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Young boy deserves bravery award

We do not know if there is an age limit before meritorious awards for bravery can be made, but six-year-old Dean Wesley of Port Essington who saved his baby sister, Molly, from death in Tuesday's disastrous fire, surely deserves major recognition. The boy's mother had already searched the burning house for her 19-month-old daughter without success, when Dean, hearing the youngster crying entered the burning home and brought his sister to safety.

It must be realized of course that the younger a person is, the less likely he or she is to realize the full implication of the threat of death. It is only as one grows older and learns more of life's perils and their consequences that fear beomes real. However, since Mrs. Wesley was singed by the flames, there was sufficient heat and flames to provide a deathly threat to the most fearless person.

Into this went young Dean with but one thought in mind, that of bringing out his little sister unharmed. This he did and for that reason we commend to Government Agent Howard Harding that the Provincial Secretary be notified of Dean Wesley's courage and that he be recommended for a Royal Humane Association citation.

Canada not rubber stamp

A good understanding with Canada is the cornerstone of our foreign policy. Our defense posture, the soundness of our economy, our relations with the other nations of the Western alliance, depend in no small measure on the quiet Americans who live across our northern border.

It would be a good thing for us if Canada could be persuaded to join the OAS, but not as a rubber stamp for policy made in Washington. Canada's greatest value in the organization would be as a mediator between the Latin south and the Yankee north. She would help us most by continuing to be her stubborn, independent self.

— Boston Herald

SOCREDS CONFIDENT

Coyne spat to loom large in next vote

By GRAHAM TROTTER
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — Veteran Social Credit strategists figure the current Coyne controversy will help their party most in the next federal general election.

The party's platform is anchored on a revision of the country's monetary system. The Bank of Canada is the implement of Canadian monetary policy.

This is a pretty deep subject for most voters, or has been until now.

But the controversy over the Conservative government's bill in Parliament to fire the central bank's governor, James E. Coyne, has brought the bank and its functions into public focus as never before.

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Social Crediters see nothing but good from this, for their party. The more the voter debates the pros and cons of the Coyne issue, and inevitably gets deeper into what monetary policy is and what can be done, the better they'll be able to understand Social Crdeit theories in this field.

The furore created by the Coyne issue to date has virtually guaranteed that this will be one of the main battle grounds for the next election.

Social Credit strategists feel that in the past they may have been talking over many voters' heads on monetary theory, the supply of money. But now they think the Coyne issue is helping them hurdle this handicap.

One bogey they must overcome is the "funny money" tag put on the party by its critics.

In his keynote address to the convention Wednesday Premier Manning of Alberta dwelt on this. He declared false the impression Social Credit is a "funny money" scheme that advocates the creation and distribution of unlimited quantities of printing-press money.

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Then he summed up Social Credit monetary theory this way:

"What Social Credit does propose is that consumer purchasing power be maintained at a level equal to the normal price value of our national production.

"This requires the controlled expansion of the nation's money and credit supply in direct ratio to the progressive increase n the volume of production technological progress makes possible and for which there is consumer demand.

"Only thus can the evil effects of both inflaton and deflation be avoided and the soundness and value of the Canadian dollar be preserved."

The draft Social Credit platform which went before the convention yesterday made it abundantly clear that the party if elected, would seek to implement this through a change in the role of the Bank of Canada.

It takes two pages of the draft program to spell out the party's financial policy — double the space given any other policy. Social Crediters are confident, though, that the Coyne issue will help them in getting the voter to understand and accept it.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Oil big key to interest in Kuwait

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The Iraqi delegate to the United Nations declared that British concern with Kuwait "can be explained with one word — oil".

This is a strong argument — Britain receives 40 per cent of its oil from Kuwait — but it can have just as valid a bearing on why Iraq's Premier Kassem wants to take over Kuwait.

No tale of Arabian nights conjures up a picture of treasure more fabulous than the modern day story of Kuwait, which produces $3,000,000 worth of oil a day in a territory about twice the size of Prince Edward Island.

And this is no short-term prosperity for the country whose population is only about 210,000. Kuwait's oil reserves, estimated at 62,000,000,000 barrels, are twice those of the United States and one-third the reserves of the entire Middle East.

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Sheik Abdullah as-aSlim As-Sabah, the ruler, has used his vast income to build schools, highways and hospitals, making a prosperous welfare state without income tax.

But the sheik has invested his capital — his fortune is estimated at $1,000,000,000 — not in Arab lands but in Europe. His investments of oil profits have been important to the British economy.

British newspapers have been commenting in a worried way about the long-term safety of Kuwait under present policies even if its troubles with Iraq are resolved without harm.

"In the long run, there can never be stability in the Middle East until Kuwait and the other rich oil sheikdoms of the Persian Gulf come to terms with their Arab neighbors", says the London Daily Herald.

"Better distribution of oil revenues would bring new hope throughout the Middle East, with oil as its chief commodity, could prevent the Kuwait crisis from being the forerunner of others."

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Sheik Abdullah is often described as a man of simple personal tastes with a genuine regard for his people but Kuwait — while a welfare state — is almost totally paternalistic, with everything depending on the ruler.

The Yorkshire Post says the succession isn't clear and sees in this another long-term danger, should an aspirant for the throne be willing to deal with Kassem to attain even a measure of power.

"If Kassem is indeed thinking of reaping profit from a fight for the succession, his present bravado may be no more than a preliminary softening exercise," says The Post. "The real crisis may lie some years ahead."

Newspaper morality

I want to say something about the responsibilities of the newspaper, or what I prefer to call its moral aspects. . . .

The newspaper's columns imply a high degree of integrity. Our inheritance within the framework of the Christian ethic is a belief in the goodness of man. . . .

I know how difficult it is to articulate moral purpose. . . . But for your generation and mine, the moral aspect of the newspaper can be seen; it can be smelled and felt and identified by all of us. It involves integrity in reporting and editing; it suggests probity in publishing; it implies responsibility in the advertising columns.

It bars the fast buck, the fixed quiz show, the conflict of interest, whether an elected public official makes private gain out of public commitment or a corporation officer makes personal gain out of his custodianship of a large corporation.

It forecloses the double standard of reflecting the news in terms of racial, religious or political bias.

Finally, the reader's assessment of this concept will be based on what we do and not what we say. Our words and our protestations will have to be balanced by performance. — Frank Byerly in the Des Moines Register.

DOWN THE DRAIN

The PACKSACK!

Of Gregory Clark
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One of my neighbors, by choice and by family tradition, is in the habit of having a couple of snorts whenever he feels like it. As far as I have observed, it does him no more harm than the taste for cola pop, garlic sausages, blue cheese, or four teaspoons of sugar in strong coffee does to my other neighbors. In the characteristic innocence of short snorters, he invited a neighbor to hoist one with him.

The neighbor was a teetaller and a bigoted one. In response to the invitation, he sent my friend a beautifully gift - wrapped present containing a bottle of orange pop.

I was present at their next encounter.

"Well, well, Bill," he said. "Thanks for the pop. I take it as a dig at my vices. Well, sir, one of my hobbies is to look into the vices of those who notice mine. So I'm going to have some fun the next month or two looking into your vices. I'm going to check up with your relatives and friends and business associates, past and present . . .

I regret to say that the other chap seemed upset.

"And then," said my sinful friend, "I'll send YOU a gift wrapped present, hey?"

OTTAWA REPORT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

Many members of parliament are confronted with the question: How can I be most effective in the House of Commons? It is difficult to answer this question because of the difficulty of recognizing the criteria.

The most common understanding embraces the entering of the various debates. Through this method one's ideas at least get to the attention of the various ministers in a public way. In addition, it is the way one gets information from the various governmental departments.

The quickest way to get information is by asking questions about government policy, government activity, and government intentions. Of course, the government does not have to answer. In fact many questions, while they are technically answered, give no information whatever and might just as well not be answered.

Another way to get information is to move motions that certain correspondence and documents be tabled and made public. However, this is not always successful for the answers given when such motions are refused is invariably to the effect that the subject matter is privileged. This, of course, leaves Parliament in the dark about so many vital matters. So far this session there have been at least 16 motions that have been refused. This means that at least 16 subject matters have been denied to Parliament by the government.

When it comes to participating in debates there are certain restrictions that are placed upon government MPs. I did some calculating the other day to see what the record showed. To date there have been 16 Conservative members who have not said one, single, solitary word. There have been 17 others who have spoken only once, many of them confining their remarks to a few sentences. Of course, they can always give the answer that they make their voices heard in caucus.

Public knowledge and understanding or governmental policies comes from public discussion of such matters. When facts are hidden from the public one is entitled to speculate that something is fishy.

Government is responsible to the public and should have the courage to be responsible all of the time and all of the way; not merely when it suits the political convenience of the government.

How to lose good friends

From the New York Times

After all the pre-election talk of the need for restoring American prestige abroad, the United States Information Agency is not helping the cause much if it is distributing such public relations trash as apparently went into a press kit for Canadian newspapermen on President Kennedy's recent trip to Ottawa.

Did these newspapermen really need to be spoon-fed, as Republican headquarters in Washington reports, with the news that the President is a "glamorous political figure" and "foremost political personality on the American scene?" Or that Mrs. Kennedy is "lovely to look at?" Or that Pierre Salinger, White House press secretary, is a "dynamo who resembles tireless competence in motion, a jaunty chunk of a man whose affable manner covers a steel-trap mind?"

Quote, unquote

The Age of Reason by Harold Nicolson:

"Diplomacy is the art of inspiring confidence and cunning in international relations invariably defeats its own ends."

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