

Gallup Poll Of Canada

WHO'S WHO IN PUBLIC LIFE? VOTERS FOUND POORLY INFORMED

Drew, St. Laurent, Bracken, Well Known Poll Finds

By Canadian Institute Of Public Opinion

TORONTO, Dec. 4 — Canadians are none too well informed on what jobs are held by some of the public leaders whose names appear in the news almost every day.

The Gallup Poll has repeatedly found in recent years that the public figures best known in Canada are Prime Minister King and Finance Minister Isley.

What about other Cabinet ministers? How widely known, nationally, are the provincial premiers? The other national political party leaders?

The latest Gallup poll surveyed public knowledge of the office held by each of:

Two Federal Opposition party leaders. Three prominent Provincial Premiers. Two Cabinet Ministers recently much in the news. An accurate cross-section of voters in every province was asked:

"The following men are in Government posts in Canada. Can you tell me what office they hold?" Louis St. Laurent, Stuart Garson, George Drew, Angus L. Macdonald, John Bracken, Paul Martin, M. J. Coldwell.

HOW WELL DO CANADIANS KNOW LEADERS IN PUBLIC LIFE?

WELL KNOWN NATIONALLY WELL KNOWN REGIONALLY

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The results indicate that, with the whole national public, Premier George Drew of Ontario is best known of all seven. Following is the order of the extent in which they were correctly identified by the miniature national population:

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W. A. A. F.'S NEW BOSS

New director of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, Alice Connamandy, Felicity Hyde Hanbury, is seen in her office at the British air ministry, London. She succeeds Air Chief Commandant Lady Welsh and will take over her new duties Dec. 1.

WIND-SWEPT ISLE IS DOUBTFUL BUY

JOHN O'GROAT'S HOUSE, Scotland, Nov. 30 — (CP) — Want to buy a 1,000-acre island, complete with church and manse, school, post office and 45 ematted crofts—for £3,500 (\$14,000)? There are few children now in O'Groat's in stormy Pentland Firth between the mainland and the Orkneys is for sale.

Fisherman James Simpson thinks it might be a good place for a politician to retire to, but that's about the highest he can say about it. He thinks the present generation will be the last on the island.

"Many young Stroma men and women were in the forces during the war," he said. "Now they're demobbed they want to live on the mainland. Even if they come back, it's becoming increasingly difficult to make a living on Stroma."

The island is 2 1/2 miles long and 1/2 mile wide. The main industry is fishing for cod and lobsters. The 120 residents raise most of their own food and many also weave their own clothes.

In bad weather a fine salt spray covers the island—believed locally to be the cause of the islanders' longevity.

Modern conveniences are something Stroma doesn't know. There is one small shop but its stock is small and narrow. There is no fuel and oil lamps provide light.

Tales of pirates, smugglers and ancient Norse sea kings go with Stroma. As do stories of shipwreckers in the days before the modern lighthouse was built on the rocky point. North of the island is the Swelche of Stroma, dangerous whirlpool into which many small vessels have been sucked and lost.

So far Stroma is still on the market.

WOMAN ASKS ATTLEE AID 10-YEAR FIGHT

LONDON, Dec. 4 — (CP) — Among lesser decisions to be made by the Labor government is whether Margaret Self, Norfolk school teacher and Red Cross nurse, can continue with some hope of success her 10-year campaign against a conviction for alleged dangerous driving.

Miss Self claims she was not the driver of a car when the alleged offence occurred and that the conviction was obtained by mistaken evidence. Now she has written Prime Minister Attlee, Home Secretary Cauter Ede and other members of parliament asking permission to make a further appeal beyond the courts which have heard her case.

She cited the recent decisions that there had been some irregularities in the trial of 243 paratroopers in Malaya and the subsequent quashing of their conviction for refusing to obey orders.

"The irregularities to which I have put my signature are as serious as those in the paratrooper case and in the interests of justice the right of appeal is due to all citizens and the law should be revised," Miss Self wrote.

MY CATS

(By Constance I. Heckbert) Skippy McKatt is my kitten's name and Tuffy McKatt is his mother. They are both so sleek and shiny and black.

You can't tell one from the other. Tuffy McKatt has yellow eyes and a nose that is really purr. While Skippy's eyes are sky and green.

And he likes to be warm and snug. Tuffy McKatt likes to sit on the floor. There is so much to see. But Skippy McKatt likes to run and jump.

And climb in the highest tree. They wash their faces and their paws.

And keep their coats so clean. Tuffy McKatt wears a yellow bow. And Skippy a bow of green.

And when Tuffy McKatt and Skippy McKatt are tired of their fun and play. They sit at my feet and purr for me.

A song that is jolly and gay

FIND NEW USES FOR POOR SHRIMP

WASHINGTON—Slik dresses and white of egg for cakes and in cream both are made from the fish and shrimp of too poor a quality for human food.

A report on this remarkable discovery claimed development has been brought back from Germany by scientific investigators attached to the American Army. All the proteins, or nitrogen-containing amino acids, are extracted from the fish and mixed together in the proportions in which they exist in eggs.

The result is a substance difficult to distinguish from white egg, 94 per cent of which is composed of proteins, the essential body-building substances in food.

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Misconduct By U.S. Troops Noted In Secret Report

(By The Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 — Allegations of wild immorality by some American soldiers in the ranks, some misconduct by officers and numerous crimes by undesirable displaced persons in Germany were made tonight in a hitherto secret report on the United States military occupation.

The report was prepared by George W. Meador, chief counsel for the Senate War Investigating Committee, who made an on-the-spot study for the committee to ascertain whether it should undertake a full inquiry into conditions.

Republican members of the committee made Mr. Meador's report public over war department objections.

Republican committee members said they made the report public as the "only way to correct" inaccuracies in versions which have already appeared in print.

War Dept. Protests The War Department had protested that the report is "distorted and frequently erroneous."

War Secretary Patterson wrote Chairman Harley Kilgore (Dem.-W. Va.) of the committee that "it appears that the subject matter of the report is based upon unsworn statements and in many cases upon hearsay evidence."

Mr. Kilgore also said that State Secretary Byrnes and his senatorial advisers had expressed belief publication of the report would impair their work at the United Nations conference.

After Meador's trip to Germany, there was a solid Democratic vote in the committee not to undertake a full scale inquiry into the situation in Germany.

Both the war and state departments voiced objections to an inquiry.

"It is my belief that the War Department is aware of the situation, but is reluctant to take any steps to correct it because they fear political repercussions from negro groups."

"Certainly the conduct of the negro troops, as provable from war department records, is no credit to the negro race."

"In 1945 the average negro strength was 10 per cent of the theatre strength. Negroes committed 50 per cent of the major crimes."

Mr. Meador also said "the standard of discipline" of some other American troops "has been little short of disgraceful."

Attached to the report were excerpts from weekly intelligence reports from United States forces in Germany. These cited:

"Senseless and unprovoked attacks, burglemasters threatened and beaten, civilian police disarmed and clubbed with their own weapons, women being publicly molested, and civilians being stopped at night by soldiers who examine their passes, then calmly slung them senseless."

"Flagrant and public misconduct..."

"The continuation of incidents involving American troops is bringing severe criticism from the Americans who claim that the Americans cannot control their own troops."

"Unprovoked assaults, excessive public drunkenness, assistance in the violation of German law, black market activities and similar breaches of discipline lower the prestige of the American Army."

Mr. Meador recommended a number of things:

"That the United States forces, European theatre, and the office of military government be consolidated."

"That military government be placed under the State Department."

"That steps be taken immediately to improve the quality of occupying troops."

AUSTRALIA OPERATES BIG SUGAR INDUSTRY

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec. 2 — (CP) — Australia, producer of 800,000 tons of sugar a year, claims to be the only country to operate a cane sugar industry entirely with white labor.

The Australian cane belt, stretching 1,300 miles along the eastern coast from New South Wales state to tropical northern Queensland, has a population of about 250,000 of whom the sugar industry supports about 80,000.

The industry is worth \$60,000,000 a year and output is more than enough to supply Australia's sugar needs. The surplus is exported and at present domestic supplies are rationed to maintain exports to Britain.

Exports are fixed by the International Sugar Council, of which Australia is a member, on the basis of world demand and total world production. The Australian export quota has averaged 400,000 tons annually for the last few years.

The industry is protected in this country by an embargo on sugar imports and price-fixing for domestic wholesale and retail distribution to guarantee profitable return to growers.

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AUSSIES USE PLANE IN CRIME DETECTION

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 4 — (CP) — The New South Wales Police Department is using an airplane to speed up its work in the 300,000 square miles of state territory over which it has jurisdiction.

Within a few years the department hopes to have a squadron of planes. The new police plane is used to fly detectives and dogs to the scene of crimes in country areas. To take aerial photographs of districts where crimes have occurred and to spot outbreaks of fire.

It has a crew of three, all former members of the Royal Australian Air Force, who work in shifts, and carries four detectives. The plane has a compartment for police dogs and a portable selection of crime detection equipment.

The plane is equipped with two-way radio which keeps it in touch with headquarters in Sydney and permits it to tune in to the police frequencies of the neighboring states of Queensland and Victoria.

The speedy transport when the plane permits enables police to reach a country area within hours of a call compared with days of car and train travel.

NEW ZEALAND FIGHTS SEVERE SOIL EROSION

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 4 — (CP) — War on a huge scale is to be waged in New Zealand against soil erosion which already has caused drastic losses to farmers.

The measures planned include the planting of 1,000,000 acres of tree on New Zealand farms and the consolidation of vast areas of national parks where scientific steps to check erosion will be taken.

In the highlands of the South Island nearly 3,000,000 acres of grazing land have lost 25 to 50 per cent of the top soil through erosion and over a further 2,500,000 acres more than 50 per cent already has been lost. These figures do not include severe losses of soil on eroded downsides and plains by wind erosion.

Highly productive sheep and cattle country on the east coast of the North Island also is severely eroded. The country consists chiefly of small but steep hills which do not erode in the natural state, but when the forest growth was cleared and replaced by grass the country did not hold.

Hundreds of slips and landslides appeared and the topsoil was washed down into the rivers and out to sea.

On the west coast of the North Island also large areas of high-rainfall dairy country have been virtually abandoned because of extreme erosion.

A major project in the soil conservation program will be recuperative treatment of 8,000,000 acres of high country in the South Island.

This will be achieved by tree planting, fire control, spelling, contour fencing and subsequent control of grazing to within reasonable limits. A similar conservation program will be undertaken over several million acres of hill country in the North Island.

FUNERAL SERVICES — The funeral of Mr. Lawrence Edmondson, who was very largely attended, was held yesterday morning from his late residence, 83 Brighton Ave., to the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer where Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Rev. R. Baines, C.S.S.R. Interment took place in the Catholic Cemetery where services were conducted by Rev. E. E. Egan, O.S.B., the Knights of Columbus, of which the deceased was a member, attending in a body. The pall-bearers were Messrs. W. Chester S. McLaure, Roderick MacDonald, Roy Holman, James Coyle, Roy Kennedy and Joseph Callaghan.

WEDDING BELLS — A pretty wedding took place October 3 at the First United Church Manse when Rev. C. Earle Gordon officiated in marriage, Muriel Roberta Parker of Spring Valley, P. E. I., and Frank Archibald Saunders of Truro. Following the marriage, the happy couple left for a trip through New Brunswick. They will reside at 9 Doyle Street—(Truro News).

MANY HAPPY RETURNS — Mr. and Mrs. James L. Marshall, Covehead Road, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 24. They were entertained at 24. Charles Marshall's to a beautiful dinner. Mr. Marshall is 86 and Mrs. Marshall 80. Mrs. Marshall was formerly Miss Hettie Carr, Charlottetown.

CHURCH NOTICE — Regular divine service, Sunday, December 8th, Alexandra at 11 A. M. and Cross Roads at 7.30 P. M. Roll Call of members at the evening service. Rev. Sterling B. Stockhouse, Minister.