

A nasty replica of Question Period

By Joel Ruimy Toronto Star

OTTAWA — Forget the daily Question Period, longtime Parliament Hill watchers tell Ottawa rookies. The real place to assess the performance of backbench MPs is in committee hearings of the House of Commons. That's where MPs, free of the constraints imposed by television and by party discipline, get the real work done. That's where they are free to ask whatever questions they want and to look at the details.

The advice has been sound: One committee last week looking into AIDS revealed MPs at their compelling best as they quizzed Health Minister Jake Epp about government actions against the killer disease.

Patent protection

But another committee last week turned into a nasty little replica of Question Period, complete with Conservative MPs assailing the credentials of the very witnesses they had summoned to appear.

At issue was the government's proposed legislation giving 10-year patent protection to the name-brand companies that develop new prescription drugs. The government says the law will spur drug research and create jobs.

But critics maintain the bill will lead to higher prices for medicines because it will curb the ability of generic drugmakers to turn out low-cost copies of name-brand drugs, a practice that saves consumers \$200 million a year.

The debate, understandably, has aroused passions on both sides of the issue. Consumer groups, most provincial governments and many physicians see no need for the legisla-



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tion by saying angrily that "your brief sets you up against people with PhDs . . . who say this patent protection is absolutely essential."

Monique Tardif (PC-Charlesbourg) added angrily that the nurses had "got my blood pressure up."

"I have a feeling that what you presented . . . turns the debate away from the health care of Canadians and to the way nurses are treated."

The Ontario Medical Reform Group, which also opposes the bill, was next up and it fared little better. Hawkes pointedly asked how many members the group had and whether they were all licensed physicians.

Representatives of the group replied that they had between 150 and 175 members — either doctors or medical students — leaving the impression the group is of little account.

Deserved hearing

But the group established its credibility during the doctors' strike in Ontario, when it served as the only organized voice of physicians opposed to the walkout. And it deserved a better hearing than it got.

Earlier, the Tories on the committee also took the unusual step of voting to bar witnesses from the United States — and of holding that vote only after the two opposition MPs on the committee had left.

The opposition had wanted to hear witnesses from the U.S. generic drug industry and from an association representing millions of American retirees who, as a group, constitute one of the biggest markets for medicines.

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Executor
By Martin & Martin, Lawyers

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Henry Levy, Executor, Apt. 6B, 161 Pearsall Drive, Mt. Vernon, New York, U.S.A. 10552, by his solicitors, Levine Morris Silver Lewis, 1 Yorkdale Road, Suite 304, Toronto, Ontario, M6A 3A1.

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DATED at Toronto this 19th day of January, 1987.
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DATED at TORONTO, this 16th day of January, 1987.
WILLIAM JAMES GILFILLAN and GARY CAMPBELL GILFILLAN, Executors
By their Solicitor
DAVID A. SANDS, ESQ.
Barrister and Solicitor
688 Greenwood Avenue
Toronto, Ontario M4J 4B4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of JOAN ALISON SANBORN late of the City of Toronto, in the Judicial District of York, deceased.

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Dated at Toronto this 29th day of January, 1987
(Executors)
John O'Callaghan and John McMillan
By their Solicitor(s)
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ALEXO SIMEON, Executor,
by his Solicitor
J. GERALD PAUL,
P.O. Box 485,
295 Patricia Drive,
King City, Ontario
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DATED at Toronto this 26th day of January 1987.
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DATED at Toronto the 19th day of January, 1987.
Janina Szczypla, Administrator of the Estate of Janina Szczypla,
by her solicitors,
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Barristers & Solicitors
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(416) 653-3819

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

In the Estate of KAROL KORNAS, deceased

All persons having claims against the Estate of KAROL KORNAS, late of the City of Toronto who died on or about the 22nd day of October, 1986 are notified to send particulars of same to the undersigned on or before the 28th day of February, 1987 after which date the Estate will be distributed, with regard only to the claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice, and the undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

Dated at Toronto this 16th day of January, 1987.
JANINA DABROWSKI — Executrix
By her Solicitors
RUDZIK, PAJCHVICIUS, CORD,
Barristers & Solicitors
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Mel and Clara Alexander celebrate their wedding anniversary today. The WWI pilot is 90, she's 85, and both lead a hectic life.

60 anniversaries, military memories

By Ron Lowman Toronto Star

Sixtieth wedding anniversaries are not normally military material, but when half the partnership is World War I flying ace Mel Alexander then this one's going to glitter as a diamond anniversary should.

Alexander, you see, was one of my boyhood heroes. He shot down 18 enemy aircraft before his 20th birthday and wears the naval Distinguished Service Cross (DSC).

As a boy in England, I devoured every word that was written about him, his great leader, Raymond Collishaw, and their originally all-Canadian, five-member "Black Flight" on 10 Squadron, Royal Naval Air Service (RNAS).

Spry oldsters

Today, Alexander is in his 90th year and Clara is 85. They are two of the spry oldsters I know.

He presides over Alexander Lithographers Ltd., passes his driving test every November and drives cancer patients to and from treatment in his spare time. She's been a volunteer worker at the Hospital for Sick Children for 31 years.

Surely it's time these two wonderful Canadians were admitted to the Order of Canada?

Their story is essentially a story of Toronto, where both were born. The family lithographing business



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Military affairs

on Berkeley St. was founded by Alexander's father 107 years ago.

"Our telephone number was 9 and Aikenhead's (hardware) was 6 when the phone service began," Alexander said.

Today, phones have seven digits and Alexander Lithographers is run by Peter Alexander, 50, the vice-president; Hugh, 55, general manager; and David, 58, company secretary. Their father drops in for a few hours most days, but chuckles that the boys "don't pay much attention to me."

They were married at Bloor St. United church on Feb. 8, 1927, and at a reception today will be surrounded by the three sons, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and 100 friends.

Clara, who graduated in arts from University College, University of Toronto, in 1925, chuckles when asked how a marriage endures for 60 years while other partnerships are snapping like tree branches in an ice storm.

She remembers the late former leader of the New Democratic

Party, Tommy Douglas, replying when asked if he had ever thought of divorce from his wife of many years: "No, but often of murder."

Obviously much in love with, but never awed by, her fighter-pilot husband, Clara is also the sister-in-law of that other famous ace, the late Capt. Roy Brown. Along with Australian infantry fire, he's credited with the destruction of Germany's ace of aces, Manfred von Richtofen, the Red Baron.

Those were the days in the 1914-18 war when Alexander soared and swung in flimsy, wood-and-fabric Sopwith triplanes and Camels, duelling with the best Kaiser Wilhelm had to offer.

First victory

His first victory in those unforgiving skies was on June 4, 1917, at 17,000 feet over Lille against an Albatross. In an open cockpit, numb with cold and without today's oxygen supply, Alexander was nevertheless sweating buckets as he watched the stricken German aircraft flutter earthward with a dead hand at the stick.

Between March and July, 10 Squadron shot down 84 enemy aircraft. Collishaw's slice of it was known as Black Flight because of its leader's theory that certain colors instilled fear in enemy pilots.

Black, he was sure, was best and so each of the five Sopwith triplanes

had its wheel discs, engine cowlings and fuselage sections painted black. Stencilled in white on the cockpit lips were aircraft names. From my early teens, I remember them well.

Collishaw, who stayed in the Royal Air Force and became an air vice-marshal in World War II, flew Black Maria, the British pseudonym for a paddy wagon.

Alexander flew Black Prince; E.V. Reid, a University of Toronto student, fought in Black Roger; J. E. Sharman, another university student, flew Black Death, and G.E. Nash, a fruit farmer's son, hurled himself at the Germans in Black Sheep.

Alexander remembers vividly his summons to Buckingham Palace to receive his DSC from King George V. At a dress rehearsal, a lordly British colonel in riding britches and Sam Browne belt, whose one redeeming feature was the Victoria Cross ribbon on his breast, said:

"Alexander! You are a naval officer and you simply can't appear before His Majesty without a sword. Kindly equip yourself with one by tomorrow."

Alexander nudges his listener and says: "I couldn't afford a sword, so I went round to (military tailors) Gieves and rented one."

Happy anniversary, Mel and Clara!

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body who is both an American and Canadian citizen because the American citizenship system is also in a state of confusion.

This was caused by a man named Beys Afroyim, a Polish immigrant who became a naturalized American citizen in 1926, but lost his citizenship because he voted in an election for the Israeli Knesset. Afroyim appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court and won his case in 1967, with the result that Section 401 (e) of the U.S. Nationality Act, which provided that a U.S. citizen should lose his citizenship if he voted "in a political election in a foreign state" no longer applies.

Citizenship: Passport to chaos?

Thus the U.S. government now has no power to revoke the American citizenship of an American-Canadian if he votes in a Canadian election and it's not, in fact, revoking the citizenships of any Americans who become Canadians.

All of this means that while Canadian nationalists are concerned about continentalism in areas of natural resources, trade and culture, Canada's main resource, it's people, are being continentalized.

There are, for instance, more than a million Canadians living in California alone. Those who be-

came Americans after 1977 (but not while the old 1947 Act was in effect) are still Canadians. They can now vote in elections on either side of the border depending on where they are at the time. If current political pressures for absentee votes for Canadians living abroad are successful, they may soon be able to vote in Canadian elections while still resident in California.

And there will be a lot of Canadians in this position in future because the children of these American-Canadians are automatically Canadian and so are their descendants if they remem-

ber to register with a Canadian consulate before they turn 28.

This means that the enormous number of Canadians (possibly more than 2 million) already living in the United States will double in each generation at the present birth rate. And they'll just be some of the millions of Canadians scattered around the world in countries where the population growth is much more rapid.

They will be Canadians who pay no Canadian taxes. Many may have no interest in their second country — except perhaps as a refuge from troubles in their place of birth and a place where they can drop in for free medical treatment or welfare.