

Everyone Reads The Dalhousie Gazette



Comments by and on Dief

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Prime Minister Diefenbaker hit town last Friday, spoke at the Capitol Theatre—and took time out to read the Dalhousie Gazette. A changed man from last year, Dief was out campaigning in the spirit of 1957 and '58—last year's election might never have occurred, indeed he made only one reference to it in his whole speech.

REMEMBER?

Remember the man in June 1962? Before and during his speech in Halifax he was grey faced and shaking. This time round his shake was noticeably less, and he looked the picture of health — well, almost — with a deep Nassau tan. One can see how he originally swept the country—and the newsmen who were accompanying him on his campaign admit that what in February seemed a cut and dried election has taken on elements of uncertainty.

Here are a few Diefenbaker comments on life in general:

On the campaign — "Today is but another day in the pilgrimage that is carrying me across the country . . . This time I am meeting the people again in the spirit of 1957 and 1958."

On criticism — "I don't mind criticism, but I don't like criticism that undermines confidence in the country I believe in."

On the Liberals — "They carried out a calculated fillibuster to sabotage Parliament . . . They are prophets of disaster, professional fault finders."

On Canada — "This country has done much for me . . . as I look back at my boyhood who would have thought that such as I could be Prime Minister . . . but this is a land of opportunity."

The Liberals have in the mean time brought out an Election Colouring Book with pictures and comments such as: "This is

a Prime Minister. He is at breakfast. Should he have orange juice or grapefruit? It is a hard decision. He dreads decisions. Perhaps he will never have breakfast. Colour him hungry." And again: "This is a Conservative meeting. Oooops . . . some of the ministers are missing. I wonder where they went? Colour them quick . . . before they all disappear."

How to vote? Well, that's up to you, but this reporter is leaving the Country in the fall!

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