

Closer to Britain

It was no doubt a coincidence that Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh accepted an invitation to visit Canada just a few hours after the Conservatives won our general election, but the coincidence may take on deeper meaning as time goes on.

Traditionally the Tories have believed in closer bonds within the Commonwealth. Sir John A. Macdonald advocated Canada's permanent connection with England as stoutly as he championed confederation. His campaign slogan in 1891 was "A British subject I was born, a British subject I will remain!" (Hardly as neat as "Follow John" but it won him the election.)

During the government of R. B. Bennett one of the major achievements was signing of the Ottawa agreements of 1932 which established a system of empire preferences. Shortly after his defeat in 1935, Bennett went to England to live and spent his final years in imperial dignity as a viscount.

Although he never had a chance to implement his beliefs, George Drew carried on the Tory tradition by roundly criticizing the St. Laurent government for letting friction enter its relationship with Britain and for opening the door to American capital.

For a while at any rate, John Diefenbaker will be unable to take a strong stand one way or another. In both external and domestic affairs he will have to steer a fairly safe middle course to avoid precipitating an election before he is ready. Should the strength of his government eventually increase, however, there is every likelihood that Canada will move closer to Britain in trade and foreign policy and simultaneously edge away from U.S. commercial and political influence. That has been the Tory way, and the tenor of the victors' campaign speeches suggests that it will continue to be.

Even so, there will be restrictions on how far it would be wise for the country to go in that direction. Canada has reached a place in the world's affairs never dreamed of by Macdonald and only dimly seen by Bennett. While still a loyal member of the Commonwealth, it has attained recognition in its own right which it cannot afford to sacrifice now. The historic Conservative policy must be tempered by the realization that to an increasing extent Canada is a leader, not a dependent. Under the Liberals there may have been a danger of this advantage being lost to American capital, but too much of a drift in the other direction could be equally serious.

MOTOR MAIDS

Danville Boasts 'No Child Hurt in 25 Years'

By Jeanne Smith, Dodge Safety Consultant

SCHOOL SAFETY PATROLS in Danville, Ill., have put their city in the "safest class." There has not been a single child injury in 25 years at school crossings manned by these youthful patrols.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, Danville was recently cited by the National Safety Council for its school traffic safety education.

"These wonderful young girls," says Robert Christy, chief of police for the past 20 years, "provide us with the extra help we need at vital hours. A town the size of 40,000 citizens cannot provide enough regular police officers to cover each and every corner at a given moment. The patrol boys and girls not only save lives and taxpayers' money, but also spread safety education among their fellow students. And they grow up to become thoughtful law-abiding and community-conscious citizens."

Chief Christy explains that the youngsters selected for the patrol must all be honor students. Each of the city's 24 schools provides an average of eight students for a total of 208 patrolmen. Approximately 80 percent are girls. He feels that four members equalize the work of one experienced traffic officer, thereby supplementing the force by the equivalent of 82 extra adult officers.

Mrs. Smith

Much of the success of Danville's child safety record is attributed to the school authorities. Chief Christy points with pride to the complete cooperation from the school superintendent, the principals and the teachers, who coordinate their efforts through Grace Brundrenburger, head of the school safety patrol.

At the beginning of each school term police officers visit the patrol boys and girls and teach them safety fundamentals. As the program develops, they talk over any problems which might arise.

Here are some of the important lessons they learn: Always face oncoming traffic; keep other children on the curb until the signal is given to cross safely; return to the curb as soon as other children are assisted across the street; observe license numbers of vehicles which violate laws.

This last point is a very powerful safety factor, Chief Christy explains. The patrol boys and girls always carry chalk with them. Anytime they observe a motorist speeding or going through a stop sign, for instance, they write his license number on the sidewalk, curb or street. Such violations are followed up by the police department in conjunction with school authorities. As a result, says Chief Christy, citizens of Danville think twice before violating a traffic law.

As I See It

by Elmore Philpott

• End China Farce

IN THE recent campaign, as in all elections, some foolish things were said. No one party had a monopoly on fools or folly.

But some wise and true things were also said, and in one respect mostly said by the Opposition.

One was, we should stand up more often against Uncle Sam when we feel he is in the wrong.

The government should give the most serious consideration to the deep-seated, widespread

and increasing feeling across Canada that one way or another we are allowing our Commonwealth connection to weaken or even wither away.

The newly elected government of Canada has it within its power to help inaugurate a new, revitalized chapter in Commonwealth relationships, and also to answer the charge that we are often afraid to open our Canadian mouths for fear that John Foster Dulles will put his foot in it.

THE Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth meet in London on June 26. There never was a better time or opportunity for the leaders of the British world family to speak out, with a loud, united and positive voice.

Now is the time to end the farce of tagging along behind the out-of-date American policy on China.

Canada should stand by Britain, not only in resuming large scale trade with China; but Canada should also stand by Britain in the recognition of the real government of China.

Nobody in B.C. needs to argue any longer as to the willingness of the people of Canada to trade with China, on exactly the same basis that we are already trading with Russia, and the several other countries of eastern Europe which have Communist governments.

Candidates of all four parties in B.C. spoke out strongly in favour of such trade.

A good many of the candidates also faced up frankly to the connected question of recognition. In my opinion, such recognition is not only necessary and right for its own sake. But it will make all the difference between small business and big business for B.C.

We need to send the best salesmen that we have over to China to get right after the business we need.

China needs our wheat, barley, pulp and other wood products.

China needs a vast list of other things too—all the machinery, tractors, and similar equipment she can get, either in exchange for what she has to sell, or on reasonable credit.

But all this will take some arranging in the face of competition. The main job of the reopened Canadian embassy in Peking should be to get right down to cases with the Chinese, and lay the foundations for the business which will eventually make Vancouver as great, or greater, a port than New York.

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But on this matter of recognition of China and trade with China, the shoe is on the other foot. For years all the important governments of the Commonwealth, including Canada, have known very well that we would eventually have to face the facts, and recognize China.

We should have done so when the government of Britain first lead the way. But then or later, we hesitated to offend our big ally to the south of us.

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Looking Back

From the files of The Daily News

10 Years Ago

A young hair seal which perhaps had become interested in amphibian ideas, was found near the grain elevator yesterday and brought up town to be placed on the Post Office lawn where it was viewed with considerable interest.

20 Years Ago

Taking advantage of the fine summer evening, the Prince Rupert Boys Band, under Bandmaster Robert Greenfield, turned out last night on the lawn opposite the Prince Rupert Hotel for an open air concert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Alexander who were married recently in Vancouver, sailed Thursday night by the Prince Rupert, on their return south after having spent a week here as the guests of the bride's parents in the course of a honeymoon trip. The bride was formerly Miss Rose Couture, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gillis Couture of this city.

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HE'S KIDDING, ISN'T HE?—It's all in fun, but somebody apparently failed to let our Gretchen, the dachshund, in on the joke as she faces the prospect of becoming a live hot dog for enthusiastic three-year-old Russell Chaney Jr. in Denver, Colo. The low-slung pooch avoided becoming a sandwich, though, and went on to be judged top dog in her class at a kennel show.

Movie Column

... by Bob Thomas

HOLLYWOOD — It's enough to make James Garner believe in astrology.

Everything happens to him in April. He was born April 7, 1928. He was wounded in Korea in April 1952 and in April 1957, he learned he was to become a father for the first time, signed a new seven-year contract with Warner Brothers and won his first starring picture, "Darby's Rangers."

Jim is a rangy, dark-haired Oklahoma with just a touch of his native tongue. "It took me six years to get rid of it and when I'm around Andy Griffith for six minutes, it comes right back again," he said.

He can thank Charlton Heston for his big break. The movie Moses was all set to play Darby, then the deal blew up just before production was to start.

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Tory Stand on Policies Subject of Speculation

By DAVE McINTOSH
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OTTAWA (CP)—Government de-

partments are abuzz with specula-

tion over what policy changes

a Progressive Conservative gov-

ernment might introduce.

Policy is set by the cabinet

and carried out by the civil ser-

vice. The Liberals, during their

22 years in office, have initiated

many policies, of course.

Some of these policies have

been in effect so long that they

may be considered as insti-

tutions. But that does not mean

that they can't be amended,

slightly or radically, or even

eliminated altogether by a new

government.

FARM PRICES SUPPORT?

Here are some of the questions

being asked around the capital

about what a Conservative gov-

ernment might do:

Would it underwrite Canadian

farm products so they could

compete with the United States

surplus agriculture products dis-

posal program?

What would be its attitude to-

ward Canada-U.S. talks on de-

velopment of water power on

international rivers? These

talks started only last month.

Would it go ahead with econo-

mic aid for new Common-

wealth countries such as Ghana

as the Liberal administration has

seen fit on the verge of doing?

Civil servants have assembled all