

Another Afghanistan?

by MARY HUBELIT
Pursuant to information gained from last week's Fifth Estate programme on CBC TV, the Garrison Diversion Dam Project in North Dakota is rolling ahead. This despite Canada's and Manitoba's protests, as well as those of a number of American citizens. The following is perhaps a new look, a fresh approach, to the nasty subject and may have some impact that other pleas have not. Even northwestern Ontario will not be safe if the U.S.A. decides it wants something from here — think about it!

THE GARRISON LEGEND

Once upon a time when the great mountains were being thrust upward, ever upward, and split and cracked and folded with the agony of the new earth, there were ripples felt far to the east, farther than a man can see. These ripples are called hills, or ridges, and stretch northwest to southeast.

In time, all rivers and small streams found their way down and around, down and around the hills, flowing wherever level dictated, seeking the lowlands.

The prairie grasses were sweet for the bison, the trees throbbed with bird-song, and everything a man could want to eat in a day could be found in a day.

Then the white man came, with his strange belief that everything belonged to him. The grain grower found the land flat and easy to cultivate. He cut down the trees and built houses and opened the land for grains but failed to leave trees and small trees to hold winter snows and summer rains.

Other white men named the little river "The

Souris" and the big river northwest beyond the ridge "The Missouri". They numbered the seasons - one year between winter and winter. In 1909 two tribes of white men signed a treaty - a peace treaty, they called it - saying that "waters flowing across the boundary shall not be polluted on either side to the injury to health or property on the other."

In 1965 after the greedy spirits of both tribes had held their secret meetings and the struggle for power smouldered, messages sifted from people to

people, some saying that "Garrison" had been given a great sum of money to pump the water from the Missouri up and over the ridge and spread it out over the lands the farmers had stripped. The runoff would be poured into the northward flow of the Souris until it blended with the Assiniboine which feeds the Red flowing into Lake Winnipeg draining into the Nelson which empties into Hudson Bay.

Take a breath now and think about it - the plan of the southern tribe would almost ensure the power of a

governor over the workers of 250,000 acres of farmlands, assuming the farmers believed in him; now try to picture the acreage between the Souris, Assiniboine, Red and Nelson Rivers.

So then it was written and spoken from the heart by Richard Madison of the Audubon Society, the Manitoba Action Committee, and Jerry McKinney, Michael Carpenter, Judge Richey, Ken Arundel, Don Craik, Harry Enns, Casey Dinges, Onno Kremers, Al Mackling and many others, that this was a bad, bad thing to think of: changing the grasses, trees, animals, birds, fish, because farmers did not leave enough water reservoirs bordering their fields.

And so the years numbered from 1970 all

the way to 1980 and 1981 and 1982 were filled with talking, and some machines went in to the peaceful ridges and valleys and tore them, and great sums of money were spent, and the torture of the land went on. Also the struggle for power still smoulders like a peat bog, wasting, not helping, until one feels rage tearing and sorrow eating and wild wishes flung to the sky, which surely must answer soon.

And if the governor of North Dakota can be diverted and give his attention to safe highways, safe streets in his cities, education for all the children of his voters, and compulsory windbreaks around each and every farm in his state, we can all live happily ever after.

New Features for 1984 Moose Draw

Natural Resources Minister Alan Pope today announced changes to the 1984 Ontario selective moose harvest - in direct response to suggestions by moose hunters throughout the province.

Beginning this year, all applicants for a cow or bull tag must first buy a moose hunting licence before entering the tag draw. If their name is not drawn for a validation tag, they may hunt only calves.

As well, hunters who applied last year and did not receive a tag in last year's computer draw will be given preferential treatment in the 1984 draw.

All applicants for 1984 moose validation tags will be divided into two pools: one for those who applied last year and did not receive tags and one for those who received a tag last year or are applying for the first time in 1984.

In addition, all hunters who apply for a validation tag this year may specify two choices of Wildlife Management Unit. Mr. Pope advised hunters to consult the Wildlife Management Unit Tag Quotas in the 1984 Moose Handbook, and to choose units that had a ratio of available tags to applicants of 1:2 or less in 1983. Those un-

its had less hunting pressure, and applying to hunt in them this year makes it more likely that a hunter will receive a tag.

"The choice of Wildlife Management Unit has a direct bearing on whether a hunter will receive a validation tag," Mr. Pope said. "In some Management Units last year, every hunter who applied for a tag received one. In others, however, the demand for tags was much greater, and this made the chances of not being drawn as high as nine to one," he said.

Depending on the number of applications in each unit - and

provided that the unit's validation tag quota can accommodate all the applications - those whose names are entered in the preferred pool can receive a tag. If there are validation tags left over, names will then be drawn from the second pool. The application deadline for the 1984 draw is Tuesday, May 15th.

"This improves the chances of receiving a validation tag for hunters who applied and did not receive one last year. This is being done to distribute tags more fairly over the initial, two-year period," the Minister said.

The total number of adult moose validation tags available for the 1984 hunt will be close to 50,000. As well, two Wildlife Management Units have been added this year to the four existing units which provide special archery seasons.

The ministry has held three open forums - in Timmins, Sudbury and Iroquois Falls - to discuss the moose harvest system, and another meeting has been scheduled for Thunder Bay.

As well, the Provincial Moose Allocation Advisory Moose Allocation Advisory Committee will also hold public hearings in Thunder Bay on April 25 and Sudbury on April 26 to

examine aspects of the selective harvest that affect tourist outfitters.

Mr. Pope said he wants to examine all the comments raised in the forums before proposing any major changes to future selective moose harvests. "But we felt we had to address a couple of the major concerns now, so hunters can plan for this season," he said.

The Minister cautioned that no change will be made on the current prohibition of party killing of moose until there is a clear consensus on the issue.

He added that the ministry will continue to exercise leniency toward hunters who report shooting the wrong animal. "All incidents will be investigated, and if the facts bear out that the shooting was accidental, charges will not be laid," he said.

A Moose Hunters' Handbook for 1984, which explains the details of the selective harvest program, were mailed beginning Tuesday, April 3rd to all hunters who purchased a moose licence in 1983. The handbooks are now available at the ministry's District offices and from licence issuers.

St. Berchman's Altar Society

by ANNE TODESCO

The Altar Society members met at Doris Legault's for the April meeting on Thursday evening. The pastor, Rev. Father Groulx led in the opening prayers and Mrs. Legault presented the spiritual reading entitled "A prayer to the Holy Spirit." She extended a welcome to the members and to Father Groulx.

The minutes and financial report were passed for adoption. Existing accounts were moved for payment and the correspondence consisted of several Thank You cards and all were filed. The secretary reported Get Well cards were sent to the shut-ins and parishioners who were ill, also sympathy cards were mailed to those who had a death in the family.

Tickets for the Derby draws are to be made and put on sale. Plans were finalized for the Mother's Day Penny Auction. The committee convening the auction are anxious for more prizes. They are coming in very slowly.

The President reported that the flowers for the church for Easter have been put on order.

A discussion was held on the type of programmes shown on television. They are detrimental to the young people's life style. There are too many gangster types of shows (murders, drugs, sex). Some evenings, the whole time is spent in shooting, killing or theft, drinking, smoking and many advertising

scenes of beer, half clad people or personal female aids. Such entertainment feeds the fertile minds of the young and naturally they try to imitate such scenes. Much of it is disgusting. It is known that some organizations are trying to eliminate such types of programmes and they deserve as much assistance as we parents can give.

Following adjournment, a dessert lunch was served.

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Wednesday, May 2, 1984
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