

Our Readers Write

REPLY TO MR. CAMPBELL

Dear H. E. Campbell,
Obviously you spend far too much time with your head in the clouds, and I suggest that you come down to earth!
Now that the dust of the election has settled, you will realize that as Mr. Pearson only received 43 per cent of the popular vote, 57 per cent of the Canadian public still feel about his platform as I do. I would like to point out that this is OVER HALF of the voting public in Canada! If he could not do any better than this with the fiery support of metropolitan and Halton newspapers, United States magazines, and some United States radio and T.V. people, he certainly couldn't have struck our Canadian population as a whole, as being the chap they would like to see at the helm in Ottawa, and the outcome of the election proves it!

You perhaps noticed that my editorial column "The Turning Point" is suddenly conspicuous by its absence. I have written for the editorial page of the Canadian Champion for the past three years, faithfully, willingly, (without a single complaint of any nature about my work from the managing editor or the staff during that entire time) for the total remuneration of seventy-five (.75c) per week, because I enjoyed doing it, and because I felt that I was performing a service for my fellows. Now, because of a few complaints about my truthful political observations, my editorial column has been sacrificed on the altar of the so-called "free-press". Yet, in no way was my column directed to anyone personally. You have evidently never seen or experienced for yourself, the real chaos caused by powerful nations at war. We are enclosing for your perusal (at the Champion office) a picture taken by my husband (a member of a Canadian Typhoon Squadron) at the site of the Belsen horror camp. He only wishes there was some way of including the overwhelming stench of rotting human flesh too, so that you could REALLY "get the picture"! This sort of sadism was a direct result of the suppression of the "free-press".

You appear to wish yourself to be held out as more of an expert than U.S. Defense Secretary Robert McNamara. I quote his exact words from Time magazine, April 5th, Page 10, Column 1, 2nd. paragraph; in which he states: "one value of the bases is to draw enemy fire in event of war". Yes, he was indeed, discussing those same Bomarc's that you feel you are so well informed on. We NEED "defense" like this?? Another worthwhile authority who disagrees with you is Major — General W.H.S. Macklin, former adjutant general of the Canadian Army.

Unfortunately we are situated geographically between two big nations in the throes of a power struggle, and could never endeavour to embark on an extensive nuclear program because of the prohibitive cost per capita. At present our defense costs us approximately half the amount that our good neighbor to the south spends. They spend .62c of the tax dollar for de-

fense! Would you like to have this additional amount deducted from your cheque every week?
I feel sure that you are quite correct in assuming that the Russians would take us into bondage, but the Americans are in truth gradually taking over our economic structure. However, we cannot condemn them for this as we do seek out their investments, but perhaps we can lay the blame squarely in the laps of our fellow Canadians who do not invest in their country, and who fail to put forth the initiative and the industry to establish new businesses in Canada!

Did it ever occur to you that the United States is known well to us as a neighbor for the simple reason that they are our ONLY neighbor?? Coming from a border town originally, we undoubtedly have more American friends and relatives than you do, and knowing their reactions during election discussions, and political airings over the years, we are most happy to report that they have a much wider and more sporting view about politics and opinions than you do... including defensive issues!!

Please try to bear in mind that I wrote the column that you are in such a flat spin about, during the high-gear tempo of one of the most colorful elections in our history... and in ink — not vinegar! Unfortunately, the writer is often placed at a disadvantage to the reader when the true mood of the words fail to be transmitted, or are read by someone in a mean mood.

We still believe that there is no existing defense that Canada could afford today that is adequate. If you (as the expert you pose as) know of one — please tell us about it. Honestly, do you REALLY believe that if both major powers started an inferno by ICBM that you would be any safer in United States than in Canada... or even in Russia?? Even the shelter programs are being given up! ICBM's have rendered any type of defense obsolete for Canada at the present time. I know the truth hurts. It is fear that blinds people to the truth. I don't condemn people for being afraid. Men must conquer their fear of each other, and learn to trust each other more. Everyone who is thoughtful and honest realizes that the only real solution is disarmament, and both sides are spending enormous amounts in energy and funds to attain this end.

Again let me say that it was unfortunate indeed that "The Turning Point" suddenly became "The Boiling Point" but thanks again for your comments H. E. Campbell. I'm so glad to see we have a reader interested enough to respond and only feel sorry that you chose to take offense at the truthfulness of my political views. You Liberals were so quick to label the support that "Dief" had in the West, as being connected with the farmer's happy financial condition, that it seems to be a clear case of the kettle calling the pan black, and I wish you had seen your way clear to be sporting about it.

It was not my intention in my

application of observations of Canadians to draw the carefully arranged camouflage of truth that had been fastidiously concealed from the general public; but rather to give folk a fresh new insight into all the complex personal prejudices and the reasoning that eventually effects the outcome of an election. I must say, however, that I regret that I had but one editorial column to give for my country!!

An out-of-town minister's wife (unusually broad-minded) and myself, were discussing one day recently, who the people were who were afraid to die; and we came to the conclusion that they were the "unfulfilled" in this life. You are only really afraid of death so long as you feel life has not satisfied you adequately. Therefore, like diving men clutching at straws; you folk clutch at the Bomarc with the fear-blinded and frenzied reasoning that perhaps it will in fact protect your personal selves from death. Only those who have no fear of death can look over and beyond this foolish barrier to the far deeper and greater problem of the responsibility of every person to carry on the thread of life on earth, through love and truth, and trust in all men. Only these folk can see far enough to wholly encompass the idea of disarmament and to abandon the idea of nuclear weapons! It is not that we do not wish to live, but that we have no fear of death to blind us to the facing of the facts. Through reason we know our world conflicts can, and must, be resolved. War must be made as obsolete as it is, so that humanity can survive on this planet enabling us to carry on with love and faith into future generations. Only those who are at this stage of "completeness" in life will absorb the significance of what I am endeavouring to get across to you.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to say a final "Farewell" from J. M. Starr and "The Turning Point". As many of you know, J. M. Starr was my pseudonym or "pen-name". In reality I am Dorothy F. Pitman, a native Canadian, the 37 year old mother of four children ranging from High School age to Grade 1. For the past three years I have shared with you all, my most personal thoughts, observations, and experiences, through the media of the printed page. It has been a most pleasant experience... writing to you like this each week, and I wish all of you an abundance of health and happiness, and the peace of mind that, in my own special way, I have tried to help you toward.

When we choose to ride the Pegasus of Prose, there are the many we are indebted to for help and encouragement along the way. By their praise and their criticism, they have helped me to grow into a far better person over the years, because of that "something precious" that each of them... have given to me... of themselves.

Among these deep and influential characters I must pay honor to my father, and my mother, who fostered our free-thinking and individual characters! And

to my author-uncle who taught me to respect and to use my innate gifts; to my husband for his long-suffering and kind attitude over the time-consuming research that I did for the column and to my four children who were the happy source of much of my material! To the two gentle minister's wives, the teachers and educationalists, (especially my dear psychologist friend), the members of the judicial body, the business men and women, the two doctors, the homemakers, the unbiased Liberals and the very broad-minded women's groups (all unpolitical) that I have enjoyed lecturing to, and to the radio station that kindly selected my work to read over the air. And a very special tribute of thanks to my very gallant, and courageous little friend and confidant, "Mrs. D." for her constant and unflinching encouragement and many helpful criticisms. My thanks also go out to all the staff at the Canadian Champion for all the work involved on my behalf over the past three years.

Sometimes the best we can do is "lousy", but I always tried to give my best, and am well satisfied if I only succeeded in prying loose a little honest thought!!

I would like to leave you at this turning point in my life with a last famous quote on life from our beloved Emerson:

"All life is an experiment. The more experiments you make the better. What if they are a little coarse... what if you do fail and get fairly rolled in the dirt once or twice? Up again, you shall never again be so afraid of a tumble..."

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ECONOMIC SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

Dear Sir:
Milton needs new industry! Following are some additional facets of the recent controversy concerning the proposal location of Hand Chemical Industries.

Regardless of whether the Town of Milton receives the benefit of taxes or additional employment opportunities, the eventual location of Hand Chemical Industries is vitally important to Milton. Apparently only the question of whether Milton will provide the required services is preventing the completion of the sale.

If Hand Chemical Industries does not locate here because of lack of services, industry in general will bypass Milton. On the other hand, provision of the required services will probably prove to be relatively expensive.

For fire protection alone, the water requirement for this industry is 750 gallons per minute (gpm) at a residual pressure of approximately 25 pounds per sq. inch (psi). Without the installation of new water mains, Milton cannot provide that quantity of water in the proposed area.

However, the installation of approximately 2500 ft. of 8-inch main, 1800 ft. of which is already proposed, would provide water enough for almost any industry or group of industries which might desire to locate in this area. In addition, industry presently located in this area would be finally provided with adequate water for fire protection.

Also, since the new water

KILBRIDE

Euchre Team Wins Playoffs Many Visitors Over Easter

By Mrs. William Watson
Congratulations to Kilbride Euchre team on winning the playoffs at the Milton. Industrial euchre league.

Kilbride players are, captain Bruce Nicholson, Donnie Coulson, John (Gent) Coulson, Lloyd Coulson, Roy Robertson and Bill Watson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Schilling and Miss Kathy Dubois attended the Burbridge-Gunby wedding Saturday, April 13 at Lowville United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lepard and family spent Saturday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alvey Lunau at Mount Albert and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lepard at Holt.

Mrs. Peer Dies

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Sarah Peer.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of the late Mrs. Amos Mathies who passed away Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

The Kilbride Home and School Association will meet Tuesday, April 23 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. J. B. Mitchell, Burlington public school inspector, will be guest speaker. His topic will be the Work of the Consultant teacher.

Everyone in the area is reminded that the month of April is the time for the annual campaign of the Canadian Cancer Society.

Cancer research education and cancer welfare service depends on your generosity and the volunteer canvasser will be calling on you soon.

Birthday greetings and best wishes go to Mrs. George Hard sand April 16, Janet Coulson celebrating her 11th birthday April 17, Garry Coulson celebrating his 10th birthday April 19, Gail Warner April 21, Barbara Nykoluk celebrating her fifth birthday April 22 and Mrs. Lloyd Coulson April 24.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Pickett, celebrating their wedding anniversary April 14 and to Mr. and Mrs. Cam. Watson, celebrating their wedding anniversary April 21.

Plans already proposed are in Campbell and Parkway Streets joining Heslop and Ontario Sts., and in Ontario Street from Oak to Main Street, water supplies in these areas would also be improved. The other sections of water main involved would be a short section on Martin Street from Mill to Main Street, (which would improve the water supplies in the downtown area) and a short section running east to the town line from Main and Ontario Streets.

The installation of the aforementioned water mains in addition to providing the required services for new industry would also complete three of the recommendations of the Canadian Underwriters' Association for improving the water supplies in the Town of Milton.

All these advantages would cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000 or \$7,000 more than is already proposed. I think it is an inexpensive investment!

Yours very truly,
J. D. CRUICKSHANK.

At Wedding
Mrs. Lloyd Coote and Mrs. Jim Taylor attended the Robertson-Dickinson wedding Saturday, April 13 at St. Timothy church, Stone Church Road, Hamilton. The groom is a great-grandson of Mrs. Nancy Robertson and the bride is a niece of Mrs. Coote.

Easter service was well attended at Kilbride United church Sunday morning. The junior choir supplied special music for the occasion.

Mrs. Harold Jackson, Bill, Beverley and Art Robertson spent Easter weekend with relatives at Cobocok.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hutt of Streetsville and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sales of Milton were dinner guests Easter Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Doug Watson.

Omagh Church Pulpit Peacock Family Gift

At the Easter Sunday services at Omagh Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. A. Nevin received and dedicated a pulpit following a presentation by Clarence Peacock on behalf of the Peacock family.

The gift to the congregation, a gold Celtic cross on a maroon cloth, was dedicated in memory of James H. Peacock. The ceremony was witnessed by the congregation and visitors Harry Peacock and family of Orillia, Mr. and Mrs. George Greer of Washago and Mrs. and Mrs. Robert McDowell of Milton.

After the ceremony the family gathered at the home of Mrs. Bertha Peacock and enjoyed a buffet luncheon.

PAY TO WARDS ASSESSOR

The County Councils of Ontario may now make application for a grant of \$2,500 towards the salary of an assessment commissioner, according to a new regulation issued today by Honourable J. W. Spoober, Minister of the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs. As an added help the Minister may approve up to 50 per cent of the cost for office equipment required by any county assessment commissioner.

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THE "HORNBY SYNDICATE" dance party at Hornby Saturday night was a success as far as Kathy Tufford and Gary Neilsen were concerned. The club arranges dances Saturday night at the Hornby Orange Hall.

—The daffodils are starting to peep through the soil, and some residents report many of the pretty yellow flowers in bloom.

—Many golfers opened their 1963 season with a little "sod turning" around the golf links over the long holiday weekend.

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