Nurses denied romance by prudish profession

By Jeannine Locke in The Toronto Daily Star

A nurse discovered necking with a friend in his car outside the student residence at Vancouver general hospital was suspended for three weeks. Five hundred other nurses protested to hospital authorities that the nurse in question was necking on her own time and therefore it was her own business.—News Item.

The incident was labeled The Case of the Kissing Nurse in Vancouver, and from coast to coast it has now raised questions far beyond the obvious one of "Should nurses neck?" and if they're caught necking "Should they be punished?" The foremost question is: "Are certain women's professions discriminated against in romance?" and the answer appears to be "Yes."

According to a Star survey, it seems to be all right for a salesgirl, stenographer, waitress and others to display their affections when and where they please. And it's expected of actresses. But in the public mind, it's wrong for nurses, teachers and social workers to indulge in the same pastime.

The crime of being a nurse, not sometimes human, is punishable not just in Vancouver but from coast to coast. The superintendent of nurses, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, asked whether she would frown on dating nurses, said: "Certainly. We encourage discretion."

In Toronto, the nursing superintendent said tradition has "set out that a nursing nurse should be chaperoned on the job." Another, who asked to be placed incognito, said: "Nurses are expected her staff to be concerned with "etiquette, good manners and so forth" at all times.

Ladylike behavior, which seems to imply an almost other-worldly apathy to joyful sin, is also expected of teachers. Social workers, too, are burdened by society's over-expectations of them.

Why does society insist that members of those three professions sublimate their tendencies to be human after hours?

The reason, according to psychologist James Hickling, director of Canadian Personnel Consultants, is that we resent nurses, teachers and social workers for their "authority over us." We punish them by invading their private lives.

Canadian!

From The Sherbrooke Record

The Canadian tourist industry, one of Canada's biggest money earners, is facing stiffer competition this year than ever before.

Canada will have to produce new ideas and aggressive promotion to meet this challenge. First among lessons to be learned by hotel and restaurant owners is that visitors, particularly Americans, are not interested in a cheap imitation of their own country. They want something uniquely Canadian. If we can produce a Canadian atmosphere we will have something worthwhile.

Councillor hits back

From The Cobourg Sentinel-Star

Being a member of town council is not all sugar and spice. There's a modicum of sour cream. The job demands attendance at meetings. It entails answers to problems in which said councillor can lose business (if he has any); if he lives up to his convictions (if he has any); and he can lose the confidence of voters in a controversy, if he chooses to sit on a fence.

At meetings a concilor's conscience (if he has one) can never be totally free. Before and after meetings his time is not his own; he is pestered on the street, his telephone at business and home rings constantly.

One councilor patted himself on the back the other day for his repartee. With reassessment, some resident taxes were higher and some were not. One single word of praise from the fortunate citizens was not heard by the councilor, but he did receive a telephone call from one whose taxes were raised.

As the tirade was unleashed the councilor promised himself he would be an ex-councilor next year.

Suddenly, he grasped at a straw.

"By the way," he said, "what line of business are you in?"

"I'm a schoolteacher," came the reply.

"Oh," said the councilor, with tongue in cheek, "didn't you receive a salary increase . . .?"

"Yes, I did," quickly, with some heat, "and I and the other teachers deserved it too."

"Of course you did," purred the councilor, "but what do you think that raise did to our tax rate?"

"Im sorry," came the answer, "I never thought of that."

Mystery

From The Ottawa Journal

One of the sweet mysteries of life in the Commons has been how many members are bilingual.

And now we will never know.

Until the simultaneous translation system was introduced at this session, English-speaking ministers and other members asked a question in French could duck. They could take the question as notice. They could smile benignly. They could have a friendly hand.

French - speaking members, confronted with English, could be equally debonair. They need never reveal their knowledge—or their ignorance.

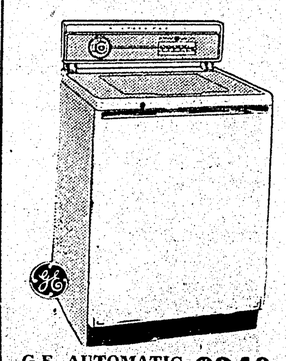
Now they all wear their earplugs and whether they are listening to the translation or to an amplification of the sound of their own language, no one will ever know.

All we can say is that more questions are being answered on the spot.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

That is the most perfect government under which a wrong to the humblest is an affront to all. —Solon.

WOMEN MAKE DISCOVERY!



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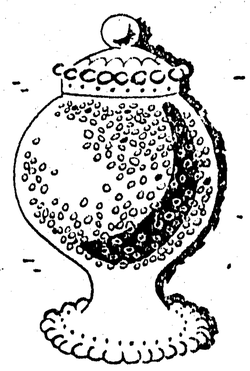

But the Audit Bureau of Circulations took all the chance out of this game. A.B.C. auditors don't stand outside and estimate—they come inside the publisher's office and count.

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