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Grooming a Leader

ALL THE EXCUSES advanced for the resignation of Harold Winch last March were just so much talk.

Now he's the CCF candidate in Vancouver East and he's almost certain to be elected.

When he quit provincial affairs, suddenly, dramatically, last March, he no doubt had the idea in the back of his mind that he'd like to sit in the House of Commons.

Is he being groomed for national leadership of the CCF? Some people think so. But Mr. Coldwell is solidly entrenched and would dearly love to be the Prime Minister of Canada.

Mr. Coldwell is 65 years old now. If the CCF doesn't form the government after the August election (and it's chances are none too good) Mr. Coldwell won't have a chance again to be Prime Minister until he's 70.

Actually there won't be much chance in 1957, either. Perhaps in 1961. But Mr. Coldwell will be 75 then. Harold Winch, on the other hand, 10 years from now will be only 55—the prime of life for a political leader.

Harold Winch certainly isn't out gunning for Mr. Coldwell's job. But somebody has to be trained and who is more able and efficient and spectacular than Mr. Winch, with his 20 years of B.C. legislative life behind him.

The CCF, nationally, is short of leadership material. And Harold Winch is already, more or less, a national figure. If he gets elected in August, he's bound to go far in the highest councils of the CCF and might some day be Prime Minister of Canada.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

The wide gap in the political arithmetic being relied upon by the two old-line parties in the current election battle is nowhere more evident than in the province of Quebec.

In this traditional Liberal stronghold of the nation PC Leader George Drew is reported authoritatively to count upon carrying a minimum of 20 seats.

But Liberal campaign headquarters insist that the Drew forces will win only one seat. It is believed that the riding which they are prepared to concede to the PC's is Three Rivers. It was held in the last Parliament by Leon Balcer, PC.

That's a discrepancy of 19 seats between the estimates of the two parties. Obviously one of them is being over-optimistic.

Conceivably a considerable element of Leader Drew's confidence rests upon the fact that the key figure in the PC Quebec organization this election is Montreal lawyer J. T. Hackett, QC. A former president of the Canadian Bar Association, "John" Hackett is a name with which to conjure in professional circles in French-speaking Canada. In addition, he is a practical politician of demonstrated competence. He won the riding of Stanstead back in the 1930 general election. Liberals concede that he could carry it again this election, except for the instruction he is understood to have been given by PC headquarters to refrain from running himself in order to give personal

Relics of John and Charles Wesley and other founders of Methodism are seen at Wesley's Chapel in London, England.

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As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Rhee Real Peace Snag

ON THE EVE of the arrival in Seoul of President Eisenhower's representative, the boss of South Korea, Syngman Rhee, notified the population to turn out for a demonstration.

Dr. Rhee made it plain he expected every man, woman and child to be on hand. Meanwhile, he showed what happens to those who oppose him.

Howard Handeman cabled to the Hearst papers on June 24: "Meanwhile, Dr. Chough Pyung Ok, leader of organized Korean opposition to President Syngman Rhee's armistice stand, was hunted down and viciously beaten by 'patriots' after a mob of 500 stormed through his Seoul house in search of him.

"The mob violence flared following the appearance of posters on the streets of Seoul branding Chough as a traitor."

EARLY in 1952 a majority of the elected members of the assembly of South Korea had petitioned for something approaching western style democracy.

Dr. Rhee had them beaten up, in full view of the diplomats who had been invited to attend the public meeting.

But back in earlier years Rhee's boys went much further.

The best book so far written on the recent history of Korea is "Korea Today" by the late George M. McCune, of the U.S. State Department and University of California. It clearly records how Dr. Syngman Rhee blocked every attempt at re-union of Korea by peaceful means.

Thus on page 80: "In December 1946, Dr. Rhee, the titular head of the rightist coalition, had left Korea and had gone to the United States to secure support for the creation of an independent South Korea. In Korea his party carried on a parallel campaign and in effect blocked all constructive work of the Legislative Assembly."

WHENEVER anybody appeared on the Korean scene who looked as if he had a chance to reunite the two parts, Dr. Rhee's bully boys made short work of him.

Thus on page 87: "Terrorist bands of the right, with the apparent collusion of the Korean police, immediately began an anti-Communist campaign. Lyuh Woonhyung, former head of the Peoples Republic, was the first victim of the rein of terror. He was assassinated on July 19 on a Seoul street in broad daylight and in sight of a police box. He had been mentioned as a possible compromise candidate to head the proposed provisional government."

Again on page 98: "On December 2, 1947, Chang Duksoo, leader of the cooperation faction in the Korean Democratic party, was assassinated by a rightist police officer under circumstances which involved the Kim-Koo-Syngman Rhee opposition."

RHEE'S RECORD clearly shows that there is no hope of a unified Korea or for that matter any semblance of decency or democracy even in South Korea until the evil old man is deprived of his dictatorial power.



FOUR-YEAR-OLD ANTONIO MEDICI says he wants to make money to help his parents. His father has been ill five months. Antonio, who arrived in Montreal from Italy 14 months ago, has asked for permission to play his accordion in Montreal night clubs as a professional entertainer.

POLITICAL ROUNDUP

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA — Now that the Conservative party—provincially, anyway—seems dead, it's interesting to look back on its history since those tremendous days of McBride, when Toryism was in its first full flower, and to the days of Tolmie, when it blossomed again, only then, too, to start the withering disease that now has stifled it.

In between, its tides have ebbed and flowed, causing alternate hope and despair, until now there's no hope at all. The Conservative party, the first party to sweep B.C. and to hold it the longest straight run, is the first of the parties to be wiped out, as political history steers its relentless course. There have, of course, been upstart parties that blossomed weakly, and then faded, but never before in this province have we seen the death of a party that was once dominant, a vital force in public affairs. It is sad—yet it is history. It has happened before elsewhere, and it will happen again, here in B.C.

Party politics came to B.C. in 1903. That year the Conservatives of McBride won 25 of 40 seats. What jubilation there was in the Tory camp that night! There were McBride, in all his glory, the member for Dewdney; C. E. Pooley, the member for Esquimalt; T. W. Patterson, the member for The Islands; J. J. Fulton, the member for Kamloops; Price Ellison, the member for Okanagan; W. J. Bowster and R. G. Tatlow, representing Vancouver City. Their names are etched deep into our political history.

The Conservative sweep that year of first Tory victory, however, didn't touch Victoria. The capital went solidly Liberal, electing W. G. Cameron, R. L. Drury, Richard Hall and J. D. McNiven.

The Conservative tide flowed on in the election of 1907 the Conservatives elected two more members than they did in 1903. Henry Esson Young came in for Atlin; A. E. McPhillips for The

Islands; D. M. Eberts for Saanich, and there again, his hair growing whiter, though he was only in his late 30s, was handsome Dick McBride, the ruler of British Columbia.

In 1912 the Conservatives went to the people expecting to win every seat in the House. It was a jolt, therefore, when they lost two seats—but they still held 40. Two Socialists were elected, but not one Liberal. If only the Conservatives could have taken those two Socialist seats!

Now it is 1916 and time for another election. Time for a change, cried the Liberals. Yes, the public agreed—let's try something new—let's try the Liberals, they're pretty revolutionary, but let's live dangerously for a while. Let's see what the fast-talking Liberals can do.

McBride had seen the writing on the wall, in 1915 left the premiership and went to London as B.C. agent-general. W. J. Bowser took over as premier. When the votes of 1916 were counted there were 37 Liberals, nine Conservatives and one Socialist. Harlan Carey Brewster was premier, Bowser the leader of the Opposition. There was no official provision for the post-

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Ray Reflects and Reminisces

"Laugh at yourself and prolong your life," advises one of those health doctors. First of all discover what it is you are chuckling at. Every day, there is a laugh in our fellow man. It's there, if you only make up your mind to discover it.

DON'T BREATHE A WORD

It is generally known that Soviet Russia sent a battleship to Breat Britain's Spithead naval review. But possibly it isn't common knowledge that Soviet Russia has added to the graciousness of the gesture by not even claiming Russia had invented it.

No man who lacks a good hip, so far as Canada is concerned, should wear the kilt. This appears to be the opinion of tailors. Well, he could always give it a waggle.

Sixty actors from Hollywood have arrived in Jasper Park. They will film "Rose Marie" and that means superb entertainment in a God given environment of mountain and lake. It's not found everywhere.

A columnist asks what became of the fellow who was known as Nature Boy. Our guess is that, being another columnist he made sufficient cash to move indoors.

THE GOLDEN SOUTH LAND

Lots of folks, wondering where summer has gone to, will persist in sticking around Florida. Here's what a northerner, after he retired to Sarasota, listed after a month, by way of emphasizing southern charms: Sun-ripened oranges ten steps from back door; music of mocking-birds; a mother quail with young; in-

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