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Women in politics

THERE are those who contend that woman's place is in the kitchen, not in politics.

We disagree.

Politics, municipal and otherwise, would be livelier and perhaps more productive of good results and public interest if more of the fair sex doffed the apron and donned the robes of office.

Until recently, Prince George had its Mayor Carrie Jane Gray. And while the Fightin' Carrie Jane was in office there were plenty of fireworks (and quite likely a lot of action on things that needed to be done) in bustling Prince George.

New Westminster has its Mayor Beth Wood, while Alberni has the Royal City's female counterpart in Mayor Anderson. Both of these good ladies have made a name for themselves by tossing stubborn aldermen out of council meetings. Whether their rulings have been right or wrong is not for us to judge at this distance. But at least the gals have a lot of spunk and have made the citizens of their respective cities aware of civic affairs.

Down in Victoria too, the tired old legislature just isn't the same these days without the Grace MacInnes's, the Tilly Rolstons and the Nancy Hodges.

Yes sir, we're all for women in politics. They may be emotional and all that, but at least they stir things up. And that's a good antidote for the male lethargy which too often holds things back.

We'd like to see more Eves on the ballots in the next provincial election.

Car seats and posture

People who believe lounging around street corners and bending over pool tables are the principal causes of poor posture are going to have to revise their opinion. A speaker addressing a chiropractors' convention has named the automobile seat as a major villain in the human being's slide to the slump. As a remedial measure he advocated construction of car seats that would give firmer support to the lower spine.

It would seem that automobile manufacturers are not quite ready to act on this advice. Designers appear to be in annual competition to see who can get the finished product closest to the ground. One can drive and pick flowers at the same time. The human frame is encouraged to sink into a semi-reclining position until from a head-on front view only the driver's beady little eyes are visible, barely peeking over the dashboard. Dress him in pyjamas and he'd be in bed.

Drivers just don't favor the upright sitting position. Perhaps their attitude is belated rebellion against the adult authority of their childhood days that constantly admonished them to "Sit up straight!"

—The Calgary Albertan.

Smallwood and the unions

Premier Joseph Smallwood has all but completed the emasculation of the trade union movement in Newfoundland. But every success he enjoys adds embarrassment to his Liberal colleagues elsewhere.

In a dispatch from St. John's yesterday, The Telegram's labor reporter, Frank Drea, outlined events in labor circles in Newfoundland since Mr. Smallwood began his 1959 drive against the Internaitonal Woodworkers and the Teamsters.

There hasn't been a strike of any significance. The new president of the Newfoundland Federation of Labor has asked the government for peace terms. Restrictive legislation brought in to deal with the loggers' strike is still in force. It makes unions legally liable for their actions, bans closed shops and union shops, makes boycotts or strikes to enforce union recognition or bargaining illegal. Major gain to labor in amendments now before the Newfoundland Legislature is modification of a clause that permits a union to be sued for a member's action "deemed to have been done" in the cause of the union.

The Conservative opposition leader, James J. Greene, predicts that it is only a matter of time until the only unions on the island are government-sponsored.

Government-sponsored unions are more appropriate to a Hitler's Germany or a Franco's Spain than a democracy. They may help Mr. Smallwood hold Newfoundland, but they'll be a drag on Liberal party revival anywhere else.

—The Toronto Telegram.

Age of enlightment

At Pittsburgh, 30 people have spent two weeks in a sealed-in H-bomb shelter, where all their day-to-day wants were supplied.

At the same time, at Denver, a missile manufacturer has designed a lunar home in which it is said five men could live indefinitely, growing their own animal and plant life which would even trade their carbon dioxide and oxygen supplies.

Again at the same time, and in the same country, scientists have been sending signals into space in the hope of communicating with living beings on the planets of other solar systems.

Thus historians of the future will have two curious achievements of these times to record (and to rationalize, if they can): 1, self-contained homes were first fashioned, not for social living, but to frustrate man's hostility on earth and cosmic hostility on the moon; 2, the richest country, while soliciting friendly dialogue with unknown beings in space, was not on speaking terms with the most populous country on earth.

People, as the comic strip character once said, are funnier than anybody.

—Toronto Globe and Mail.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Kennedy, Johnson "differences" balance ticket

By DAVID ROWNTREE
Canadian Press Staff Writer

While some in the Democratic party may be stretching things in calling the choice of Senators Kennedy and Johnson a "dream ticket," there is no doubt that the pair will cover all the angles in the American presidential election November 8.

The election of these two men as candidates for president and vice-president conforms with a long-standing American tradition of "balancing the ticket."

This means that the two men who may be elected the No. 1 and No. 2 citizens of their country should be as different as possible in background and outlook to attract the ballots of as large and as disparate a group of voters as possible.

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Kennedy and Johnson have one main thing in common: Both are wealthy. Apart from that there are these differences:

Kennedy is a Roman Catholic, an easterner from Massachusetts and a big city resident. Johnson is Protestant, a southerner from Texas, he prefers to call himself a southwesterner and a country man.

In politics Kennedy tends to be classified as a liberal although he worked prominently for the passage of a bill last year to curb labor union powers while Johnson is usually considered to be a conservative although he guided through Congress this year a bill aimed at improving the voting rights of Negroes.

Besides placating the interests of Democrats who are either union chiefs, conservatives, Negroes or intellectuals, the combination of Kennedy and Johnson attemps to bridge the gap bewteen the north and the south.

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Although some observers feel that the south is losing political influence, it is quite likely that Kennedy would not feel certain of victory in November if southerners considered themselves utterly isolated. The choice of Kennedy and the adoption of a bold campaign policy is to improve Negro rights had already caused them some dismay. The selection of Johnson for the No. 2 spot is believed to be certain to mollify this resentment.

Those who know Johnson are saying that he may well use the vice-presidency in a way not attempted by others who have held the job: He could try to keep the reins of power as the presiding officer in the senate instead of handing them over to his successor as majority leader.

Denied the chance of becoming the most powerful single individual in the country, he might make certain that he was the second most powerful.

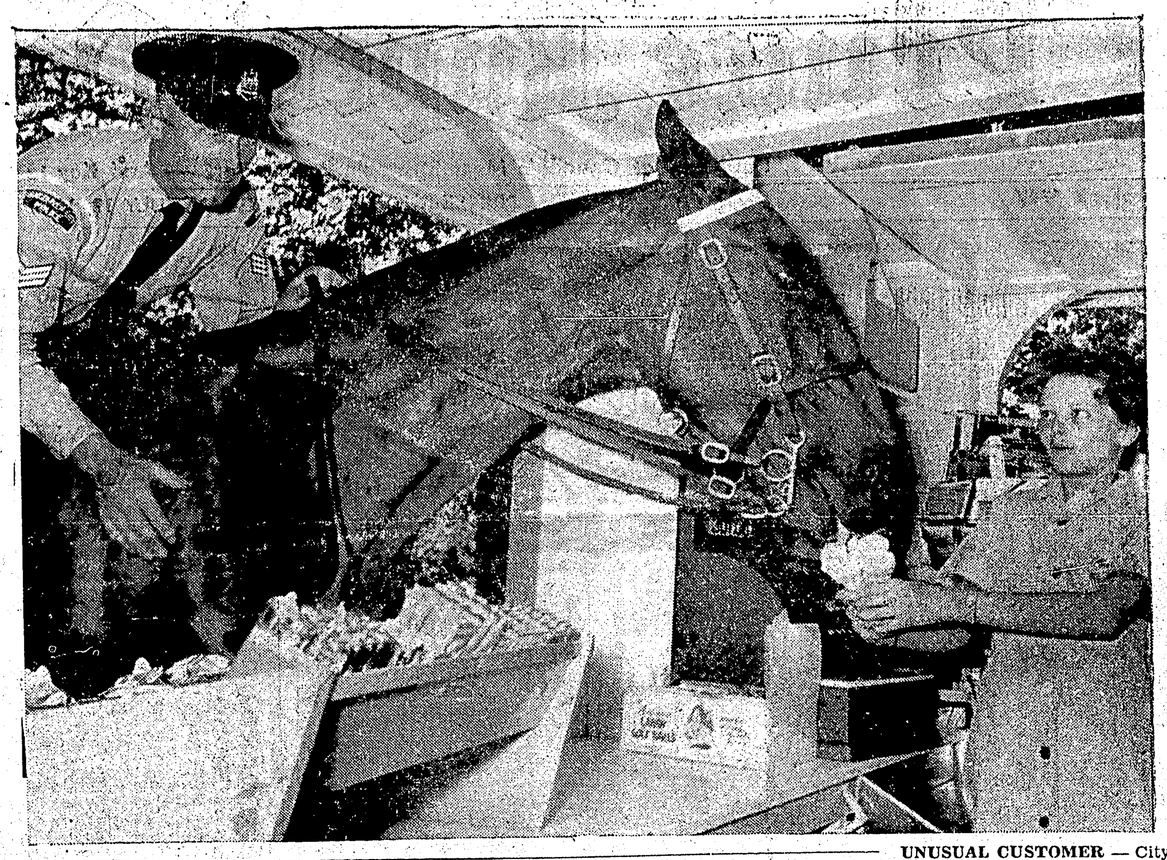
There is one interesting sidelight on Johnson's position: He can't lose in the election. If he doesn't become vice-president, he will still be the senior senator for Texas. A state law permits his name to be on both ballots. John Nance Garner took advantage of this in 1932. He was elected both as a congressman and as Franklin Roosevelt's vice-president and then resigned the former office.

Young man not afraid

The bleak picture of youth we get too often these days was brightened by the recent news of the Westbury, L.I., high school senior refusing to accept a graduation award because he disagreed with the policies of the organization giving it.

The American Legion offered the award. But the name of the organization, in this instance, is beside the point. What is important and refreshing is that honor student Stephen Bayne is a young man with principles and is willing to stand up for them. We cannot see such a lad becoming a victim of the mcteoism that has stunted the intellectual growth of so many of our youngsters and blunted the political imagination of so many of their elders.

—New York Herald Tribune.



UNUSUAL CUSTOMER — City police horse Salute pushed his head inside a concession booth at Vancouver's Stanley Park to beat the heat. Randene Colin, 13, was somewhat surprised by the unusual customer, but took the order. Salute's rider, Sgt. Jack Knight, paid for the ice cream cones. —CP photo.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Beer parlors and cafes can be hot, smelly, noisy places in summer. Why shouldn't we move them outdoors? It would be pleasant to have a beer or a coffee under the sky, with trees and flowers around.

One obstacle to this plan is British Columbia's puritan liquor law, which compels people to hide behind walls and curtains when they take a drink.

Some people will argue that the climate forbids outdoor restaurants. There's an easy answer to that one. Put up a small restaurant building nearby, and use the outdoor restaurant during winter as a drive-in, where you could also buy fuel, ice, cigarets and candy from slot machines.

The area could be blacktopped, with threes around the borders. Turf could be laid on portable trays during summer.

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Hotels might easily set up gardens where people could quench their thirst with tea, wine, beer or soft drinks.

Such gardens would be accessible to men, women and children alike — just as licensed restaurants are. There is nothing sinful or disgusting about drinking a glass of beer.

Drinking 30 glasses of beer is something different. It is upto a restaurant to keep an eye on its customers.

But the cause of temperance is not helped by shutting people in a carpeted cell, where they can't find their way to a table without a miner's lamp.

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There are other seemingly idiotic rules, such as the rule which forbids customers in a licensed restaurant having a beer with their meal at the counter. They must go and sit in a booth, or at a table.

B.C. has no monopoly of silly rules. In some parts of the world, a man can't drink sitting down. In other countries, he can't drink standing up. The main idea is to stop people doing something. By doing that, you keep your puritan conscience from stinging you.

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I asked a man in the liquor trade what he thought of such things.

"Serve beer at the counter, and you'll have a bunch of rowdies ordering one sandwich and drinking beer all day," he said. "But in a booth, you can control it."

"Why can't you control it at the counter, too?" I asked.

"Harder," he said. "Don't forget how far we've gone in liberalizing our liquor laws, in a comparatively short time. The liquor control board is moving slowly and carefully. I think that's the wise thing to do."

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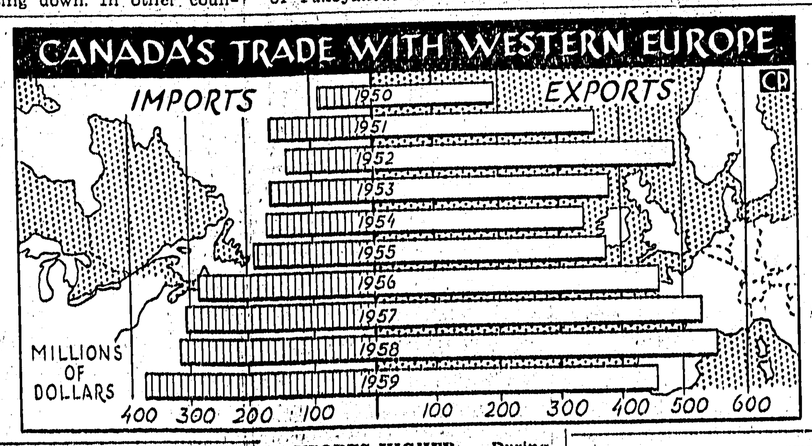
"No doubt you're right," I said. "However, the government would not have gone as far as it has, if the people and the newspapers hadn't prodded it a little."

He suggested that the newspapers should go carefully, or they might do more harm than good. I let him have the last word on that point.

IT WAS 80 DEGREES in Vancouver but Eskimo seaman Jimmy Komiak donned his muskrat skin parka for the benefit of photographers as he helped load supplies aboard the Hudson's Bay Company freighter Banksland, sailing soon for the Arctic. Jimmy will need the parka when he gets up around his home of Tukoyaktut in the MacKenzie River delta. —CP photo.



EXPORTS HIGHER — During the last 10 years Canada has regularly exported more goods to Western Europe than it has imported. John E. Lancaster, a Canadian trade department official, says prosperity and trade liberalization in Western Europe will mean increased short-term markets for Canadian exporters. Graph shows total exports and imports between Canada and Western Europe for 1950-59 inclusive. In 1959 exports totalled $400,000,000 compared with imports of $378,000,000. —CP Newsmap.

Quote and unquote

Daniel Kinnaird, public relations officer, Canadian Association of Discount Stamp Companies:

"The stamp companies have never claimed the customer gets something for nothing. What they do say is that you get something where you got nothing before.

"Would you like to go back, say, to gas lighting? We must face the facts of life, and the facts are that we must have premiums to move goods in this country."

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The Packsack of Gregory Clark

In a popular and always crowded lunch time restaurant there is invariably a line-up in the lobby at the height of noon, and the hostesses, keeping watch across the expanse of the dining room, select from the line-up those for table for a two, table for four, and so on. Quite often, therefore, groups of four, some way back in the line-up, get a break over those who have been waiting longer.

From my table, which afforded a close view of the line-up, I saw the hostess call out "Table for four?" and promptly two of the young executive type stepped forward and, with backward glances as if to catch the attention of their party, followed the hostess to a table for four.

When she paused, as they sat down, looking for the other two, the easy-mannered young executives said:

"We're expecting the others any minute."

And there, at their ease, smoking their cigarettes, sat the two charmers for a full fifteen minutes, keeping the table out of service and a waitress short of her precious time, before the expected others arrived and were also shown around past the line-up.

The hostess paused at my table.

"That is what you call getting on in the world," she remarked, drily.

Propaganda is the other side's cause put so convincingly that it annoys you.

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A cultured woman is one who by the mere shrug of her shoulder can adjust her shoulder straps.

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