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By John Addison

On many occasions during the stormy periods of the current session of parliament in Ottawa, I have wished every Canadian citizen could have the privilege of witnessing these proceedings, since it is so difficult to convey to constituents the frustration experienced to see this country's business dictated by the whims of the splinter parties.

The disastrous result is that almost nothing is being done. The present division of the House of Commons, if continued, could lead this country into the condition France fell into before the days of General De Gaulle and the new constitution.

This danger is what the Liberal party has been attempting to avoid. The opposition has been trying to bring order out of chaos. With the government's life depending from day to day on the Social Credit or the NDP, the one stable force in the House of Commons is the official opposition party, and it has followed a consistent course since Parliament began.

The opposition has been carrying on the traditional and constitutional function of the opposition. That is to scrutinize all public business carefully and to criticize where criticism is justified. Its duty, in short, is to oppose the Government under the British parliamentary system.

The function of splinter parties is hard to define. It would appear the Social Credit party considers its function to keep the country in a state of un-settlement. It is unfortunate that the other party which has many supporters who seek most of the same ends as the Liberals - and I am referring to the NDP - should be led off the track by members who talk about socialism and vote with whatever side serves their purpose that day.

Canadians have had quite a few elections in recent times and perhaps many do not realize another. Certainly no Member of Parliament likes the thought of fighting two elections in one year. Yet that is the only way to restore responsible and stable government to Canada to ensure its progress, it has to be faced. Better to have another election and straighten things out than to go on in a way that has produced only two pieces of legislation in two months.

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## Have You Read These?

Book Reviews From Richmond Hill Library

**My Land And My People**, by the Dalai Lama of Tibet. (McGraw-Hill) A deeply moving autobiography of the twenty-seven-year-old ruler of Tibet, now in exile. His education for the position of religious and political leader of Tibet began when at the age of four he was selected as the reincarnation of, and consequently the successor to, the recently deceased Dalai Lama. With simple dignity he describes the religion and customs of Tibet its isolation from the world, his futile efforts to secure a reasonable settlement with Mao Tse-Tung, and finally his flight from Lhasa to India. An appendix explains the principles of Buddhism.

**Silent Spring**, by Rachel Carson (Houghton). An important controversial account, written for the layman, of the way in which man's use of poisons to control insect pests and unwanted vegetation is changing the balance of nature. Stressing the inter-relationships and interdependencies of man, plants, birds, animals, fishes and insects, the author discusses how our eradication programs have destroyed friendly as well as unfriendly living things. She cites ironic instances in which the insects we have tried to destroy have developed immunity and increased in numbers. The author, a biologist and geneticist, is well known for her *The Sea Around Us*.

**Highland Heritage**, by Grace Campbell (Collins). A Canadian of Scottish descent has written a lively travel guide to Northern Scotland that includes material on legends, famous events, and genealogy of the clans and sects from which many surnames derive. Castles, monuments, and historical spots are illustrated and many maps included.

**A Shroud Of Difference**, by Allen Drury (Doubleday). A second novel to *Advise And Consent* shifts its locale from Washington to the United Nations in New York, to explore the labyrinth of international politics. The devious way in which the American delegates at the U.N. work with the members of the State Department and Congress to ease anti-American feelings stirred up by the action of an African delegate in a Southern race riot forms the mechanics of the plot. This wordy novel is convincing and timely.

**Wolf Willow**, by Wallace Stegner (Viking). Recollections of a childhood spent on the border between Montana and Saskatchewan together with a history of that last frontier and a story of a cattle drive through a blizzard illustrative of the ordeal by weather that settlers endured are described by this novelist. Stegner continues his role as interpreter of the West, and his three approaches to this little-known part of North America result in an appealing and exciting addition to Western history.

## Rambling Around

(By Elizabeth Kelson)

### VOLUNTEER WORK IS THE STRENGTH OF THE RED CROSS

It is said that 97 per cent of all Red Cross work is handled by volunteers. So the purpose of the voluntary services committee is to strengthen and increase volunteer participation in all phases of Red Cross work. Whenever a volunteer is needed either for an emergency or to assume responsibility of a certain job, the chairman of any service can call on the voluntary service committee for assistance. The chairman of voluntary services, by keeping an over-all record, knows what every volunteer, active, inactive or prospective is doing, has done, or could be called on to do if needed. It is up to the voluntary service committee to see that all volunteers are well informed on the over-all Red Cross picture. To find the right person for the job. To see that the work of the volunteer is recognized and that volunteers are happy in the work they are doing. To keep the executive aware of the over-all branch volunteer picture. Volunteers can be used in many ways. Typing and clerical work, blood donor clinics, women's work, water safety services, volunteer nursing services, hospital visiting, well baby clinics, senior citizens, disaster services and publicity and public relations. So far the Richmond Hill Branch of the Red Cross has four active committees. The president of the local branch is Mr. Ed. Butlin. Chairman of the blood donor clinic is Mr. William Hamilton. Chairman of the water safety services is Mr. John Passmore. Chairman of disaster services is Mr. Lawson Mumberson. Director of publicity and public relations is Mr. Sam Cook of "The Liberal", and the secretary of the branch is Miss Ruth Johnson, 92 Baker Avenue, Richmond Hill.

### CAROL MACANUEL IS PRESIDENT OF MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Nineteen-year-old Carol Macanuel, 89 Ruggles Avenue, Richmond Hill, has a unique office. She is the youthful president of the Model United Nations in Toronto. Carol, a grade 13 student of Richmond Hill High School first became interested in the Richmond Hill High School Branch of the Model United Nations and has been an active member for two years. She joined because she had been invited to do so. She stayed because she came to enjoy learning more about the workings of the United Nations. She learned how the U.N. could be used for the benefit of mankind and of the great need for such an organization.

"You begin to understand the policies of your country and that of other countries. You begin to understand the different cultures and different ideas better and that makes for better understanding all around," said Carol. Carol said that the branches of the Model United Nations are run mostly by the students who belong to them but they are encouraged and advised by a group of Toronto lawyers who hope eventually that students will be able to take over completely.

Last Thanksgiving weekend, Carol went to New York as one of the representatives selected from all the schools that have a Model United Nations Branch. Their purpose was to spend as much time in the U.N. Assembly as possible: to examine the buildings and talk to the delegations and representatives to get information on different countries and the workings of the U.N.

Carol Macanuel was fortunate enough to hear the president of Cuba speak to the United Nations in the General Assembly and the Monday after Thanksgiving, Carol was in the general assembly when Algiers was admitted to the U.N. "If anyone is interested in learning more about the United Nations, he can do so by attending the summer seminar that is held every year at Lake Couchiching," she said. This will likely be Carol's last year in this fine organization, for she intends to go either to the University of Manitoba or Macdonald Hall after she graduates in the spring. She hasn't yet made up her mind which it will be. She said she would always remember her trip to the United Nations. "I wouldn't have missed it for the world!"

### ROWLAND PACK SCORES ANOTHER MUSICAL TRIUMPH

Last year after the last concert of the 1961-1962 series, Rowland Pack, esteemed conductor of the Rowland Pack Chamber Singers became seriously ill. We are thankful that he recovered to such an extent that he brought his first concert of the 1962-1963 series to a successful finish. John Kraglund, music critic of the Globe and Mail says of the Rowland Pack Choir "The value of spirit and dedication to the interpretation of music is perhaps nowhere better demonstrated than in the concerts by the Rowland Pack Chamber Singers." Again he says: "An amateur group whose conductor breaks more rules of choral conducting than he observes." Mr. Kraglund, while not ignoring some faults, is loud in his praise of this amazing choral group which is inspired by the musical genius of Rowland Pack. The people of your district are happy for your triumph, Mr. Pack, and we pray for your good health to continue.

### A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A REST

Remember "Sid" of Shirhan Hair Stylists in Thornhill who made a hobby of raising tropical fish and took up a new hobby... carpentry! I'm not surprised at his choice for Sid has a brand new home and carpentry could come in very handy. Good luck on that coffee table!

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## Avoid Conflict Of Interest

Annual municipal elections provide citizens an excellent opportunity of keeping careful check on the public business of the municipality. On voting day, qualified ratepayers with their secret ballots can select the persons who for the next twelve months will transact their public business and who will levy and spend their tax money.

Every citizen with a stake and interest in the community should give to this responsibility the most careful attention and consideration. Every citizen should vote on election day.

By far the most important qualification of a candidate for any public office should be honesty. At any time but especially in this day and age voters should insist that beyond any question or doubt candidates elected are persons of unquestioned honesty and integrity.

In municipalities where there have been public investigations and charges of wrong doing in municipal government the basic fault invariably has been found to be what is generally known as "conflict of interest." This is the dangerous shoal on which many municipal governments have been wrecked.

This "conflict of interest" usually results from a financial interest or an understanding or secret agreement between some municipal coun-

cil member and someone who has an interest in making some deal or obtaining some concession from the municipality.

If we are to avoid most serious results voters on election day must vote only for candidates in whom they have one hundred per cent confidence and trust. Voters should not tolerate representation by anyone with a hint of the dreaded "conflict of interest".

Fortunately such candidates are available and offering themselves in the public service. The right of free elections is a prized landmark in our democratic system. The right we prize so highly entails a responsibility, and that is to select only candidates who will live up to the highest traditions and ideals of good municipal administration.

George B. McClellan, deputy-commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in a thought-provoking address in Toronto last week had some pertinent thoughts on modern day trends. In his address to members of the Empire Club he said "Corruption unchecked reaches into every phase of our daily life, and the part that worries me most is that far too few people seem to get mad about it any more. In some way we seem to have lost our way, lost our capacity for good old-fashioned righteous indignation. Somehow we have to find it again."

## Millions Wasted

People of Canada received something of a shock recently with the publication of the second volume of the Glassco Royal Commission on Government Organization.

Newspapers everywhere blazoned the news in headlines telling the story of Government wasting millions and millions of dollars and hard-pressed taxpayers got little pleasure from the revelation that the air force has a stock of socks to last eighty-one years and sailors 1,000 years' supply of union suits.

These revelations are shocking and throughout the land there is a growing determination on the part of the people to do something about such wasteful practices. For its part the Diefenbaker government has announced that at least some of the commission recommendations will be implemented as quickly as possible. We know this is a big job and the best part of the government announcement was that Senator Wallace McCutcheon, a minister without portfolio in the national government would head up a committee responsible for considering the commission report. The Senator from Gormley is well equipped to inaugurate the sweeping economies necessary and we wish him well in his latest assignment.

People shocked by the Glassco report that millions are being wasted

by the national government should take a close look at all levels of government. All the waste in public spending is not at the national level. A good close look at municipal administration reveals there is need for a Glassco report on local as well as national government.

For too long over-burdened taxpayers have been indifferent to reckless spending at all levels of government. They have listened to honeyed phrases and empty promises from local politicians who once in office indulge in extravagant spending for luxury and frills which are of little if any real value to the ordinary taxpayer.

Municipal elections are now under way in most Ontario municipalities. This is the level of government most close to the people and it is a good place to start to demand economy and efficiency.

Citizens should take an active interest and make very sure they elect to office only candidates of unquestioned integrity and who have a keen and appreciative sense of the value of a dollar. Citizens everywhere should declare war on waste and extravagant spending by all governments. The best place to start is right at home and elect municipal council members who will be as careful in spending public money as they would be with their own.

## THE MUSIC BOX

Ray Stephens

### Music Soothes, or does it?

The Band Tax Law is a local bylaw in most towns of Ontario that has to be voted upon in order to support a local band by a small portion of the town taxes. It usually amounts to several thousand dollars per year and about 35c per person taxable. With this the band trains youngsters, has a senior active band, buys music, uniforms and instruments and usually employs a professional instructor at perhaps \$20.00 per week. No-one else gets paid and many of the musicians use their own instruments.

So you say "what good is this?" So I reply "If you don't already know then it just can't be explained." One town with this Tax Law effective for numbers of years is now putting it to the stocks, or to a vote once again by the people. Instinctively the person who has no respect or concern for music or art (and invariably no general concern for anything) will follow the hounds and bay against it all. They are quite right of course. It's a matter of policy and after all it is the taxpayers' money all 35c per year.

So is the Canada Council supported by taxpayers' money and the policy of this group is to endeavor to maintain music

and art throughout our commercially minded domain yet despite their efforts we hear daily of orchestras, bands, etc. falling by the wayside. This they accomplish without any outside assistance then why should some town council feel that they can help the elimination of music. In this 20th century it is almost shocking. It's to be deplored. It's to be pitied, and it also points out to the smug ones that music 'doth' not always charm the savage beast.

See where our friend Les Stanley survived a very bad time at hospital recently? Les, by the way is a heavy construction worker who took to music strictly as a hobby and has also opened the Allegro music shop on a part time basis with Mrs. Stanley being on the job almost full time.

Like so many more, Les was inclined to say "I wish I could play a musical instrument but I'm too old now to learn." The two Stanley boys had to have Dad take them down to Toronto once a week for music lessons and Les would just hang around looking over the music store. One day he picked up a Recorder and thought perhaps that this might be easy enough to work on so armed with in-

strument and instruction book he set to work. In a very short time he had progressed enough to enjoy good recorder repertoire such as written by Bach, Mozart, Corelli, etc. From the Recorder he went to the Clarinet and in a few years found himself playing in the Newmarket Band, the Richmond Hill Orchestra and various other recreational groups. Les says he will never be as good as he would wish to be but after all he was over forty when the call came along and all in all he's pretty pleased with what progress has been made so far.

In his words he says "The younger you are to start music the better but you're never too old to learn if you really want to". Good words.

**Why Nifty Department**  
The next time you make a mistake at a recital, a concert or whatever the location, whether it is a solo, or a solo part or even a special bit, don't worry. Just think of how lucky you are to be a musician and not a football player like poor Calgary's Willie where in the matter of a split second he chose to do one thing but it went wrong. For that single error Calgary missed the Grey Cup play offs.

## Second Thoughts ..

by George Mayes

● Yesterday's news is not necessarily dead.

Latest plans for the high-and-dry "Rooftop" Cafe in Toronto's City Hall find it moved from the 27th floor down to the 25th . . . By this time the architects must be about ready to build it in an elevator shaft.

India and Pakistan have agreed to seek a settlement in their 15-year-old dispute over Kashmir . . . Now that China has it.

Wonder if our editor will run the report of last Friday's Jaycee auction sale under the heading: A bid-time story?

The rash of accidents in last week's fogs revive memories of our old suburban side-road where we drove in fog and blizzard by the feel of the car. When it stopped bumping and bouncing, we knew we were off the road.

A California doctor has presented evidence to the A.M.A. to prove that a child can be grown to a desired size by hormone treatments. This could be a boon to some modern mothers who would find it easier to alter the child than alter his clothes.

The really funny part about Oakville's crocodile keeper is that his present "pets" are all that remain of an assortment of saurians and snakes which died before he could write a book on: How to raise reptiles.

From New York comes news of thirty Irish-born Jews who have formed a Loyal League of Yiddish Sons of Erin . . . Sort of a B'Nai Broth, eh?

The Soviet news agency Tass says Russia has a new submarine camera to count all the herrings in the Atlantic Ocean . . . Definitely a "Red herring" story.

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We noticed some children Who seemed overly tall In the line-up to see Santa In his house on the Mall.

As they sat on his knee And spoke through his hair Each had the same wish: Each wanted a chair.

And to each Santa replied, with a Ho-Ho-Ho: Ten of you fellows have got to go-go-go; Yes, you can take it from old St. Nick, Ten of you are up the well-known crick!

. . . and who was the purchasing officer in the Royal Canadian Navy who bought all that underwear when we don't have a single submarine?

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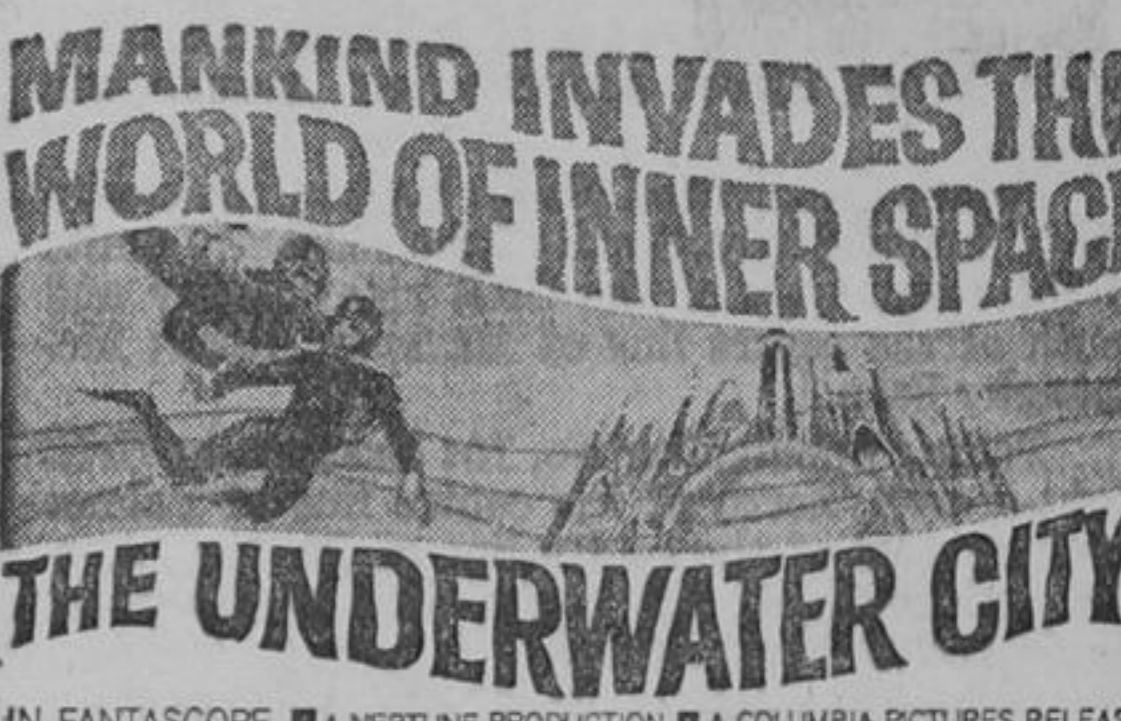
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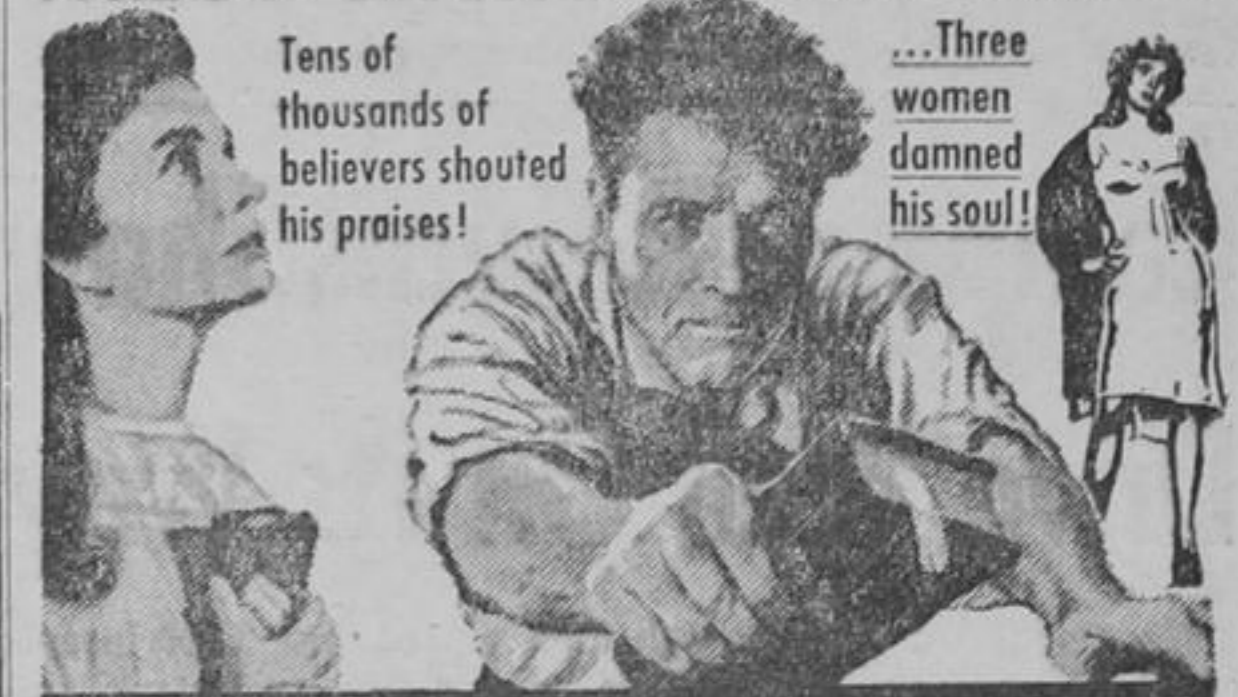
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