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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Early Bird's Debut

A new chapter in space history opened yesterday with the debut of Early Bird, the 85 pound satellite built to handle, on a transoceanic basis, the conversations, messages and video signals that help support man's commerce and keep him informed and entertained.

Early Bird was preceded by primitive versions, including Syncom 3 that provided America with television coverage of the Olympic games in Tokyo. But it must show that its many parts can withstand prolonged wear and tear and radiation in outer-space.

The problems of the system are complex, especially its allocation of channels. European participants regard the satellite as mainly a telephone link and consider television use only a gimmick.

Other issues involve rates to be charged and who is to own and operate ground facilities. It is estimated that close to seven times the present communications capacity will be needed by 1975 in the North Atlantic area alone.

Early Bird passed its initial test faultlessly. It still must prove itself, however, and so must the internationally owned corporation which is financing it.

The Right Note

Mr. Pearson's visit on Friday to Burlington, Vermont, where he received an honorary degree from the state university, was the object of widespread interest. It was the Prime Minister's first trip back to the U.S. since his meeting with President Johnson at Cape David three weeks earlier.

Apparently he didn't do so directly. But in speaking on the need for mutual understanding between Canada and the United States, he stressed that it wasn't at all inconsistent with good neighborly policy if his country criticized American foreign policies.

This was well said, and refuted the impression which Washington correspondents have sought to give

that the Canadian leader was taking his punishment meekly, with an inner resolve to be "well-behaved" in future. This idea of Mr. Johnson cuffing the Prime Minister into acquiescence was circulated at Washington for domestic purposes.

It is now apparent that despite all President Johnson's efforts to whip public opinion into line with his own, the number of dissenters to his Viet Nam policy is growing—not only among foreign leaders but among the people of the United States as well.

The Burning Question

"I estimate that a significant portion of the additional expenditures resulting from a tax cut would result in increased imports of consumer goods, thus adding to the current account deficit in the balance of payments rather than adding to Canadian employment opportunities."

No, this isn't a quotation from an Opposition comment on Finance Minister Gordon's new budget, though it sounds like one. It is from a speech made seven months ago by Mr. Gordon himself to the Canadian Club of Hamilton, Ontario, in which he strongly criticized the arguments for reducing personal taxes on the basis of economic benefits.

The difference between the minister's two attitudes—then and now—leads Ottawa commentators to the conclusion that an election is very definitely in the offing. The campaign could come as early as July 5—the first Monday after the new income tax deduction goes into effect—or it may be delayed (and this is regarded as more likely) until October.

An earlier election might, of course, be precipitated by an adverse vote in the House. But the Opposition, while making gestures in this direction, does not seem able to act in unison. The government would seem to be assured, at least, of Social Credit support in a showdown.

But why shouldn't the government wait until next year, if it is not forced to go to the country in the meantime? Ah, there's the rub. After January 1, 1966, the prognosticators point out, much of the tax savings will be taken up by at-source deductions for Canada Pension Plan premiums.

It is argued, too, that Canada's fiscal affairs haven't looked so bright since December 6, 1957, when the Diefenbaker minority government brought down its first "baby budget"; and that 56 days after THAT rosy forecast, the nation was plunged in an election campaign.

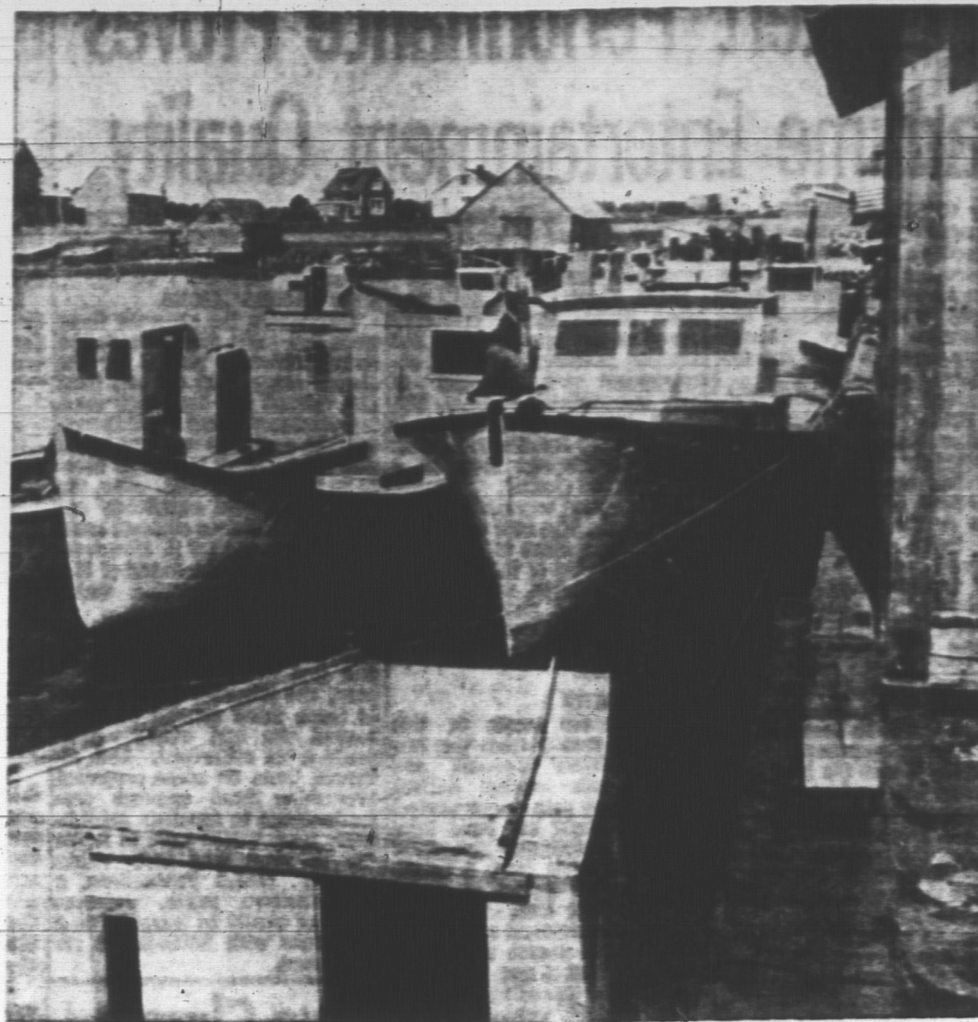
But history rarely repeats itself, and the wisest oracles aren't always right in their predictions. There's that pending report of the Dorion inquiry, for example, which could hasten or delay the election for quite other reasons.

Mental Health

The Canadian Mental Health Association, in an announcement relating to Mental Health Week which is now being observed, notes that seven out of ten victims of mental disorders can recover to lead useful, productive, happy lives, thanks to advances in medication. And since, according to the same authority, one out of every ten citizens is afflicted by mental or emotional disorder, this recovery percentage, under proper treatment, is a fact of great significance indeed.

The Association adds one necessary condition to the assurance it holds out in this respect. The success of medical treatment, it says, "depends on community support, not only with dollars and cents to support research treatment, but in the reintegration of the patient into the community. Even more important is the role the community can play in the promotion of mental health. Prevention of mental illness is still the best weapon against the illness."

There are many areas of aid open to volunteers in this connection, and they have been doing a wonderful work right in our own province in recent years. The more support and encouragement they get from the public at large, the richer the rewards will be in the salvaging of human lives.



FISHING BOATS AT ALBERTON

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

"The Slippery Slope Of Acquiescence"

MPs even within the Liberal ranks are complaining that Prime Minister Pearson has slid a long way down the slippery slope of acquiescence to the Yankee imperialists. Two years ago, his government's first budget struck a brave blow for Canadian ownership of Canadian industry. Now, two years and two budgets later, he has moved to set up two U.S. magazines, Time and Readers Digest, in an inviolable position of government-sponsored monopoly in Canada.

Mr Pearson has also taken steps to "protect" Canadian newspapers from foreign ownership, thereby raising all sorts of new issues about freedom of the press, and making Canada odd-man out among our friends.

foreign ownership. Its current issue contains 160 columns of editorial matter, of which not 55 per cent but only eight per cent is "Canadian content." There would be no objection to the sale of the U.S. Time in Canada, just like any other foreign magazine—but one MP tells me he has just had his application for a subscription to that issue refused. He must buy the Canadian issue. What makes the maple leaf edition so profitable to Time and so damaging to Canadian magazines is that its 84 columns of advertisements are presumably 100 per cent taken away from Canadian media.

THE MOUNTAIN'S MOUSE State Secretary Maurice LaCzar, anxiously seeks means of profitably employing Canada's creative talents. What "mouse" of an effort did that "mountain" labour to bring forth to help Canadian writers, deprived of some magazine market by the Canadian editions of Readers Digest and Time?

Vishinsky Exposed

Soviet representatives abroad are not known for their amiability. Most of them, however, act at times with the urbanity expected of diplomats. Andrei Vishinsky was not among these. Both as Soviet Ambassador to the United Nations and later as Foreign Minister, his ruthlessness and acid tongue cut across the amenities of civilized discourse. He is remembered as the vicious prosecutor of the notorious purge trials of the 1930s.

But now a Soviet law journal, Soviet State of Law, paints him as one who promoted terror in practice as well as by his legal theories. The article is believed to be the first to accuse Vishinsky of particular actions resulting in unjustified death sentences or long terms of imprisonment in labor camps. He is also charged with collaborating with the N.K.V.D. security police to pass sentences on what is now admitted to have been fabricated evidence.

He's There Slugging

For a man who was supposed to have been backed up against a wall, Mr. John Diefenbaker is not behaving in the way expected of him by his opponents in the Progressive Conservative Party.

answer is that Mr. Diefenbaker's supporters are not negligible, although not conspicuous. They are found mainly in the three Prairie Provinces, which, with considerable Maritime support, constitute the main Conservative muscle power.

Fewer Sugar Bushes

Is the sap running? This question, unfortunately, has lost its meaning for a great many of us. Formerly it was just about the most important thing anyone could ask at the country store or in the rural school yard.

Although no one took up the idea until the St. Lawrence Parks Commission established a sugar bush, it has been evident for quite some time that there is a lot of spectator interest attached to this operation.

Rectal Cancer

Cancer of the large intestine and rectum is the No. 1 internal malignancy in the United States. The incidence is the same in both sexes and three out of four could be saved except for a common human failing. It is located in an area about which many are too embarrassed to discuss or have examined. As with other cancers, the key is early detection and prompt treatment.

Warning signals are a change in normal bowel habits, such as diarrhea or constipation. Others develop bleeding from the rectum or abdominal pain and cramps. An examination is suggested when symptoms last more than two weeks.

For many years the American Cancer Society has conducted an extensive educational program on early detection of cancer of the colon and rectum. They advocate an annual proctoscopic examination after age 40 especially among those with a family history of the condition.

MARRIAGE POSSIBILITIES L. T. writes: I'm an attractive widow of 57 and might want to remarry someday. I find my chances are slim because there is a preponderance of women everywhere I go.

REPLY Try Alaska or Hawaii. Both of these states have a surplus of men over women. Alaska has 57 per cent male and 43 per cent female. The percentage for Hawaii is 53.4 and 46.6, respectively.

REPLY Mrs. D writes: Is it true that adults cannot suffer from ringworm of the scalp because they have oil in the hair?

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Goldwater Is Pleased

The course that American foreign policy has been following recently can be measured to some extent by the fact former senator Barry Goldwater likes it.

In Madrid, as he continued a European tour Goldwater summed up American intervention in the Dominican Republic this way: "I wholeheartedly support the move because we do not like to be provoked."

Goldwater said the marines landed not only to protect American nationals but to "prevent (Cuban Premier) Castro from entering there."

Goldwater can certainly save the situation. He introduced himself in Paris; it is reported, as the "trigger-happy, war-mongering S.O.B. who wanted to do something about supply routes in North Viet Nam."

a child enjoying ice cream in the context of fears of radiation hazard from nuclear fallout. NOT RULED OUT The nuclear spectre was resurrected in Washington briefly last weekend with various newspaper reports which have been labelled as products of a private briefing given to selected reporters by Defence Secretary Robert McNamara.

The world reaction was extensive and Johnson countered quickly by saying that no official employee of his government had ever made any such proposal to him. He said he is the man who has final authority for nuclear use.

Support for Johnson in Viet Nam has been consistently strong from the men who were in the Goldwater camp last November—former president Eisenhower, former presidential candidate Richard Nixon, Senate Republican Leader Everett Dirksen, and others.

It is also fair to say a lot of steady but there is also an element which columnist William Bradford Huie has described as "this decent, this terribly wrong Democratic splinter."

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