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Heartache For Margaret

SINCE everybody seems to have an opinion about whether or not Princess Margaret should marry Group Captain Townsend, we are moved to express the hope that she does not.

Millions of devoted subjects apparently disagree, but that cannot be helped. As far as Margaret herself is concerned, we would like to see her marry a man of her instinctive choice, whatever his title or lack of one. In Townsend's favor it must be observed that he has an excellent title, though possibly not the kind that some critics of the match have in mind. He is an officer in the RAF who has earned his rank in valiant defence of his country. That gives him a title that merits respect in any company.

Moreover, Margaret, though only slightly removed by age from being a queen, will almost certainly never be one. Ranking in line after her sister's youthful and healthy family to which there may be additions yet to come, she is already beyond likely stepping distance to the throne and probably quite happy to be so. But the point is that she is often going to be called upon as stand-in for Elizabeth without enjoying the Queen's distinction though still subjected to the rigors of that position.

For these reasons it is important that Margaret's personal life be as happy as possible, and it is the opinion of many that marriage to Townsend would provide this. Unfortunately in his case, however, there are two children by his former wife who would have to be exposed to the inquisitive and probably cruel publicity of national attention or pushed into a dark and intensely lonely background. Although the latter course possibly would be preferred, it is only the lesser of two bad ones.

It can be argued, of course, that Margaret's happiness is as imperative as theirs and, because she has many trying duties to perform, perhaps more so. But the truth is that one cannot be weighed against the other. Margaret could not, and would not want to, buy her happiness at the expense of theirs. The price of such a deal would be pain and heartache for all.

Many Qualifications Necessary For Federal Election Candidate

OTTAWA — Many hurdles must be leaped before the Canadian who wants to be a candidate in the federal election can contest one of the 265 Commons seats.

Besides possessing vote-getting ability — theoretically, anyway — he must be 21 and an eligible voter and have at least 10 voting friends and \$200 to bet on himself.

There is also the general cost of running a campaign which can be high.

By and large, most Canadians can get into the fight, but there are exceptions.

Those ineligible include prison inmates, federal civil servants, Doukhobors and most Indians on reservations.

The insane are disqualified, and so are judges and electoral officers, clerks of the peace, county crown attorneys, government contractors, members of provincial legislature and of the Northwest Territories Council.

Members of the active forces can run for office in wartime. However, the Korea police action does not count as a war for election purposes.

Shareholders of companies with government contracts are eligible, except where the contract is for building a public work.

MUST HAVE SUPPORT  
Apart from eligibility, there also is the problem of support. A candidate does not necessarily have to live in the riding he plans to contest, but he must be

nominated by at least 10 qualified voters in that riding. He must put up \$200 as an election deposit and be prepared to lose it if he does not get enough votes. The money is forfeited to the federal treasury if he does not obtain half the votes polled by the winning candidate.

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By NORMAN M. McLEOD

As dealt with in my previous column, one of the reasons why a Liberal-CCF coalition is not amongst the possibilities that may arise out of the voting on August 10th next is Prime Minister St. Laurent's dislike of the entire principle of merger expediency.

But there's another reason as well that stands with equal firmness against any possibility of union. That reason is M. J. Coldwell, CCF Leader.

Mr. St. Laurent stands opposed to even the thought of coalition with the CCF because he is an old-line Liberal and doesn't believe that the free enterprise principles of Liberalism could survive under the regimentation involved in CCF Socialism.

Mr. Coldwell stands equally opposed to the idea of coalition with the Liberals because he believes firmly that if Canadian Socialism has the endurance just to paddle its own canoe long enough, it is certain to arrive in due course at the shores of power. But from his knowledge of past coalitions in which the Liberals were one of the partners, he is satisfied that the CCF wouldn't retain its identity long enough to claim its heritage, if it entered into a marriage of convenience with the St. Laurent forces.

Being a realist in his politics, Coldwell shrewdly suspects that the Liberal idea of perfection in coalition is patterned upon the technique of a shark when he coalesces with a minnow. Coldwell just doesn't trust Liberal overtures.

From the standpoint of his personal fortunes, it's perhaps just too bad for the CCF leader that he is so suspicious of Liberalism when it comes bearing gifts. If he hadn't been so distrustful a matter of eight years or so ago, he might today have been Prime Minister, instead of just the Number One Man in a minority party.

For back a little more than eight years ago then Prime Minister Mackenzie King sent an emissary to Coldwell proposing a Liberal-CCF merger. And one of the terms of the offer was that Coldwell was to have King's support for the post of Liberal leader when he (King) vacated it. Coldwell rejected the offer because he believed that coalition with Liberalism would mean the disappearance of the CCF and the end of a true Socialist movement in Canada.

Curiously enough, history could repeat itself. If the Prime Minister made an offer of coalition to Coldwell after the August 10 voting, he'd be in the same position of imminent retirement as Mr. King was. Hence he could make the same offer of support for the Liberal leadership. But Mr. St. Laurent won't renew the Mackenzie King offer. And the CCF leader wouldn't accept it if he did. But the recurring situation shows the tendency of politics to travel in a circle.



As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

• Them Golden Slippers

SOME Conservative criticism of the spending policies of the Liberal government is no doubt justified. No country can expand its military establishments as vastly as we were forced to do without laying itself open to mistakes in administration.

But some of the Conservative criticism of the Liberal army expenditures is surely a wee bit over-stretched. Take this matter of army boots. Tramp, tramp, tramp, them golden slippers are marching, in every newspaper in the country. But the Tory ad men have only opened their mouth on army boots to put their own foot in it.

The advertisements ask: "Why 20 Pairs of Shoes?"

"How many shoes do you own? The Liberal government spent on defence \$22,000,000.00 for boots and shoes (or 20 pairs for each serviceman)."

Please note that the Tory advertising does not say in what period. Was it one year, two years, or the whole 18 years that the Liberals have been in? They have borrowed that

Canada Facing Likely Boost In Steel Output

LONDON — Biggest contribution to an anticipated increase in Commonwealth steel production will probably come from Canada, says the July bulletin of the British Iron and Steel Federation.

Total Commonwealth production of 31,000,000 tons is predicted by 1957-58, contrasting with 21,000,000 tons last year. The bulletin says it expects Canada will be producing 4,400,000 tons annually within five years, an increase of 30 per cent above current figures.

It notes that Canada is the only Commonwealth country which does not take most of its steel imports from the United Kingdom, buying rather from the United States.

Currently, the Commonwealth produces 10 per cent of the world's steel supply and consumes more than 12 per cent. Canada is the largest importer.

The first baseball World Series was held in 1884.

technique of soap advertising on the radio which says something like this:

"Blank is 66 per cent more efficient" or "Such-and-such gets clothes two thirds cleaner." They do not say "two thirds cleaner than any other soap can get them" or "two thirds cleaner than our old style soap." No, they just say "two thirds cleaner."

THE FACTS about the army, navy and air force boots were given by the Deputy Minister of National Defence in the House of Commons on June 20, 1952, and again by Mr. Claxton on November 27 last. He said:

"A man wears out four pairs of boots a year in Korea, two a year in Germany, and generally speaking, less than one and a half per year in Canada. We vary the issue for the Navy and Air Force because they use less footwear than does the Army."

"Trade figures on footwear give an estimate that the average (civilian) male in Canada buys 2.38 pairs of shoes a year. The amount we provide the armed forces is less than that."

"At September 30, 1952, depot stocks were 479,643 and stocks held against a possible mobilization amounted to 361,971. Maintenance stocks are therefore less than two years' expected consumption."

SURELY ex-soldier George Drew remembers back to the first year of the First World War, when both he and I and a vast number of other fellows joined the army.

Sir Sam Hughes (in a Tory government) overnight bought vast numbers of boots with fake leather soles, which turned out to be paper and which melted in the rain. Surely everybody also remembers that in the Second World War we had soldiers marching around for over half a year in civilian boots.

What do the tax-cuts-at-all-costs critics want? Do they want us to be caught not only flat-footed but bare-footed if war should come suddenly upon us?

Two Russians Reported Killed in Big Nationalist Guerrilla Raid on Tungshan

TAIPEH, Formosa (AP)—The English-language China News said today two Russians were killed in last week's big Nationalist guerrilla raid on Tungshan island off the China coast.

A defence ministry spokesman said, "I am not denying the report, but so far we have not seen any mention of the Russians in our dispatches."

The China News said the Russians presumably were technicians connected with a radar station which is reported to have been operating on Tungshan. The island is just off the mainland coast opposite Formosa.

The newspaper gave no source for its information.

PRISONERS TOTAL 890  
It also reported that 890 prisoners were captured by the

guerrillas in their biggest raid since Nationalist troops evacuated the mainland in 1949.

Informed sources said about 300 guerrillas wounded in the raid have been flown here for treatment.

The attack began last Thursday and the raiders withdrew the following day. The raid involved the first use of paratroopers against a Red-held island.

The Communist radio at Kunming said today the people's

government of coastal province and various local organizations have sent a "solidation group" to Tungshan.

The broadcast, heard in Kung, said the group will solidate the island garrison, liberation army, civilian and residents in the event another Nationalist attack

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