

Halton Member Suggests Federal Science Ministry

During the federal budget debate, Halton M.P. Sandy Best made an important speech, the first part of which was printed in last week's Herald. The latter part of his speech appears below:

The purpose of this rally was very well defined by the hon. member for Trinity at its inception, in his opening remarks and introduction. He referred to its purpose and I am quoting from a newspaper report, "the well being and happiness of the individual." If ever one could come upon a more generalized, a more pleasant-sounding position than that, I do not know how. In a way it sounds like a conference of tranquilizer salesmen; "well-being and happiness of the individual." Perhaps that is what he was meant to do, to lull the Canadian people, to put on a performance.

I did not see them on television and I was disappointed, but I am told about the pigeons. They got out of this meeting and rose to the rafters, much to the consternation of everybody. The band was playing, the dust settled down and it took them quite a long time to clear up that dust.

Perhaps they were homing pigeons. As the hon. member for Peel (Mr. Pallett) pointed out to me the other day, perhaps they were just chickens going home to roost. In any case they were part of the entertainment value of this performance last week.

There are a number of other things. Indeed, it must have been difficult for the Liberal party to attempt a policy statement last week, with our government going into so many fields with vigour and determination. It must be most difficult for the opposition to try and nail down just a little new of the canvas on something new which they can do whether to the right or left. This presents a genuine difficulty, and I sympathize with the opposition in their attempt to do so.

I was delighted, of course, that among the coterie of notables there I saw the photograph of the hon. member for Bonaville (Mr. Pickersill) in the newspapers. He was beaming down at all of us across the country and I am sure he enjoyed his time; also the joint chairman of the rally, the hon. member for Gloucester (Mr. Robichaud). I am told though, perhaps not on good authority, that the hon. member of Gloucester is getting a little jealous of the hon. member for Trinity because of his singing ability, but I am sure that with practice he can achieve something like the same level of tonal quality.

Suffered Consequences
The Leader of the Opposition, with considerable vigour, championing his party's cause with comments such as "Let us have an election this year; the sooner the better, and so forth. But knowing him as we do here in this house, I think we detect just a faintly hollow note in these utterances, because he has done this before, and he has suffered the consequences of what happened when he did it before. I do not think that this remark was really meant to be taken quite at its face value.

It was quite a performance, all told. They looked at various questions such as Red China. There was talk here and there about that with violent disagreements. They did not talk too much about trade. How could they? Agriculture, as I have said was disappointing to me personally, and I think to many others, because of the lack of direction from the hon. members for Essex East.

Like an Opera House
But there were other things. It reminded me, the pigeons and all that sort of performance; the Coliseum being used for various purposes — of an opera house of sorts. Some people pointed out that all this had a slightly operatic effect, with the hon. member for Trinity adding a somewhat Wagnerian touch. Perhaps this was meant to give comic relief, or relief of some sort from the tedious round of meetings. There were many odd birds; it had a certain zoo-like quality.

On subjects such as defence, we were puzzled. We have seen, as I say, a change in this Liberal party. A party which, in part at least, was the architect of such organizations as NORAD now swings violently away from commitments and cooperation with our neighbour to the south.

Yes, bird watchers, they are getting out of the interceptor field. I admit it is an interesting and difficult position for Canadians. There is a large body of opinion which is concerned, as indeed we all are in Canada, about our problems with nuclear weapons. This party has decided to commit itself to the fact that Canadian soldiers will not, I g-

ther, in Canada or presumably in western Europe, use nuclear weapons of this sort when the for they might be facing is certain to be using them.

Markedly Neutralist
I question this very delicate, this very, in a sense, distinct line along which this party is moving; and in the opinion of many Canadians it must be moving toward a markedly neutralist position. I say this because our Prime Minister and our Secretary of State for External Affairs, as shining examples, are leading our country in international deliberations toward nuclear disarmament, toward peaceful and controlled disarmament; and I think this man, our Secretary of State for External Affairs, deserves the compliments of all Canadians for the work he is doing in this connection. This, I think, in the honesty, the straightforward, the progressive approach that we must take rather than committing ourselves not to using certain weapons, even though we hope we never will, not to doing certain things, toward pulling out of certain negotiations and certain commitments. This is the stand taken by the Liberal party, and I hope it will not be ours.

I think the party rally last week might have gained useful experience from certain members of the New Party. I am quoting from a letter which appeared in the Globe and Mail of January 10th, 1961, from the hon. member for Port Arthur. In it he emphasizes some of the remarks he has made earlier regarding the new party. He says:

Ministry for Science
Perhaps I am presumptuous in mentioning my third point, in as much as the years ahead a new ministry might be considered for our government, a ministry for science with a minister for science at cabinet level. In this we would also be following the British tradition established in 1959, when Lord Hailsham was made the first minister of science. The American, and other governments, have cabinet level people in this position. There is some value in having at cabinet level a minister who would have responsibility to him such bodies as an agricultural research council and I would hope a national research council and medical research council now established, probably also Atomic Energy of Canada and possibly other organizations as well. This might be a means of pointing up to Canadians the tremendous importance of research funds and activities and the results of research, and also making such ever more important knowledge directly available to cabinet.

Armed Services Disband
I would recommend to the Liberal party that they try to take some of that philosophy for constructive and useful criticism in their party deliberations. There was a great lack of that last week, and it is only to be hoped that it may come in the future.

Regarding defence matters, one might quote again from the Globe and Mail of January 11. A lot of things were happening about the country around that date, it seems. The leader of the CCF party in this house, the hon. member for Assiniboia (Mr. Argue), is quoted as saying at Hamilton, Ontario, that there is no defence in nuclear war and that our armed services should be disbanded. Perhaps that is an extreme point of view, no defence and no armed forces. What would we do? Would we just sit and wait, and get out of our commitments and decline to work with our allies? Are we seeing here an example of the Liberal party working toward these socialist principles of isolation and a complete withdrawal from commitments, from national defence, defence abroad and joint agreements abroad? Perhaps we are. There may be some further decision coming in the Liberal party's annuals, some further planning in the dark recesses of their minds in preparation for getting out of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and severing our commitments and relations with this wonderful and traditional bulwark of freedom.

These are the things I think Canadians will question in the months and years ahead in connection with this rally which we saw last week.

Little Said in 12 Years
The matter of the flag, of course, was brought up and a two year time limit was set if they returned to power. Little was said about the decades of time during which they might have dealt with this matter before 1957, or of the committee which was constituted, I believe, in 1945, and which was flooded with thousands of possible flags and which twelve years later, in 1957, had still not made a decision. Little was said about this, but they set this two year limit, supposing they should be in office. These are the things we saw.

In conclusion Mr. Speaker, I should like to make three constructive points unrelated to the entertainment event of last week. They are three points which are related one to another, and I hope the Minister of Finance and the cabinet may consider them. They are matters of interest to myself and I am sure to other members in this house and to people across Canada. First of all, I should like to make a few remarks about the Royal Society of Canada. This organization, which is a body of scholars in various fields, in the arts, letters and sciences, I believe, is one which could be strengthened in our country. At the present time it is my information that they use some office space in the national research council building. I think it might be a pro-

ject for the government in the years ahead to present the investigation and strength of this important body, possibly by providing some funds, by which the society might have been in Ottawa a building as its own home. I put forward this suggestion. It is not a new one; it is one which has come from some of the members of this society.

Need More Classrooms For Norval Church
With attendance at the church school over the hundred mark, there is need for new classrooms Norval United Church. Members of the congregation discussed this at the annual meeting which followed a dinner served at the noon hour on January 13th. Other additions and needed repairs were also discussed, and a committee representing the various church organizations was set up to study this and report their findings to the congregation.

Rev. Lloyd Free opened the meeting with a short worship service and reports of church organizations were read and adopted. The church has a Women's Association, Women's Missionary Society, Mission and Baby Band, Young People's Union and a W.A. Evening Auxiliary.

Seven men were elected for three-year terms on the board of stewards, Keith Webb, Glen Elliot, Earl Wilson, Bill Anderson, Mac Alexander, William Laidlaw and Garnet Laidlaw. Continuing members of the Board are A. E. Carney, D. Murray, E. Beckford, W. Reid, L. Laidlaw, J. Brownridge, W. Hyatt, R. Laidlaw, J. H. Cameron, Clark Lyons and Mrs. Gordon Miller, who is treasurer. At a later meeting, William Laidlaw was named chairman for 1961.

The church session comprises H. G. Lyons, J. Laidlaw, E. Hyatt, H. Barnhill, M. G. Wilson, N. T. Laidlaw, L. Cleave and W. T. Graham, with Lt. Col. A. L. Noble as an honorary member.

First War Veteran Had 2 Daughters Here
A veteran of the 134 Regiment in the 48th Highlanders during the 1914-18 war, David Black Smith of Georgetown, died at the Flynn Nursing Home Acton, Saturday, January 28, in his 77th year, following a six-month illness.

A laborer in Toronto prior to his illness, he was predeceased by his wife Lucy Hawthorne. He leaves to mourn his loss two daughters Mona (Mrs. Ab Williams) and Laverne (Mrs. Earle Ryder) both of Georgetown and one brother, George Smith, of Acton, as well as four grand-children. Funeral service was conducted by Rev. A. H. McKenzie, from the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home, Tuesday, January 31, with interment in Fairview cemetery. Pallbearers were Tom Sykes, Tom Wood, Earle Walker, Roy McGill, John Moore and Rudolph Spielvogel.

Lucky TV Set Goes to Raylawn Cr. Resident
Mrs. R. G. Boyling of 159 Raylawn Crescent was the lucky winner in a draw made by the Radicals Car Club Friday. First prize was a 21 inch Westinghouse console television. It was delivered to Mrs. Boyling's home Tuesday evening by members of the Radicals. The draw was made at the Club Midtown Dance.

St. George's Anglicans Using New Prayer Book
Members of St. George's Anglican Church used the new Revised Book of Common Prayer for the first time at their Sunday services January 29th. New prayer books had been placed in the pews, containing revisions of some of the church liturgies into more modern language, while retaining the beauty of phrases which have been used for centuries.

On the previous Sunday, Rev. K. Richardson had delivered his charge to the congregation prior to the vestry meeting a few nights later, explaining the new prayer book. He reviewed divinity training, pointing out that while the church needs 350 clergy each year, at present less than 100 are being provided by Canadian Anglican parishes. Divinity colleges receive no government grants, and must be subsidized by donations from the parishes in order to balance their budgets, it was pointed out. St. George's, at its vestry meeting, instructed a fund to assist young men and women studying for the vocation of church work.

Mr. Richardson spoke of a "stewardship of commitment and involvement-for-Christ, by developing well-balanced programs in the parish and its organizations. Emphasis should be on worship, Christian education, family life, witness and the raising of funds, in that order," he said. "It is a vocation of discipleship. He drew attention to a Christian education centre. Plans have been studied and reviewed for this, but until the financial position of the parish improves funds in hand to commence it, and other debts liquidated, then will it be feasible to start construction. The vestry, on recommendation of the parish council, decided to increase its share for national and international church work by 40% in 1961. Summarizing his report, the rector called the parish to a re-dedication of self and parish to God. Ash Wednesday, February 15th was proclaimed as a special day of prayer for organizations and individuals. "It must be," he said, "a Lenten period of deepening our spiritual lives in the service as citizens of the kingdom of God."

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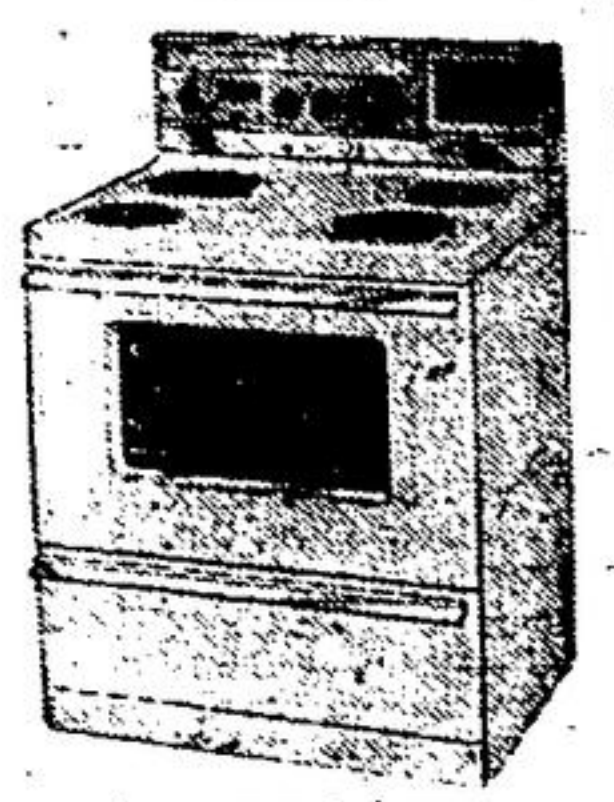


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