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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Do Teenagers Buy Nescafe?

Do teenagers form the main market for Nescafe and oxydol?

If they do, then the sponsors of the Sunday night Canadian telecast of the Ed Sullivan show should be selling their products like hot cakes. But if not, someone is spending a lot of money for nothing.

As we have done on many recent Sundays, we flipped off the set just after Ed announced his re-ally big attractions for the evening, Soupy Sales and the Dave Clark Five. The Sunday before it was the Rolling Stones. And before that the Beatles, and dear knows what assemblage of mortals.

If people who want to sell soft drinks, toothpaste, and tricycles to the kids want to spend their money on this clap-

trap, more power to them.

But if sponsors want to boost sales of soap and coffee and such products, then they should keep a better eye on the market they want to reach. If any adult with an I.Q. of over 25 can suffer through one performance of the inanities of Soupy Sales, or listen to one more dreary Beatie group whine their way through another unintelligible waltz of sound, we'd be much surprised.

It's sad to see a show which commended the prestige of Ed Sullivan spend its declining years trying to cater to an adult's idea of what our youngsters want in entertainment.

There would be no faster way to wake Ed up than for sponsors to cancel and put their advertising dollars to work where they have a chance of getting some returns.

No Distinctive Songs

Has it ever occurred to you that Canada has few distinctive songs?

We noticed this recently when, at a gathering which comprised people from several lands, the master of ceremonies asked where people were from, then improvised a national song for them.

He ran the gamut — Highland Lassie, There'll Always Be An England, Mother Macdree, and a number of 'state' songs — Yellow Rose of Texas, Carry Me Back to Old Virginny. And when finally Canada entered the picture, the best he could do was *Alouette*.

Now we don't for a minute mean that *Alouette* isn't a typical French Canadian folk song. Actually, there are dozens

which fill the bill there. But an English Canadian song we don't seem to have.

Maybe our song writers can get busy and write some other provincial songs so we won't be embarrassed in future. Beautiful Ontario, Deep in the Heart of Manitoba, Carry Me Back to Old Saskatchewan. Or at least how about some city songs — I Took a Lacing, in Kapuskasing, I Made Hay in North Bay, or some such.

Now that we have our flag crisis solved, it might give a parliamentary committee something to sink its teeth in. At the least they might be able to provide a melody for There's Nothing Fearsome about Lester Pearson . . . or We Don't Need Her(s), We've Got Roberts.

Church Union on Horizon

Current talks between the Anglican and United churches indicate that a future union of these two large Canadian churches is a possibility.

Recently a joint public announcement said that the two churches have reached agreement on the principles of faith and order and recommends that preparations be made immediately to prepare plans for union. This is subject to ratification by the governing body of each church at meetings this year and next.

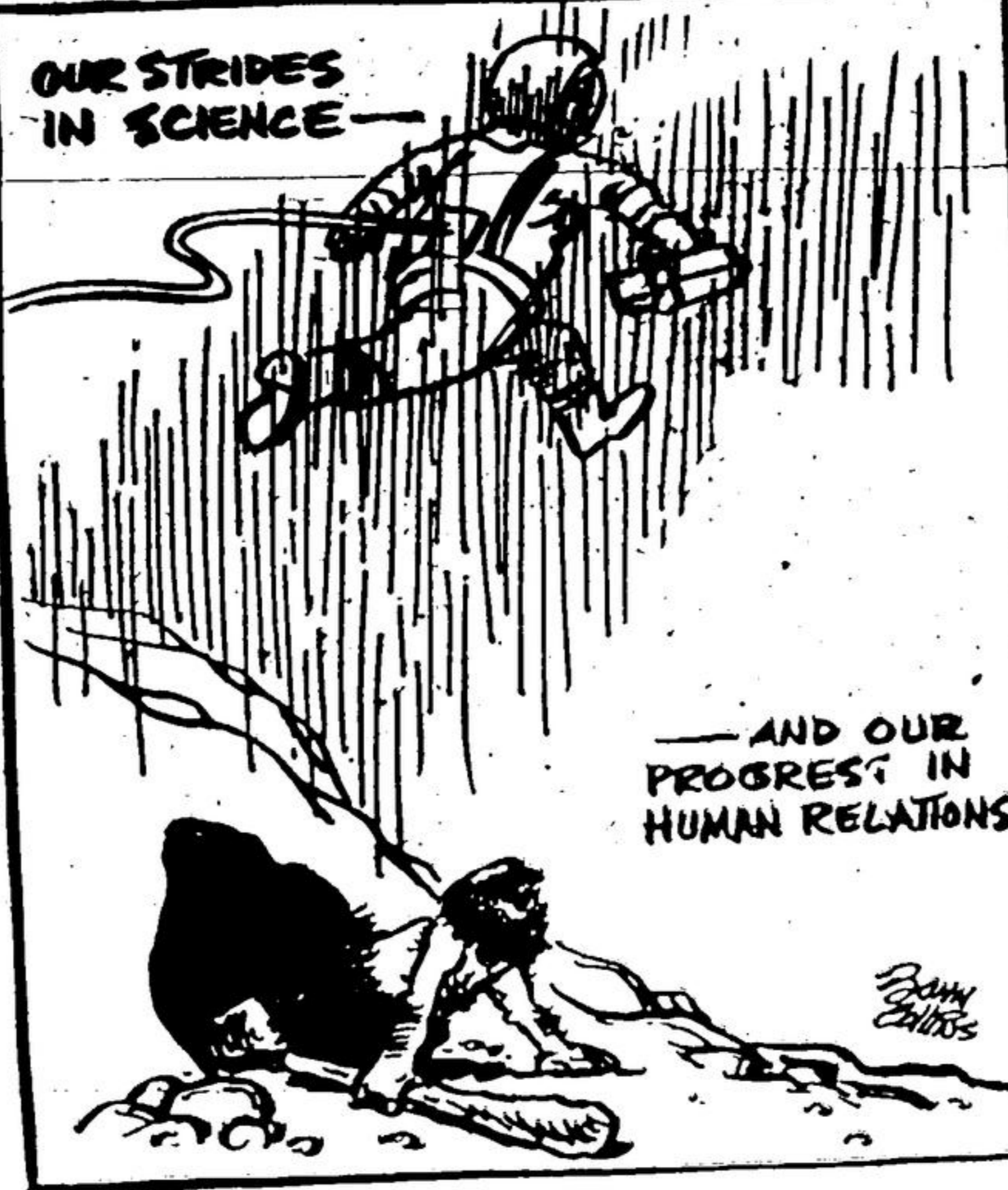
It is to be hoped that, if union occurs, it will be total, without the schisms which occurred almost forty years ago when Methodists and Presbyterians attempted to get together as the United Church. In that case, families were divided and feelings were bitter as some individual churches refused to unite.

If Anglicans and United Church get together, there will have to be understanding on both sides. Church union must be like a marriage. To be successful each partner must subdue some of his ideas, change some of his ways of life, in order to create a new whole. It does not mean giving up any of the basics of life, it's more a question of surface changes.

So it must be when the two churches get down to detail.

The arguments are liable to come, not so much in fundamentals, as in the smaller trappings of religion — kneeling to pray, weekly communion, choice of hymns, vestments, forms of prayers.

It is particularly here that members of the two churches must avoid petty arguments which could rupture a master plan.



A WALK IN SPACE



HARLEY TO HALTON

WEEKLY OBSERVATIONS BY DR. HARRY HARLEY, M.P. FOR HALTON

The House of Commons continues debate on the Budget Resolutions. The main interest in these Resolutions appears to be centred around the Resolutions dealing with newspapers and magazines. The purpose of these two controversial items are:

- (1) to prevent foreign takeover of Canadian newspapers by interests other than Canadian;
- (2) to discourage advertising in non-Canadian magazines in an attempt to save Canadian magazines from financial collapse.

The newspapers are afraid that the first resolution will be the "thin edge of the wedge" in Government control over newspaper content while at the moment it concerns only the sale of Canadian newspapers. As far as the Canadian magazines are concerned, it is felt by many that if advertising is directed away (by tax measures) from non-Canadian magazines it will go to the radio and television media rather than the Canadian magazines.

Redistribution is the common talk on Parliament Hill. I am sure everyone is aware of the changes recommended for Halton. The new riding of north of Lake Ontario between the Oakville Town Lines as far as the top of Erin Township, which would, therefore, include Oakville, Georgetown, Milton, Erin and Esqueping and Erin Townships. Nassagawaga Township would become part of Wellington Riding. Burlington would form the major part of the new Riding of Halton-Wentworth. Generally speaking, therefore, Halton will have two Members representing the present Halton.

The Members of the Ontario Boundary Commission are: Mr. Justice Edward A. Richardson of the Ontario Supreme Court as Chairman; Dr. K. Grant Crawford, Political Science Professor and Director of the Institute of Local Government at Queen's University, Kingston; Roderick Lewis, Ontario Legislative Clerk and Ontario Government Chief Electoral Officer; and Mr. Nelson Castonguay, Ottawa, Representation Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer for Canada. The first three Members (apart from Mr. Castonguay) constituted the Boundaries Commission for redistribution of ridings for the

Ontario Legislature over the past two years. It can therefore be clearly seen that this is an independent Commission that was set up. One of the problems will be the difference in Halton between Federal and Provincial boundaries but this is necessary because of the different number of Members in the Ontario Legislature and the Ontario Members of the House of Commons at Ottawa. Protest may be filed as outlined above from any interested person, group or organization.

Thereafter, any 10 Members of Parliament will have 30 days in which to file with the Commons' Speaker any motions concerning the Ontario Commission's Report.

House of Commons debate on such motions must start within 15 days thereafter, with no limit fixed on the length of the debate. The Ontario Commission will then have 30 days to consider the Commons debate from the Hansard report and make any alterations in its report it sees fit to make. The Commission's report will then be sent back to Parliament for its information only as the final federal redistribution will end the Ontario redistribution question. (Similar procedures are provided under the Representation Act concerning boundary commission reports from the other nine provinces.)

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New Breed of Pygmies

Well, father, how did you enjoy your day?
Personally, Father's Day saddened me, as it saddens me each year.

The mere existence of such a day is an indication of the new low to which the father has sunk in the family unit. Just a few decades ago, every day was father's day, and there was no fooling about it.

When I was a kid, there was none of this nonsense of father helping around the house. My father was on their feet, and help with the dishes after dinner. In the good old days father didn't have a day off, in the first place, and mother wouldn't have let him dry the dishes, in the second, because she knew her place, and his.

Perhaps it's the increase in leisure time that has turned the head of the house into the foot of the family: a substitute baby-sitter; an unpaid domestic slave; a handy walling wall; and in general a pale reflection of his dignified, respected male forbears.

Until a couple of decades ago, father worked a six-day 80 hour week. But he didn't get ulcers, or drop dead at 45. And do you know why? Because he didn't see as much of his family as the poor, cripple-gutted creature who brings home the bacon today.

Nowadays, father gets a day off. Does he go fishing? Does he play golf with the boys? Would it were so. He is kicked into the street with the children, while mother does whatever modern women do around home, with \$2,000 worth of labor-saving machinery.

There is nothing more pitiable than the sight of a father, on his day off, wandering forlornly about a supermarket, trailed by two or three whining kids.

When my Dad got home from work, he didn't have to set the table, run around looking for the kids; then jump in the car and go to get a quart of milk. Nor did he have to "pick up" a few things on the way home, because mother looked after her own shopping.

No, sir. When my Dad got home from work, he was greeted affectionately, but politely,

and left alone. He retired to his chair, and read his paper, until he was called for supper. During the meal, he was not forced to listen to a 30-minute monologue about the terrible day mother had. Nor did he have to break up quarrels among the children. They wouldn't have dared squabble.

And on the weekend, my Dad wasn't expected to turn into a party boy. He was tired on Saturday night, and he went to bed. If he felt like going to church next day, he did. If he didn't, he didn't. But he wasn't postaged all day Sunday by kids wanting to be taken swimming, or wife wanting to go for a drive, or "have somebody in." He made the decisions. If he just wanted to sit on the veranda and look at the grass growing, he did.

Not that he was an ogre. Usually, we went for a picnic on Sunday. But there wasn't any dad's foolishness about Dad doing the cooking on an outdoor grill. Mother made the lunch, and Dad would sit on a stump, in his Sunday best, eating with dignity and a certain amount of distaste, of nature. After lunch, he would recline on a blanket, in the shade. He was relaxed, that was.

Another reason for his unquestioned head of the house status was that we didn't argue with him. Now you have to discuss everything with the kids. Today's father can get into a 20-minute argument with any kid over the age of five, at the drop of a suggestion. And come out whimpering.

One generation has turned fathers from glans to pygmies. And now, if you'll pardon me, I have to go and make the bed, while my wife dries her hair and watches a little TV.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." Psalm 17:7.

Earth presents no problem that Heaven cannot solve. The real trouble is in our failure to see it. "I am with you to deliver you saith the Lord."

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