

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

by Ray Argyle



The 'meddling' Canadian

"That man in Ottawa!"

The British and French were saying this of Lester B. Pearson 10 years ago when as External Affairs Minister, he led the United Nations in censuring the Anglo-French invasion of Suez.

Today, the Americans, notably the short-tempered Lyndon B. Johnson, are similarly exasperated at Mr. Pearson's "meddling" in Vietnam and his pointed criticisms of U.S. policies on matters ranging from NATO to economic guidelines.

While U.S.-Canadian relations are a long way from the hysterical tenor of the last days of the Diefenbaker administration, events of recent weeks dampened the usual ardor between Ottawa and Washington.

The current impasse really goes back to last December when Mr. Pearson, in a Philadelphia speech, called on the U.S. to suspend bombing of North Vietnam. When word of the PM's remarks reached the White House, the American president hit the ceiling, taking the Pearson comment as further evidence of Canadian unreliability.

The fact that the U.S. did indeed later temporarily suspend its bombing attacks cannot be credited to the Pearson speech, but the Canadian position, added to appeals from other Western nations, helped nudge Washington toward the move.

The Canadian PM next spoke to an influential group of Americans when he addressed the U.S. Society of Newspaper Editors in Montreal this spring. He ignored Vietnam and dealt mostly with economic matters. I thought his talk was reasoned and fair, but Americans in the audience reacted sharply. They generally regarded his comments as an unfair attack on U.S. economic interests.

Canada next split with Washington over the future of NATO, when the Canadian delegation to Brussels, led by Paul Martin, defied U.S. determina-

tion to launch counter-measures against France which is taking its troops out of the Atlantic alliance. Due to Canadian insistence, the U.S. failed to win its way for a joint 14-nation approach against the French, and the door was left open for future French participation, most probably on France's terms.

Mr. Pearson followed up this diplomatic coup with a hard-hitting speech at Springfield, Illinois. He was outspokenly critical of U.S. attempts to dominate NATO and equated the American domination of the Atlantic alliance with the Soviet domination of Eastern Europe's military apparatus.

The significance of this position is that Moscow is having as much trouble keeping its Warsaw Pact countries in line as the U.S. is having with Canada and France.

Again, Mr. Pearson took on Washington over U.S. bombing of Hanoi. He publicly said only that he "regretted" the attack, but it was well known in Ottawa that the PM regarded the latest American escalation as senseless.

According to one Washington observer, Secretary of State Dean Rusk has been feeding President Johnson a wildly inaccurate assessment of why Canada has been behaving in such an unusually independent manner of late.

It is said that Mr. Rusk believes Canadian foreign policy is aimed at winning more Liberal party support in Quebec, and that this is why Canada took a pro-French attitude at the NATO foreign ministers' conference.

Some Canadians have been heard to express the same opinion.

The major international problem remains Vietnam, despite the NATO side-show in Europe.

Increased bombings have so far brought no significant reduction in North Vietnamese support of the Viet Cong in the south. Each degree of escalation

appears to have hardened Hanoi's determination to carry on the fight. And so the American dilemma grows — a nation pos-

sessed of the ability to win a crushing military victory, but unable to end a conflict which daily becomes more immoral and barbarous.

KIWANIS (Continued from page 7)

He is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Terrace Bay of which he is a past president and with whom he has been concerned for almost fifteen years. Bob will attend the Kiwanis Convention to be held in Calgary on August 21st - 22nd.

LADIES GOLF NEWS

Last Tuesday's two-ball foursome was closely contested with a tie for first place. The toss went to Vic Timpano and Ida Duncan. It has thus been established who the golfer is in the Duncan family. Joe Adamo and Lois Shubaly also had an identical low score of 52, aided by a nice birdie on number six. Another twosome, the one most favoured to win, were doing very well with a beautiful 45 upon starting the last hole, but the pressure was too great and they took a drastic ten on it.

All in all these mixed tournaments continue to hold the interest of the eager participants.

Other winners were:- Low hidden holes: Bobby Adamo and Phyl Kelty; Walter MacMicking and Dot Koski; High hidden holes: Cy Brassard and Ivy Pattison; Al Pattison and Jackie Turner; Consolation: Charlie Koski and Lavaughn West.

The first attempt at "Ladies Day" last Thursday was quite encouraging with eleven ladies entering for the nine hole tournament. Marie Edmunds had low gross and Dot Koski low net. These tournaments will continue on Thursday afternoons. If any ladies can't get golf then, they may make up a threesome or foursome and play the single round at another time. The tournament captain, Marie Edmunds, should be contacted regarding this.

CARD OF THANKS - My sincere thanks to those who sent cards, flowers and gifts while I was in hospital at the Lakehead. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated.

Mrs. Beverley Himes, Schreiber.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Welbourne of Schreiber are happy to announce the arrival of their chosen son, Darren William, a brother for Danny.