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President

Clothes in the schools

THE local school board is not aiming to copy the Christian Doirs of the fashion world but it has some ideas about dress fitting the schoolroom which it will put before parents. No doubt the latter will welcome them, for exaggerated styles cost money and parents usually have to foot the clothes bill.

In private schools dress regimentation is easy; pupils either conform or they leave the school. In the public school system discipline of this nature is not so easy, yet if it wills the school board can be drastic also. It has statutory authority for enforcing moderation in dress among its pupils.

The trouble, as usual with such things, is with a minority of extroverts who like to show off with garb quite inappropriate for schools. Girls, apparently, are not the worst offenders. It is the long-haired male cultists who effect the most startling sartorial displays, obviously designed to attract attention and separate them from others, thereby upsetting the norm of school life. This group would be shocked if every student had to wear a uniform, yet a uniform their outlandish dress certainly is.

The clothes guide to be given parents is modest and sensible. Neatness for both boys and girls is the criterion, without extremes in either style or accessory. Certain habits are condemned—elaborate jewelry, form-fitting clothes, teddy-boy jackets and straggling shirts, etc.—but the board has not erred in severity. There is plenty of room left for individual choice and taste, so long as it is fairly conservative.

It is significant to note that the board's recommendations are partially the result of a recent student questionnaire on the subject. Most junior and senior high school students are therefore in agreement with the limitations now being placed on school-room dress. This should make the school board's task all the easier.

If it has to, however, the board should not shrink from making its rules about dress stick. The extremists are generally those to whom school is a place for anything but study, and who often are a nuisance to their fellow students. A flaunting garb can be as disrupting as bad behavior, and schools can well do without either.

—Victoria Colonist.

What's happening to Mike?

WHAT'S party leadership doing to Lester B. Pearson—the oldtime "Mike" Pearson with sense of proportion, his jolly humor?

put on in the Commons when over a puny matter of the Prime Minister having a little loudspeaker put on his office desk to keep him in touch with the House he talked as though Mr. Diefenbaker were Khrushchev and he (Mr. Pearson) the appointed warden of freedom and all humanity, party leadership is doing something terrible to him.

We have heard of the smallest fish talking like a whale and town council argument being adjectived into a Thermopylae. That is what happened to Mr. Pearson over Mr. Diefenbaker's gadget. There was nothing strange or new about it at all; certainly nothing mysterious or sinister; Britain's prime ministers have had a like device for years—just something to save their

time—yet here we had Mike Pearson of all people, down to rococo like this:

"This is a precedent in parliamentary history... a development in our parliamentary traditions... the result is that the proceedings of this House, as they are taking place, can now be heard outside this House."

Dear, dear, what a calamity! Bad enough to have a press gallery and a Hansard, plus the CBC with its wires and cables, but think of the prime minister hearing what goes on in the House without actually being in the chamber, only just in the building! We wonder if Mr. Pearson knows that in Australia they broadcast the proceedings of the House of Representatives all evening to all the country?

Come, come, Mike, don't let some of the wild boys behind you get you down like this—just be your old self and tell Mr. Diefenbaker that if these gadgets are any good you would like one, too.

—The Ottawa Journal.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Canada should gain from committee work

By GEORGE KITCHEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canada stands to benefit more than the United States from the twin moves now under way in Ottawa and Washington set up parliamentary committees to try informally to iron out some of the difficulties between the two countries.

Largely this is because most of the complaints which throw Canada-U.S. relations out of harmony from time to time come from Canada. Americans customarily find little or nothing to irritate them about Canada and Canada

But, basically, Canada will benefit more because many of the American actions which aggravate Canadian originate in the U.S. Congress. Future misunderstandings might be avoided if the work of the parliamentary committee gives the average American Congressman a clearer appreciation of Canada and the way his legislative actions affect the Canadian

The problem lies in some fundamental differences inherent in the governmental and parlamentary systems of the two countries. Both were set up as federal unions—a collection of states and provinces with a contral government at the top—but the resemblance

The Canadian system embodies a strong central government with power vested in a cabinet that is part and parcel of the parliamentary structure. With the prime minister as its head, the cabinet sits in the Commons, commands the support of a majority of its members and is responsible for introducing all major legislation, including any bill that

Under the rules of Parliament, government legislation has procedence and the private

member is limited to the introduction of only certain private and public bills.

The framers of the American constitution, having just freed themselves of British rule, feared of vesting too much power in a central authority and adopted a system of checks

They distributed power between the Congress, which has a free hand to originate legislation, the president, who can recommend legislation and also veto congressional bills, and the Supreme Court, whichinterprets the constitution, and, in that sense, also in a law-making institution.

The result is that the average American Congressman is a much more free-wheeling individual than his Canadian counterpart. Apart from a few limitations placed on him by the constitution, he can initiate legislation on just about anything. If he is a member of the sonate, he cannot introduce money bills. That privilege, as it is in Canada, is reserved for the lower House, known in the U.S. as the

House of Representatives.

Congressional committees, too, are far more powerful than the committees of Parliament at Ottawa.

CARRY WEIGHT
Committees can, and often do, write legislation. In actual fact, they provide the only
kenuine study in Congress of the need and
probable effect of prospective laws. Partly for
this reason, their recommendations carry weight
with the individual members, none of whom
ordinarily have the opportunity to consider

the mirits of each place of legislation.

Their investigative powers also far exceed those of Canadian parliamentary committees and they frequently make use of them.

LETTER BOX

The Editor,

The Daily News:

and for good reasons.

Many things keep the aver-

We all know that in earlier

age citizens worried these days

days towns and cities grew

up on the basis of natural

resources but that time has

passed now so I venture a

Five years from now, if

things develop as of late, there

will be no more local contrac-

tors left in Prince Rupert

Consequently no more local

carpenters or other tradesmen

will be employed and the local

merchants will no more be

workers and everything ab-

sentee will be running every-

thing here, and mind you, the

city will still be growing into

a metropolis. I think that we

should acknowledge that we

have been exceedingly selfish

in by-gone days in keeping

things within our local group-

ings but supposing that it is

still not too late, could we

not get together and discuss

what may be done locally to-

wards making this great city

of the future be a metropolis

There has been times in the

past when most of our citizens

preferred to move out, what

was called, more suitable clim-

ates, when they thought that

their stake was made, but

FUR ANIMALS

the winter by plasterink it with

with mud into curious struc-

tures like small haystacks.

Muskrats stored up food for

for all of us.

Absentee owners, absentee

bold prediction namely:

have we not come to such maturity that we may wish to stay here to the end of our days, which certainly is the wish of this writer.

How about it, fellow citizens?

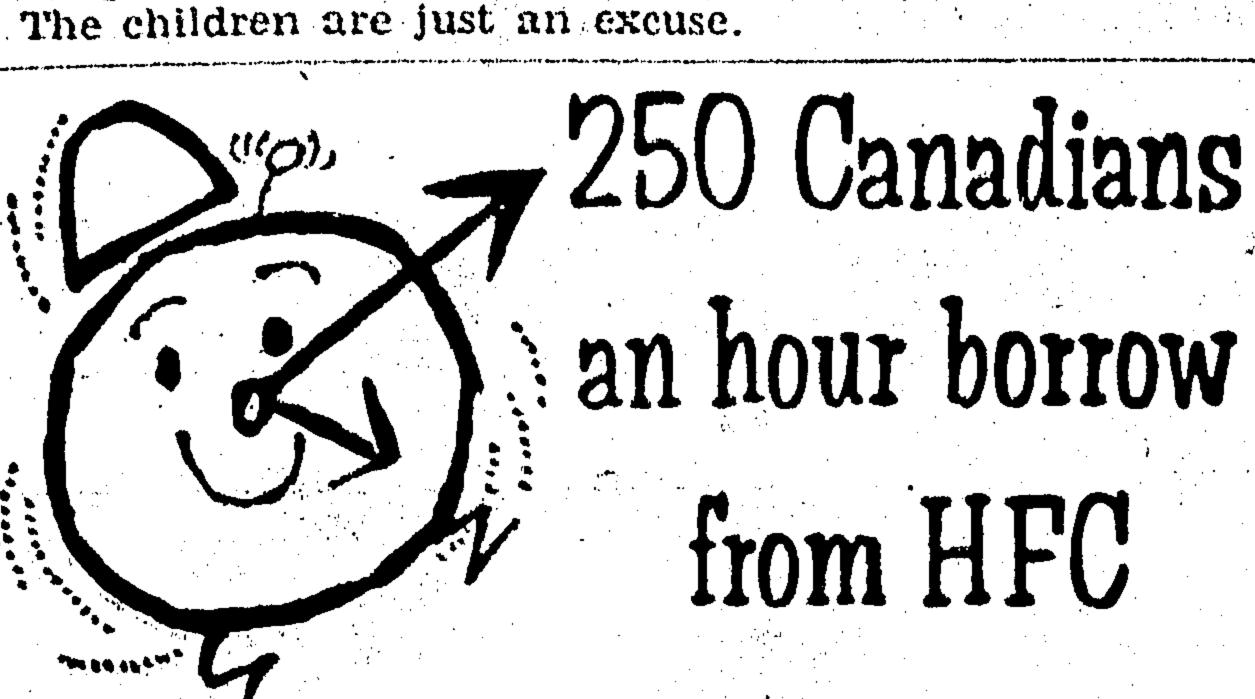
Could we get together and discuss these matters?

August S. Wallin, Prince Rupert.

Not fair to whom?

Towns in B.C. which are not having a visit from H.R.H. Princess Margaret or others, such as Vancouver, which don't think they're getting the royal lady's presence for long enough, all fall back an the same excuse.

It isn't fair, the complainers say, to the children.
Rubbish. Civic pride is being hurt. The rank and file of receiving lines are being affronted.



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A chance

LE MATIN, of Montreal, referring to the Canadian art exhibition at Brussels, said that while Eskimo art had merit it was to be hoped that foreigners would not be deceived into believing that Canada was totally populated by Eskimos. Similarly, it is to be hoped that Princess Margaret does not leave Canada with the impression that there are no young people in the country. The attendance of venerable persons in official positions is inevitable—for one reason, they draw up the guest-list—but it would be a pleasant change to see a photographic of the Princess at a party surrounded by men and women of the own age.



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