

A Plucky Trouper

IT IS sometimes remarked about obituaries that the nice things are always said too late. So may it be with Mrs. Tilly Rolston.

Like most people in public life, and particularly in politics where all is uncertainty except criticism, Tilly learned that praise is less customary than the nasty crack. Had she not understood and blithely accepted this, she may never have campaigned for colored margarine or crossed the floor of the House or allowed herself to be associated with the formula for school financing now in her name. For one seeking favor, or at least the peace of indifference, these were all issues to avoid.

It may be assumed, therefore, that if many of the compliments due her have been paid too late, Tilly would be the last to be upset. She would forego approval at any time to give a frank expression of opinion. This was part of her charm and part of the courage which drove her from a sickbed in the spring of 1952 to support the Social Credit cause, which many thought was a vain one.

It is probable that even then she knew her most difficult fight was not a political one. But she permitted herself just two short weeks in the hospital to think about it—or at least let the doctors do so—before she went on to a political distinction never previously achieved by a Canadian woman.

Although Tilly Rolston often felt the sting of disapproval, she had the comfort of knowing that while her politics may have been questioned, her heart was never in doubt. She was a plucky trouper who was giving her best even as the final curtain fell.

Scripture Passage for Today

"Come, for all things are now ready."—St. Luke 14:17

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

From a functional standpoint, Renee Martin has, for a stretch of some 20 years, one of the definitely important individuals on Parliament Hill. But he was so little known outside of his highly specialized post when he died suddenly that other day his name barely won mention in news despatches.

Renee was the chef of the Parliamentary Restaurant. The responsibility which rests upon that post may be measured accurately by the increasingly important role which hospitality plays in the conduct of diplomacy and high-level state planning. To Renee's enduring credit it will be remembered that no function served by his cuisine ever failed to develop a gracious and benign atmosphere. The melting qualities that he imparted to his fillet mignons invariably spread over the company partaking of them and gave a spell of magic forgetfulness of any dissensions.

In a sense Renee was an authentic martyr to the Parliament.

he served so faithfully. For some years past his doctors had warned him that he had a heart condition and should retire to some post where the pressure would be less exacting. But the Second World War was on at the time and Renee had the idea that every Canadian should stick to whatever useful post he was manning. He came through the war, but with a couple of warning attacks. Then at the past session of Parliament he had a seizure while supervising the serving of the annual dinner of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. The seizure passed in a few moments, and Renee insisted characteristically on remaining at his post until the function was over. The next day his doctor gave him strict orders to go away for a long rest. But his House of Commons superiors pleaded with him to remain. The session of Parliament was on. They said he couldn't be replaced.

Renee will have to be replaced now. He never got that rest cure. And the other day when he was working in his office on preparations for the session which opens one month from today he just toppled over and died in a matter of seconds.

Renee's art as a chef belonged in the highest tradition of the calling. He served his apprenticeship under some of the greatest masters of cuisine in Paris, where he was born and spent his youth and early manhood. He came to Canada just a little ahead of the depression and served as one of the top chefs of the CPR. The posh Rideau Club in Ottawa, which in those days was a rendezvous for gourmets, heard of his fame and grabbed him. Working there, he was just across the street from Parliament. Former Prime Minister R. B. Bennett, who ate many bachelor meals in the Rideau Club, decided that Renee's genius belonged in the Parliamentary Restaurant, where it would be available to the government for official and diplomatic functions. That was 20 years ago. It proved to be Renee's last move.



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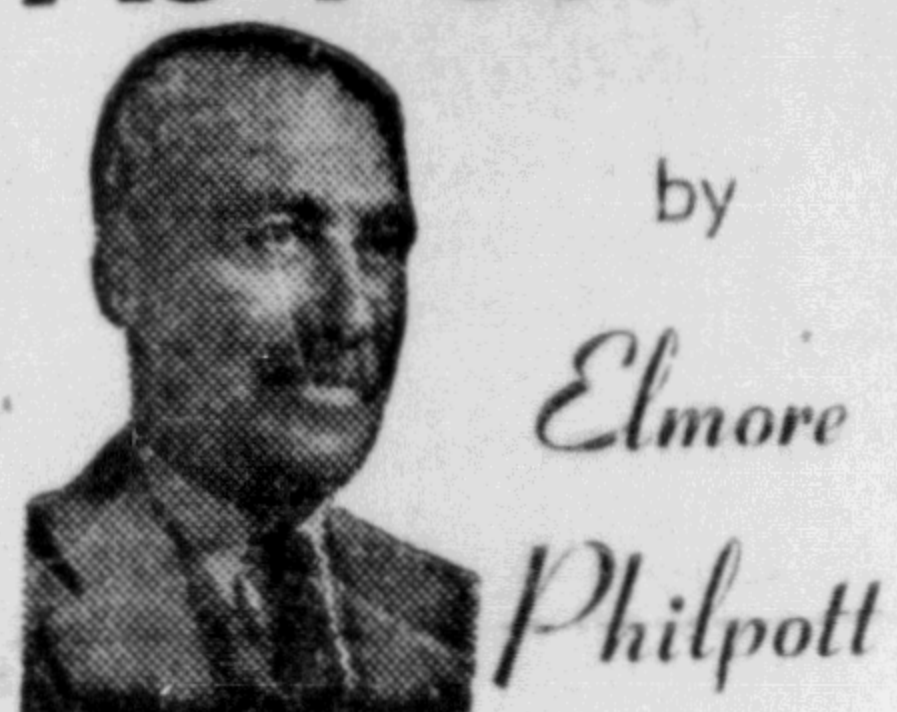
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Trieste Time Bomb

THE PORT of Trieste has been like a time bomb ticking away ever since the First World War.

Again and again attempts have been made to de-fuse this threat to peace—but so far the big powers have only made things worse.

Trieste is a magnificent port at the head of the Adriatic sea. It never was part of Italy, until Italy got a claim to it as a result of the famous (or infamous) secret treaties of the First World War.

The revelation of these secret treaties did more than anything else to crystallize American opinion against the Versailles settlements. President Wilson denounced in the strongest terms the ceding to Italy of this part of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire; but he was outvoted by the other allies.

So you might say that the reputation of the first League of Nations, by the U.S.A. was due in no small part to American opposition to the handing of Trieste to Italy.

BUT SUCH are the compulsions of power politics that the Americans themselves again did after the Second World War the very thing they had so roundly condemned the British and French for doing after World War One.

When the Hitler-Mussolini forces finally collapsed in Italy at the end of the Second World War, there was a race for Trieste. The Yugoslavs won and got there first. But so determined was Churchill not to let this door to central Europe remain in potentially unfriendly hands that Field Marshal Alexander issued an ultimatum to the Yugoslavs—either to withdraw from Trieste itself or to be shot out.

BUT the wheel of power politics takes many a strange turn. To help sway the Italian voters against Communism in 1948 the American, British and French governments made a declaration that they favored Italian sovereignty over the entire disputed area of Trieste. This covered both Zone A and Zone B—that is, both the port area held by British and American forces and the much larger rural area firmly held by the Yugoslavs on the line to which they had been forced by Alexander's ultimatum.

Then in June of 1948 there occurred the split between Tito and Russia which changed the whole picture. By a totally unforeseen break, Britain got a second chance to apply the policy which Churchill had vainly tried to have applied in the Second World War. Instead of holding only the Trieste door-knob to "the soft underbelly of Europe," the west was suddenly presented with an unexpected ally in the person of Tito and Yugoslavia. Russia was halted on the Danube, not the Adriatic.

THE WESTERN powers have tried to arrange an agreed settlement between Italy and Yugoslavia. But their own chickens have come home to roost. Trieste has become such a symbol to the people of both countries that it is difficult for either the government in Belgrade or Rome to seem to give way.

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DR. GEORGE F. DAVIDSON, one of five Canadian delegates to the eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly at New York, relaxes during a meeting. He is chairman of the assembly's social, humanitarian and cultural committee. He also is Canada's deputy welfare minister.

Canadian Output, Employment At Peak Levels During Year

MONTREAL (CP)—Canada's economy continued to grow in the first half of 1953, chiefly because Canadians themselves were buying more, the Bank of Montreal says in its current business review.

In the first six months of the year, production, employment and retail trade reached peak levels, but lower farm prices and stiff competition abroad harmed some industries.

"Nevertheless taking the economy as a whole, good fortune has far outweighed bad," the review says.

PAY RATES HIGHER

One yardstick of this growth is the increase in employment, the authors explain. Only 90,000 persons—or 1.6 per cent of Canada's labor force of 5,500,000—were looking for jobs in July. Moreover, 20 per cent less

workers were on short-time, and rates of pay continued to rise to reach an average of \$1.36 an hour at mid-year.

"With more people working more hours at higher rates, the total pay of all wage and salary earners was up 10 per cent over last year," the review notes.

Canadians not only earned more, however. Their dollar also bought more—at least early in the year.

Paced by falling prices of meat and fish, the cost of living dropped slowly but significantly, and in May was 1½ per cent lower than 12 months before.

"Of late, however," the review adds, "prices have moved rather more upward than downward." Production, too, increased, but not in all industries and the few exceptions were "of some moment."

LESS FARM EQUIPMENT

Falling farm prices, giving farmers less to spend seem partly to blame for an 18½-per-cent drop in farm equipment output between the first and second quarters of the year, the authors say.

Future prospects were "beclouded" by uncertainty, but "prices of goods and services the farmer buys have been less prone to decline."

The construction industry and manufacturers of machinery and equipment—although taking part in the general expansion—did not fair uniformly well. Manufacturers of machine tools and certain types of machinery had their revenues chopped down and today faced waning demand.

But no slackening occurred in home building. In fact, "1953 may well turn out to be a record year."

Canadian imports were higher and Canada had to dip into her exchange reserves for \$107,000,000 to square her international accounts.

At home, inventories increased, although they were still not "out of line" with current sales.

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Reflects and Reminisces

In future, according to the Duke of Edinburgh, British royalty will be seen more frequently and with much less formality. "The Duke himself will be in Kitimat next August."

"Aviation is such a commonplace method of transportation nowadays." So says the start of an editorial. Ever figure out the number of persons killed, burned, drowned, missing or frozen in the course of a few months?

HE MISSED NOTHING

Lord Beaverbrook passed through Halifax last week, a passenger on the liner Queen Mary. The Canadian-born press magnate, on his way to Fredericton, was asked if he knew he'd had a movie actress for a neighbor on the way across. "Yes, indeed I did," remarked the Beaver. "She played a gramophone from Southampton to Nova Scotia. She even liked music with dessert."

It is suggested by a distiller that more decorum in drinking will dignify his product as an adjunct to gracious living. Unhappily, however, the blending of alcohol and dignity is next to impossible.

As we cannot live without the weather, we should try somehow to become reconciled to living with it.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Love will find a way, but a little cash put down on the line helps.

A physician can use a word a yard long without him or anyone else knowing its meaning, but if an editor does anything like this he has to spell it. Should the physician go to see another man's wife, he charges for the visit. When the editor goes, he gets a charge of buckshot.

The new Boys' Industrial School near Nanaimo is beginning to take shape. It will cost not less than a million dollars. Inmates will continue to be referred to as juvenile delinquents but this is a mistake. It does not sound expensive enough.

Buy one for the KITCHEN — one for the TABLE



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State Funeral to be Held Friday For First Woman Cabinet Minister

VICTORIA (CP)—A state funeral will be held in Vancouver Friday for Education Minister Mrs. Tilly Rolston who died in that city on Monday.

Members of the legislature stood in solemn tribute to Mrs. Rolston when the house sat on Tuesday.

Premier Bennett, obviously deeply moved by the loss of his personal friend, officially announced her death and the time and date of the funeral, then leaders of the opposition paid tribute to her.

Mr. Bennett said Mrs. Rolston was a great loss to the government and a great loss to the people of British Columbia.

IGNORED ALLEGATIONS

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