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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Past Time for Action

For too long we have sat back watching university presidents and boards of governors act like limp dishrags as they were badgered, chastised and mocked by a few militants demanding that students take over and run institutes of learning on their own.

Something called the Canadian Union of Students has been yipping away about the "establishment" which, according to anything we can make out, is that vast majority of middle-aged people who have worked hard, striven to give their children a better chance in life and valued money for the things it can provide for them and their families (including a college education).

The CUS, and pray God it represents a minimum of young people whose parents have spent a lot of hard-earned money to give them a higher education, is now trying to incite high school students to a similar rebellion. And last week, following an annual meeting in Guelph, the most radical element went, uninvited and unannounced to Waterloo, where they proceeded to talk revolution. Some of the shining lights included one who led a sit-in at McGill University, three who take pride in the disgraceful actions at Columbia.

The Globe & Mail reports that, when the director of the Waterloo campus centre found 40-odd students sprawled sleeping in the building, he was warned that the group included three veterans of the Columbia uprising.

What We Suggest

The present situation can be easily solved.

Action should be to set up rigid control over student publications which apparently now have a free hand to take pot shots at administrators, advise students about their sex life, publish Playboy type pictures and generally encourage youngsters of 16 and 17, to think this is what higher education is all about.

University presidents and Boards of Governors should immediately exert their powers, explain to students how the

school is to be run, tell those who don't like it to leave, and any who persist in staying to create trouble will be expelled.

(Oh, yes, this is quite legitimate. Those fees students pay are only a fraction of the cost of running a university. It's you and me that are helping to foot the bill, and we want value for our money.)

And we advocate a return to the days when residences were rigidly supervised, when youngsters had substitute mothers and fathers when they left home to guide them in those all-important years when they are neither adult nor juvenile.

A cartoonist has expressed it more pointedly than words. He pictures a hitchhiker, with car approaching. "Don't stop, John, he looks like a college student," says the motorist's wife.

It's past time that our taxes should subsidize this sort of crackpot radicalism.

It's past time for university authorities to clean house and rid campuses of elements which would turn our educational system into a shambles.

Are we to reach the stage where decent citizens will be loathe to send youngsters who have been carefully nurtured with high principles into a life where anything goes, where they will be encouraged to abandon moral values, sneer at their elders.

It is my pleasure indeed to report to the residents of the riding of Haldon East the highlights of the first session of Ontario's 28th Parliament.

I have attempted throughout the session to bring the items of local interest to you on a weekly basis and now, if I may, I would like to report more fully on the full session.

The first session of Ontario's 28th Parliament provided an impressive beginning for our Province's second century of Confederation and for me as a new member of the Legislature.

Parliament was opened by the Hon. W. Earl Rowe on February 14th, and it was with a deep feeling of responsibility that day that I took my seat for the first time in the Ontario Legislature.

It was prorogued by our new Lieutenant Governor, the Hon. W. Ross Macdonald on July 23rd.

Between these dates, the Legislature was actually in session for a total of 565 hours and 40 minutes. This is an all-time record although the number of sittings (102 day and 56 night) is 12 fewer than in 1968.

Approximately 48 per cent of the Legislature's time was devoted to the business of supply, i.e. the Government's spending programme for 1968-69. Another 10 per cent approximately was used up by the daily question period. Over 1,000 questions from the Opposition parties were answered by the Government.

At the same time, a very heavy and important legislative programme was processed. Royal Assent was given to a total of 107 pieces of legislation. Of this number, 156 were Government bills and 41 were private bills. In addition a total of 22 hours was spent in debating public bills and resolutions sponsored by the private members of all three parties.

It was during this time that I had the opportunity to present my first resolution to the Legislature, on Monday, March 4. In this resolution I called for the government to adopt the National Building Code and to standardize building codes for the province which would have many advantages, one of which would be to reduce the cost of home construction.

Highlights in the Government's legislative programme would include those important measures designed to provide equality of educational opportunity for our youth including trainable retarded children. Larger units of administration for public, secondary and separate schools were established. Provision was made for schools and classes in French language at the elementary and secondary levels of the public school system.

Approval was given to an extensive reorganization of Government departments. The Department of Treasury and Economic Development was established with responsibility for financial and economic management and inter-provincial relations; a Department of Revenue to administer taxation statutes and other revenue legislation; and the Dept. of Trade and Development responsible for housing and development of business and industrial activity throughout the Province.

Mr. McWilliams resigned his position to run as PC candidate in the June 25 federal election. He lost to Liberal Rudi Whiting and has now returned to private practice in Oakville.



CATCHING UP

JIM SNOW REPORTS . . .

First Session 'Impressive Beginning'



By JIM SNOW
MPP Haldon East

Substantial tax relief for property owners and municipalities was made possible by the Municipal Tax Reduction Act and by legislation whereby the Province assumed the full cost of the administration of justice.

A program for the equalization of industrial opportunity was initiated and is being vigorously pursued. The aim of this programme is to enable our smaller communities to acquire industries and thereby to stimulate more uniform economic growth and employment opportunities everywhere in the Province. In addition, a full scale socio-economic study of northwestern Ontario was announced.

In the agricultural field, a marketing commission for apples was established and a beef improvement association was authorized to develop and improve the grading and marketing of beef; a wool quota policy was initiated for Ontario's mill producers; crop insurance was extended to include all of Ontario's major cash crops; and a study of the Ontario cheese industry was initiated.

A new labour code was enacted in the Employment Standards Act; safety standards were improved by the Industrial Standards Act and substantial increases in benefits were approved under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Correctional Services Act of 1968 consolidates 18 previous bills dealing with adult offenders. When complemented by federal legislation, this Act will lead to programmes whereby inmates will be permitted to participate in vocational or educational training within the community. The Act also incorporates the new name of the Department formerly known as Reform Institutions.

The Provincial Courts Act provides for a provincial court in each county and district in Ontario. These courts will absorb and replace the magistrates and juvenile and family courts.

Ontario's second large regional government was established. This is the regional municipality of Ottawa-Carlton which will come into being on January 1st, 1969. I believe this to be a first in a series of regional governments that will be established in the more urbanized areas of our Province.

Legislative measures were passed to assist municipalities in the construction of air strips. Other important measures dealt with highway, motorcycle and other vehicle safety.

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SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

CZECHS ARE TOUGH

Even a banker couldn't find a bad Czech these days, as these brave and sturdy people, international underdogs, are the cynosure of the world's admiration. It takes guts to shout insults at a man holding a gun on you.

As in other countries, of course, there are bad Czechs as well as good ones. But good and bad, they have been giving Big Brother a hard time of it.

Remembering Hungary, the Czechs had enough sense not to tackle the wolf with bare hands. For the same reason, they threw there would be no help from elsewhere, if they did. But they managed to make themselves as indigestible as possible for that same wolf.

It's not the first time the country has been thrown to the wolf. In the late thirties, the British and French threw them to a German wolf, while the big Slavic brother to the east turned a blind eye.

It must be a bitter thing to be a Czech. Here you are, a good, honest Bohemian. After World War I you are thrown in with those lousy Slovaks and told you are now a citizen of a brand new country. So you work like a dog for fifteen years and turn your country into one of the finest examples of democracy in the world.

Then you are betrayed. By whom? By the great democracies. Then you are bullied and tortured and starved for seven or eight years by the German invaders.

The war ends and the Germans leave. The Russians don't. When they finally get out you try to put the pieces back together. It looks as though it might be possible, but you are on the wrong side of a certain curtain.

So the Communists stage a coup and for the next decade or so you are a communist. But you have a love of freedom and independence and you chip away at the iron blanket until a crack of daylight appears. And you are betrayed again. By whom? By the great communist powers.

It's enough to make a saint!

He was an avowed communist then, but a good chap. He wasn't shot. Not then. Not by the Germans. They didn't get around to it. I wonder what he's doing these days.

And I wonder about two other friends of those days, Rostislav Kanovsky of Bucklovecy 74, Morava, and Joe Zvolensky of Galanta. I just looked up their names in my lattered old P.O.W. diary, and said a little prayer for them. Freedom fighters of a generation ago.

Perhaps their sons are shaking their fists at Russian tanks, or running an underground radio. Let's say a little prayer for them.

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NEWS ECHOES

From the Herald of 10 and 20 Years Ago

- 1958
Rev. R. Lloyd When began his pastorate at First Baptist Church on Sunday, ending a pulpit vacancy there since early this year when Rev. Alfred Barker accepted a call to Hanover.
- If a request made by the Raiders at a hockey meeting in the Hunter Real Estate Office is given the nod by the OHA, Georgetown Intermediates will be playing their hockey in an Intermediate B league this winter. If they do drop to the B level, it will mean surrendering regulars Ptashnik, White, Etough, Grace and Fawcett.
- Georgetown Public School Board discussed the possibility of adding a fifth public school as their last meeting. It would probably be a two storey structure designed for eventual expansion to 18 or 20 rooms, and would be located on Weber Drive.
- 1948
Jack Hamilton, newly-appointed sports director for Georgetown Recreational Council will start his duties here this month. He will be in charge of the sports end of the recreational program and will work in conjunction with the GRC director Hal Newman.
- Enrolment at Georgetown High School has been seriously affected by the North-Haldon District High School Board's transfer of a majority of Esquimaux students to high schools in Acton and Milton. This year's enrolment here is 110 compared with 150 last year.
- Constable Vic Smith has come to join the local Provincial Police detachment. He will replace Cst. Harry McMurry who has resigned to enter the fish and chip business with David Bowman. They have purchased the fish and chip business from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Penson.