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Election at this time not sound reasoning

With the Senate defying the House of Commons on two vital issues, the likelihood of a general election being called appears to be drawing closer. Prime Minister Diefenbaker has already made it pretty plain that if the Senate refused to pass the controversial tariff legislation, then the country would be called on to "decide the issue of Senate reform at a general election." In addition, the Senate has allowed James E. Coyne the opportunity to "retire honorably" by rejecting the Commons bill which sought to fire the Bank of Canada governor.

In both instances the Senate has demonstrated that it is not a rubber stamp of the Commons, but since the Upper House is predominantly Liberal it is quite understandable. However, we feel that the amendments to the tariff legislation were proposed in good faith to make it a more worthwhile law, while the rejection of Mr. Coyne's dismissal, was on the one hand an outright revolt against Finance Minister Fleming's policies and on the other a vote of confidence in Mr. Coyne for carrying out his duties with the country's best interests at heart.

Whether or not the Senate and the Commons will affect a compromise on the tariff bill remains to be seen, but we cannot see any wisdom in Mr. Diefenbaker calling a general election at this time. His finance minister has just brought down a new budget which is designed to help the country out of its economic doldrums and Mr. Fleming's budget, which he brought down with an acknowledged assist from Mr. Coyne, should be given an opportunity to serve its purpose. Although the Liberals, as is natural, have been raising a hue and cry for a general election, we're not too sure that they would want to take over the country at a time when the economy is not too stable. Despite the recent Social Credit braying at Ottawa by Premiers Bennett and Manning about choosing a leader to be the next prime minister of Canada, we are certain that the Socreds would not gain enough seats, if they gained any, to form either a government or opposition. The New Party, only just founded, if an election were called, would face the undeniable fact that the average Canadian still prefers capitalism and free enterprise to socialism. On top of everything else Canada cannot afford to have an election right now when she is trying to convince the rest of the world that she is a stable, medium-sized power with enough common sense and judgment to be a mediator among the more powerful nations. An election at this time over the Coyne issue or Senate reform would dispel any illusion of stability Canada might have retained. The government should sit tight to the bitter end, buckle down and endeavor to solve its problems as speedily as possible. An election right now would be a colossal waste of time and money.

Diplomacy on the cheap

The picture of Canadian civil servants on diplomatic missions abroad eating in hamburger joints may strike some Canadians as overdrawn; unfortunately in some areas it is quite true.

Arthur Smith, MP for Calgary South, blasted the government policy on expense accounts in a meeting of the Commons committee on external affairs. Mr. Smith has seen considerable service, as an MP, at the United Nations in New York City. He has some first-hand knowledge of the costs in that area, costs which are particularly hard on the permanent employees who are forced to live there or spend long periods there.

New York, as everyone who has visited it knows, is a very expensive place. For people who have to live there it frequently means living in relatively high-cost, even though moderate-standard, areas a long way out.

A body with the irregular hours of the UN can mean late night commuting — or staying overnight, at personal expense, in New York.

Meals are expensive and it can be expected that people on a level where moderate entertainmnt is received, must reciprocate. It can be costly. It is quite possible that an official of the treasury branch in Ottawa, not getting around much, would find entertainment bills seemingly unreasonable when they are not. There should be reasonable flexibility in expense accounts to take care of special circumstances. The civil servants themselves are people of reasonable judgment on such matters and further, Canadian civil servants as we have often held, are a pretty devoted lot. They should not be out of pocket as they now are in many cases in New York and other centres.

— From The Calgary Herald

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Pakistan needs more U.S. aid or else . . .

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Pakistan's President Ayub Khan has pointed up an American dilemma. For the most part, the United States may pay for friendship in Asia, Africa and Latin America. And, as in Laos, that friendship is not guaranteed.

Ayub Khan has made a point of suggesting that if the United States doesn't put out more money for his country, Pakistan may have to look for help elsewhere — including Russia.

And if Pakistan is forced into the Communist orbit, "we will still be pressing against you — but not as friends", says Ayub in boldly weighing the alternatives open to the U.S.

In the end Ayub may win out. The United States will grant him more aid, perhaps in a manner which will seek extra help from Canada, Britain, France and other members of a consortium that has pledged loans and grants to India.

Yet some authoritative quarters are suggesting that perhaps the U.S. is pouring out too much help for neutral and pro-Western countries in Asia. Huge sums were shipped to Laos and Korea with little to show for it.

Money alone is incapable of buying a stable world. But Pakistan is in a strategic position in Asia and the United States cannot afford to lose its friendship.

The United States has pushed huge sums into India — about $3,300,000,000 during the last decade. And now the consortium of donor countries, led by the U.S. and including Canada and Britain, has pledged another $2,200,000,000 in loans and grants to India for the next two years.

Though India has about four times the population of Pakistan, Ayub is miffed that the same consortium considered granting only $320,000,000 in one-year aid for Pakistan. He maintains that by getting large-scale help from the West, India may be able to use more of her domestic funds to buy military equipment to point at Pakistan.

Ayub says little of the large-scale American help is for Pakistan. The figures are secret but officials say this aid runs into hundreds of millions of dollars.

LETTER BOX

Union based on race lines seen vicious plan

The Editor,
The Daily News,

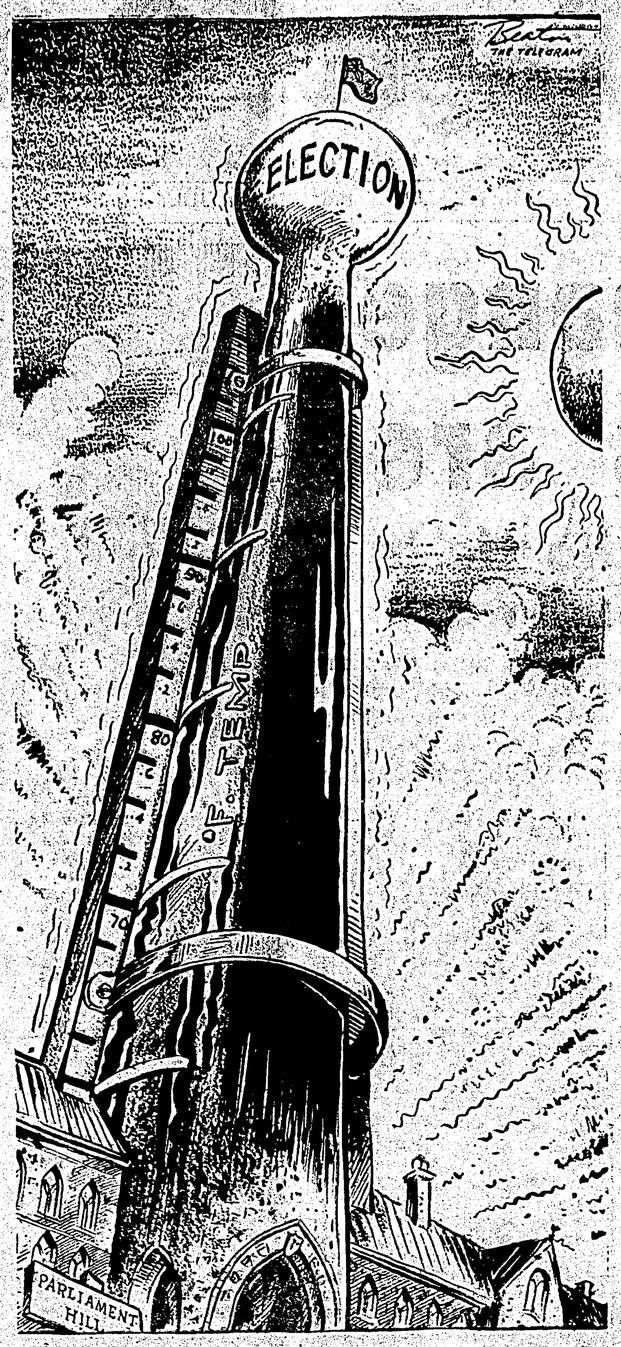
My interest was aroused by an article which appeared in the June 30 edition of your paper, which was a statement of Mr. Harold Sinclair, a Kitwanga band councillor, and I had expected to see some comments appearing concerning same.

As a trade unionist I fail to see what could be feared by fishermen by having one strong union in the fishing industry. Unions have tended to bring stability to some industries which prior to union organisation, provided only a very low standard of living for those who depended on them for a livelihood. A union based on race lines as would seem to be advocated by Mr. Sinclair would leave the way open for the most vicious type of discrimination, such as we have seen in South Africa and in the southern United States.

One rather distasteful part of the article was a remark about the futility of strikes. Certainly we must all agree that no one likes strikes, particularly the trade unionists involved. However, when facing the hard facts of life, we can only conclude that no other instrument is at the disposal of the unions to protect their members' welfare. What is truly futile is not strike action, but rather the system which still provides no other recourse to those who would protect their rights and hard won gains.

One of organized labors great ambitions is the achievement of complete equality for all, regardless of color or creed, in a sane advancing society.

B. J. Fortune, Prince Rupert



FEVER RISING...

OTTAWA REPORT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

The Senate of Canada has been somewhat in the news recently, because of certain actions that it has taken and certain actions that it has failed to take. As a result it has upset a number of members of the House of Commons for various reasons.

Early in this session we passed a Bill which would have given the entire jurisdiction to the Senate in the hearing of divorce cases from Quebec and Newfoundland. We sent the bill over to the Senate for its consideration. The bill languished on the order paper there for weeks and weeks. Finally the Speaker ordered it to be dropped for no one could be found to sponsor the bill. This action was considered to be a bit contemptuous, for we considered that the Senate should have at least had the decency to defeat the bill if it was not acceptable.

Later on the House of Commons passed another bill relating to matters of transport. This, too, has been treated in a rather cavalier fashion and might be postponed until the Fall, or worse still, be sidetracked entirely.

Still a third bill was passed by the House of Commons and sent to the Senate, dealing with tariffs. This bill was amended and returned to the House as amended. The House of Commons, because this was a government bill, introduced a resolution stating that we disagreed with the Senate and consider that their amendment was undue interference with certain rights of the House of Commons.

Normally the Senate is a quiet, gentle place with not too much in the way of debate on legislation. The tendency in parliamentary affairs is to allow the House of Commons to do all of the work and for the Senate to endorse whatever is sent over to them.

Senators receive $10,000.00 a year which is in effect a pension for the appointment is for life. The rules regarding attendance in the Senate are rather generous and can be taken advantage of if one is lazy.

For instance, the British North America Act states that a Senator may lose his right to sit in the Senate if, and the Act reads as follows: "for two consecutive sessions of parliament he fails to give his attendance in the Senate." This means that so long as a Senator shows up for one day every two years his position in the Senate is protected.

I was reading some of the Hansards for the period 1925-26 just a few days ago and came across some interesting references there to the great need for reform of the Senate. But, nothing was done. I was also looking at some of the campaign promises of the present Conservative Government, one of which dealt with Senate reform. Again, nothing has been done.

After all the present furor has subsided I predict that so long as either the Conservatives or the Liberals remain in office, there will still be nothing done.

Short sermons

The really good resolutions lead to reform — and reform soon becomes a habit.

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Taxes never die — they just stick and grow, and all the old ones remain with us.

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Reason things out with your children—it is the best way to whip them into shape.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Signed articles and editorials credited to other newspapers do not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News.

All Aboard

with G. E. MORTIMORE

"Canadians are the world's laziest people at languages," I was told by a man who had observed diplomats and naval and military attaches abroad.

Even little countries like Ghana send Russian - speaking attaches to Russia. All too often, Canada doesn't.

"And if you go to another country not speaking the language, you might as well be living in a cell and having your meals sent in.

"I used to think we had a good excuse — that living on a big English - speaking continent, we have very little occasion to learn another language.

"But I changed my mind about that when I met people from South America. They can wander for long distances and find people of their language. Yet they are good linguists.

"Canadians are just lazy, I guess. Comparatively few English-speaking Canadian know French, even though it is supposed to be our second language."

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It occurred to me that there is a more serious barrier than laziness. Many Canadians are actually hostile to the use of other languages.

Some immigrants from Europe deliberately refuse to teach their children the language of their motherland. They feel that they must cut off all connection with the country from which they came and turn themselves into "real Canadians."

Surely this is a narrow-minded and provincial attitude. A language is a valuable gift — far too valuable to throw away. It is a key that opens a door into another world of insights and feelings.

Parents who rob their children of such a gift are doing them a bad turn.

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Teen-aged children just venturing out on their own sometimes wish to turn their backs on everything their parents stand for.

In the same way, perhaps Canada is a juvenile nation, just passing through the awkward age. For this reason Canada is inclined to scoff at Britain, and to scorn the languages of the Old World.

When the country grows up, Canadians may take to languages more easily.

The lighter side

In a big city store a woman was making inquiries about a doll's house that had taken her daughter's fancy. When she heard the price she stood for a moment in stricken silence. Then, rallying bravely, she smiled sweetly at the salesgirl.

"You arrange mortgages on them, of course?" she suggested politely.

The Termite

Some primal termite knocked
on wood
And tasted it, and found it
good,
And that is why your Cousin
May
Fell through the parlor floor
today.

—Ogden Nash.

NEWLY ELECTED Imperial Potentate of 825,000 Shriners, Marshall M. Porter (left), being presented jewel of office by George A. Mattison, Jr., immediate Past Imperial Potentate, at the fraternal organization's 87th Imperial Council Session in Miami, Florida. The new Shrine leader, the third Canadian since 1876 to hold the group's highest office, is a justice of the Supreme Court of Canada and a resident of Calgary. He will direct 1961-62 affairs of 166 Shrine temples and 17 hospitals for crippled children throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and the Panama Canal Zone. Mattison is a Birmingham, Alabama industrialist.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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I am always interested to watch the critics and intellectuals who try to explain contemporary art, painting, sculpture, music and design to the rest of us. I say watch rather than hear. Because in the process of explaining it, they get into such contortions of phrase, tangled up in murky language even they don't understand themselves, that they end up with a baffled expression not unlike that of a hen in the process of laying an egg.

A champion of this ultra-modern contemporary architecture — those large, formless lumps teetering in space, those wavy concrete roofs — had me fixed, like the Ancient Mariner, at a recent exhibition of design. After several vain tries, in which he detected the glassy expression of complete incomprehension in my eyes, he said:

"Well, look, my dear fellow! Contemporary art is merely falling in line with contemporary industry. In industry, they have worked out the theory of planned obsolescence. That is, make things that don't last long. Modern design, in architecture, furniture, and in painting, sculpture, is for today only. It won't last long. The smartest paintings of today will be outdated tomorrow. It would not be good for the modern artist if styles and fashions lasted any length of time. They've got to think of tomorrow."

Aha!

Quote, unquote

Inez Robb, U.S. author:

"If I still had my sights on becoming a millionaire, I believe at long last I know how to make it. The trick is to start a wildeyed anti - Communist movement, start leveling the most implausible charges at persons, both in and out of public life, the more implausible the better, and then sit back and collect dues from the lunatic fringe."

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Bernard M. Baruch:

"If you get all the facts, your judgment can be right; if you don't get all the facts, it can't be right."

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In order to avoid a penalty of 5%, Ratepayers are reminded that payment must be in the hands of the CITY COLLECTOR by close of business on July 31st, 1961, unless postmarked not later than midnight of that day. The COLLECTOR'S OFFICE will remain open until 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 31st, 1961.

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