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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Camouflaging The Meaning

Language, say the experts, is a living thing. Today's lingo may become tomorrow's accepted speech.

And a word that has its place in the vocabulary may be outmoded tomorrow. These are all truisms. But unfortunately it is usually true that some people are devoted to using two or three incomprehensible words where one plain one will do the job. This failing appears to be common among government people.

Some curious examples of this word camouflage technique have come out of Ottawa recently. There, you may hear a civil servant talking about an agro-amenity unit. It means a farm.

The phrase recreational complex has developed to replace the sensible word park.

Then there's the disorientation unit. That's just a euphemistic way of saying isolation cell - the place where truly prisoners are sent. And a prison is no longer a prison - it's now called penitentiary premises.

A few other examples: government spending has been called resource allocation by C. M. Drury, treasury board president. Barry Mather, New Democratic Party member for Surrey-White Rock, came up with unproductively expended. He meant wasted. At the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, they speak of accumulation to mean a reduction. And a Crown corporation has become a public instrumentality.

Such gobbledegook has a way of spreading. One circumlocution leads to another. We can expect terms like multi-lane artery divided by median expressway and module for mass conveyance for bus. The theory apparently is that it's silly to use one word when three or four longer words will do.

Another irritation to those who like to be precise in their use of words is changes of meaning. Prestigious is used by all kinds of people these days to mean something indicating prestige. It really means deceptive or illusory. Presently has come to mean at present, instead of in a short time.

It's true, of course, that meanings change in the course of centuries. Some of the words used by Shakespeare no longer mean what they meant to him. In that sense, language really is a living thing, not a static, unalterable form. But it is a pity that clarity so often is lost in the process of change.

Perhaps there is one comforting thought in all this shuffling of words and terms. If meanings never changed, what would the compilers of dictionaries do for a living?

Farm Safety Week

July 25 - 31

Farm Safety Week takes place from July 25-31 with the aim of alerting the rural residents of Canada to farm hazards and what must be done to prevent accidents. The Canada Safety Council in co-operation with the Canadian Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute is sponsoring the campaign nationally. This is part of the safety movement's program to change attitudes towards safety from apathy to concern.

The great majority of accidents including farm accidents are caused by unsafe individual acts. In regard of common sense safety practices causes far too many deaths and injuries in the farm. Often, the victims are young children. Despite the great pressure to "make hay while the sun shines", there is no need to sacrifice safety in the name of speed.

On behalf of the Canada Safety Council, I invite all rural residents to participate in Farm Safety Week. Your efforts will make Canada's countryside safer every week.

OFFER REFUND
TORONTO (CP) - The Ontario brewing industry will begin refunding a 15 cent deposit on empty beer cans in August as part of a \$250,000 anti-litter program, the liquor control board has announced. At the same time the price of canned beer will be lowered to \$2.90 from \$3.03. With the refundable deposit of 15 cents, the total cost will be \$3.05 for a dozen.

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LETTER BOX

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Dear Mr. Editor:

I started to write you yet another letter on behalf of the Combined Appeal for Pakistani Relief when the following correspondence arrived on my desk dated July 2, 1971.

"It is 5 a.m. in Calcutta following my arrival from

Canada a few days ago to coordinate the efforts of the Canadian Combined Appeal for Pakistani Relief and World Vision of Canada which has financed my stay. I have been awakened by the thunder and the monsoon rains pelting down outside. The room has suddenly chilled, and I pulled a blanket over me.

"Now I know why Miss Platts from the Cooch Behar Refugee Service was so concerned about tarpaulins and plastic sheeting. She told me that 130,000 refugees have been dumped in 10 camps under the care of one doctor. I have discovered that a tarpaulin for one person costs \$6 in

Calcutta. I am hoping someone in Canada will be touched to help us here as we seek to buy 3,000 tarpaulins. Most of the refugees are now sleeping in waterlogged areas.

"Yesterday I ordered \$3,000 worth of saline solution, another urgent need, and purchased a second-hand jeep for workers in camps in the Dinajpur area. My funds are exhausted - 40,000 more refugees walked into the Cooch Behar camps yesterday!

"We are still hoping that Canadians will awaken to the desperate need here. Perhaps I can do something about the problems next week, or the week after, and eventually the monsoon rains will stop. By then I hope I haven't got hardened to human suffering."

Bob Brow,
CAPR/World Vision
Coordinator, Calcutta

I can add nothing! I can only urge Canadians to give now, before they forget, to the relief agency of church of their choice, through any chartered bank, or directly to PAKISTANI RELIEF, BOX 1000, STATION F, TORONTO or BOX 200, STATION H, MONTREAL.

W. J. Dabros,
National Coordinator,
Combined Appeal for
Pakistani Relief

Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO
Chris Montague apparently escaped serious injury on Monday when he was thrown to the roadway after a car struck the rake on which he was riding. The rake was badly damaged and the team of horses he was driving ran away.

Meeting '71 Begins Opening Way For Indian-Government Talks

TORONTO - The initial steps toward improving communications between the Indian people and the Provincial Government were taken at Meeting '71, a series of discussions across Ontario.

"It's the beginning of our search for a more realistic dialogue with Indian leaders," said Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship the Hon. John Yaremko, following the July 2-8 meetings in Peterborough, Timmins, Elliot Lake, Thunder Bay, Kenora and London.

Mr. Yaremko disclosed the results of the series of 'first contact' meetings in the legislature, revealing that the leaders of 82 of 93 organized bands in Ontario accepted \$110,000 from the Ontario Government with no strings attached.

The money will be used, he stated, to finance Indian peoples' discussions at the regional and band levels where they can talk out their priorities for later presentation to provincial government agencies.

Stressing that Meeting '71 was "only a beginning", Mr. Yaremko, in his talks with more than 150 chiefs and councillors said the meetings had a twofold purpose: to afford an opportunity for Indian peoples to communicate among themselves on the subject of government services, and to enable the bands to more easily make their priorities and demands known to the government.

While acknowledging that five of the nine chiefs who attended the London meetings had declined to accept any financial aid, the Minister said he was 'pleased to know these same chiefs planned to meet later at their own expense at the Saugeen Reserve."

In conclusion, Mr. Yaremko said he was encouraged by the reception the government's proposals generated.

Christ Church, Nanticoke, held its first Church Vacation School last week and 28 boys and girls had a joyous week of worship, instruction and handicraft. Mrs. H. Marr and Mrs. H. I. Snowden were in charge of the younger set of four to eight years. Mrs. D. Tompkins, Mrs. K. Richardson and Miss J. Evans taught the senior girls felt work, while the incumbent supervised the senior boys.

A crowd of nearly 10,000 people congregated at Port Dover on Saturday for the celebration of the Loyal Orange Lodges of Haldimand, Norfolk, Lincoln, Wentworth and Brant Counties. It was the first time the district Lodges have held their July 12 parade at Port Dover. The big parade attracted hundreds of people from the district.



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