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Mr. Pearson And Peace

Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson has named yet another issue on which he says the March 31 election will be decided.

This sounds very much like an oblique reference to Mr. Pearson's winning the Nobel Peace Prize. That was a high honour, indeed, not only to himself personally but to the whole Canadian delegation at the United Nations and, not least, to former Prime Minister St. Laurent under whose direction Mr. Pearson did his best diplomatic work.

On the whole, according to all reports, Mr. Pearson served Canada well as External Affairs Minister. But there has been no falling off in Canada's influence in world councils since he relinquished his office, nor has the United Nations crumbled.

Expanding Industry

Of interest to all our dairy farmers is the announcement in today's issue of the working partnership formed by Central Creameries Ltd., of Charlottetown with the nationally known firm of Cow and Cate (Canada) Ltd., of Brockville, Ontario.

Important By-Election

The results of the most recent by-election in Britain show without a doubt that the present Conservative Government has lost favour with the electorate.

Whale-Chasing Scientists

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viously, it is not the kind of politics which wins votes. The Government has still a year or more before it must seek a new mandate.

Although the Labour candidate won the election, he has little to crow about, in view of the fact that his Liberal opponent was less than 5000 votes behind him in the final tally.

Political Straws

The big question mark in the coming Federal Election is Quebec. Will it shed its traditional Liberalism and get on the Diefenbaker band-wagon?

La Presse, of Montreal, which is strictly independent in its political approach, approves the Government's decision to call an election and calls for a return of one of the two major parties with an overall majority.

Montreal Matin, a strong supporter of Mr. Duplessis, stresses the present weakness of the Liberals in Quebec and also applauds the Government's decision to call a general election.

Le Devoir, journalistic voice of the diminishing Nationalist point of view in Quebec, criticizes Mr. Pearson's want of confidence motion in the House of Commons and also stresses the Liberal weakness in Quebec.

Le Soleil, of Quebec City, strongly pro-Liberal, publishes an editorial which is most significant for what it does not say.

These four editorials show the most favorable attitude toward the Progressive Conservatives in the French language press since the 1930's.

EDITORIAL NOTES

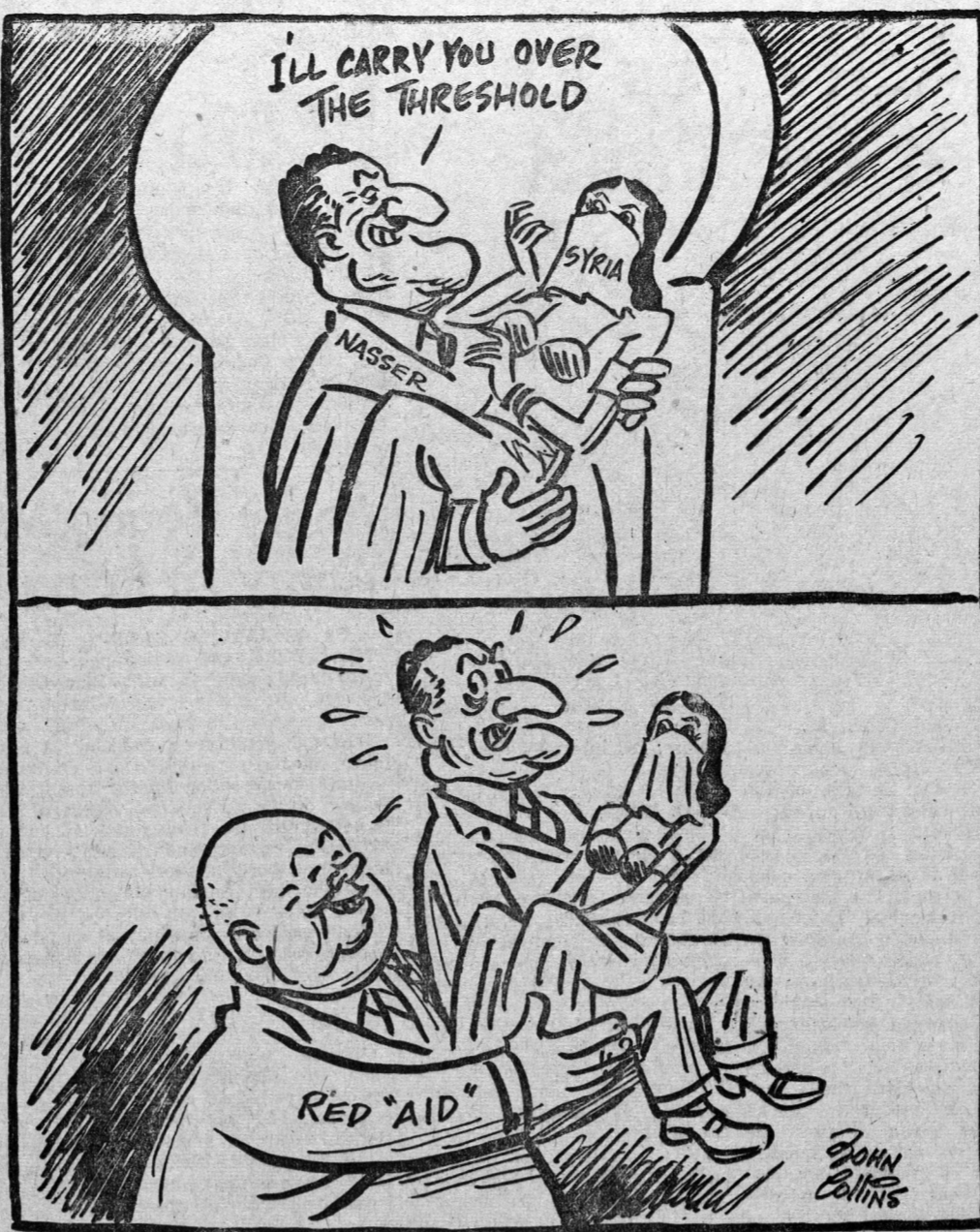
While strong opposition to tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway is developing, particularly among American shippers, Canada is going ahead on the assumption that the project must pay for itself over a period of 50 years.

There are fifty-one seats which can decide the 1958 Federal election.

This is the opinion of The Financial Post which has compiled facts and figures on close contests in the last election. In fifty-one of the 265 seats at stake last June 10, the winner had a margin of fewer than 1,000 votes over the second-place candidate.

Whether oil is found in this Province or not, there will be no shortage of it in Canada for some time to come.

A late report issued by the Canadian Petroleum Association estimates "recoverable oil" in Western Canada as at least 50 billion barrels, exclusive of the Athabasca oil sands in Northeastern Alberta.



THREE ON A HONEYMOON

OTTAWA REPORT

Mr. Pearson's Promises

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: It was a well-rested joke-cracking politician just returned from a long weekend snow-sporting with his grandchildren, who launched the Liberal election campaign at an early morning press conference here last week.

Hon. Lester Pearson, the Liberal Party leader, was back at the old stand, drawing a capacity crowd of newsmen to a press conference; just as in the past his regular weekly conferences used to draw full audiences of newsmen to hear the bow-tied shirt-sleeved and jovial foreign minister describe the world's big diplomatic league outside Ottawa.

It made him appear like Santa Claus, carrying a capacious bag containing some little present for everybody: for the newly-weds, for the high school students for the car-buyers, for the small businessmen, for the home buyers, for the northern prospectors, for the older women, for the sick, for the grain farmers, and for the university students.

LOOKIT THAT GIFT HORSE
But there was a catch in it, for Mr. Pearson was like a store Santa, handing out gifts not free, but paid for by fathers who stood smiling wanly in the background while Santa practised the deception on a line of Juniors.

The cost of the "gifts" offered by Mr. Pearson would be an estimated \$250 to every father across Canada next year.

The immediate reaction to this program was not that it was a transparent bid for electoral popularity, but that it demonstrated how adversity softens a politician's heart. For these alluring promises had not been contained in the last budget of the Liberal government introduced by Mr. Walter Harris only ten months earlier. They were not contained in the Liberal campaign platform even later, last June, at a time when the Liberal Party was riding confident and decided that popularity was their's by right, not by purchase.

But now suddenly, as if in an attempt to recover their lost public support, the Liberals hold out

to us these 1958 election baits. Mr. Lester Pearson explained his points carefully and clearly. The cost of the offered tax cuts, he said, would be \$400,000,000 a year. The cost of the programs to assist municipalities with public works, to build railroads and turnpikes, and to increase certain welfare and educational benefits he had not calculated. It would probably add more than a further \$600,000,000.

"This money," Mr. Pearson said, "might be taken from the two and one half billions which we (the Liberals) put to reduction of the national debt in those years when things were going well."

DEFICIT BUDGETS
He was referring to the regular yearly surpluses, resulting from the over-taxation by Liberal governments in the ten years following the end of the war. His present proposal, namely to budget for deficits in present years, is consistent with the policy expounded so often by former Liberal Finance minister D. C. Abbott, who year after year collected from us in taxes more money than the government needed, and then explained that this was "cyclical budgeting."

By this phrase he meant that the government would overtax and record a surplus in rich years; but budget for a deficit in years when the national economy needed priming.

This promise to budget for a deficit, to spend our way out of the present recession, is the basic theory underlying Mr. Pearson's election program. By thus announcing it publicly, he has repudiated the oft-heard comment of Hon. James Sinclair, ex-Fisheries Minister of the late Liberal Government, who time after time criticised the present government because they appeared to him to be heading for a deficit in their current financing.

Mr. Pearson has made it clear that, no matter which party should win next month's election we will add to our national debt in the year 1958 to spend our way out of the present business slack-off. This, it seems, is the sensible thing to do. Now, all we have to do is to decide what would be the best method of spending that borrowed money.

Whale-Chasing Scientists

National Geographic Society

Scientists are chasing whales these days with all the determination of Captain Ahab after Moby Dick. A big whale may grow as long as four buses parked end to end.

Yet this mighty mammal has proved one of the most elusive animals that science has pursued. No man has ever followed a whale in its dive into the ocean abysses. Few whales have ever been brought back alive for study, and these were minnows compared to their mammoth relatives.

Dr. Paul Dudley White, President Eisenhower's heart consultant, has gone on two expeditions to measure the heartbeat of gray whales. Though the whales were less than cooperative, the expeditions provided information that will aid further scientific work. Knowledge of whale heart action may eventually benefit people with heart troubles.

Another scientist, Dr. John Kanwisher of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, has succeeded in taking a whale's temperature—slightly lower than a man's—with a harpoon-thermometer. Like man, the whale has almost no hair, and is warm-blooded. Scientists have wondered how it regulates its temperature to withstand extremes in the seas.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of question of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

CBC DIRECTIVE

Sir—Your editorial to the effect that the CBC has "banned" use of the word "Yank" is incorrect.

The editorial was probably based on misinformation contained in published reports about a CBC directive. We appreciate that you had no way of knowing the reports were in error. We should like to point out, however, that this was another instance of inaccurate information about the CBC being circulated.

The directive was issued by the CBC central newsroom in Toronto. It was prepared only for the guidance of the CBC news editors, and was designed to be applied exclusively to news broadcasts.

A copy of it is attached. Please feel free to print it. Your editorial also said: "Only in the Deep South, where no one knows or cares anything about the CBC, is (Yank) considered a derogatory designation."

It may interest you to know that we have received a number of letters—all congratulatory—from people in that section of the United States, telling us they are regular listeners to CBC news and other programs. The CBC has many regular listeners in other parts of the United States.

Would you not agree too, sir, that it is a fact that some Canadians use "Yank" in a derogatory sense now and then?

I am Sir, etc., W. E. S. BRIGGS, Director for the Maritime Provinces, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

DEROGATORY WORDS

"Editors should beware of certain words that are commonly used by the ignorant or malicious to belittle other persons whose color, nationality, religion or political views they dislike. Such words as kike, con, mick, dago, wop, pea-souper, square-head, limey, are offensive not only to those at whom they are directed but to many others as well. There are also contractions and nicknames—Jap, Chink, Yank—which, while often used in terms of friendly familiarity, are disliked by those so designated. There are expressions like 'half-breed,' generally accepted a generation ago and still widely used, which carry an unjustified implication of inferiority.

These words should never be used in news unless they are directly attributable and an essential part of a story. Even then, use greatest discretion."

PLEDGES CLEANUP

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—An old-time labor leader, Joseph J. Delaney, took over Friday as president of the scandal-ridden International Union of Operating Engineers and pledged a thorough cleanup. Delaney, 62, came up through labor ranks in New York City as a close friend of AFL-CIO President George Meany.

Changes Come With New Baby

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. Expecting a baby? Then let me give you some practical, down-to-earth advice.

There is no greater thrill than that experienced when you become a parent. Having a son or daughter of your own is just about the best thing that can happen to you.

But a new child in the home means a great change in your life, one that is generally far from the overly romantic dream you cherished during the long months of pregnancy.

The new demands will seem enormous. Both father and mother will be tied down, since a baby is helpless and needs immediate and constant care.

I suggest that all of you parents-to-be adjust yourselves now for the big change in your lives that your tot will bring.

Your baby will make demands that are greater than those found in any other human relationship. He will keep you awake, he will keep you busy.

MANY CHORES
You will have to change diapers (it may seem like a continuous procedure), you will have to make formulas, pick up toys—you will have to do everything for him.

You'll have to spend more money too, and learn to do without some accustomed luxuries. You will feel crowded, worn out.

But you will learn to live with these changes and, even more important, you will learn to love it. As the baby responds, you will yield part of your self-centeredness and learn how to meet his needs in a manner best suited to the individual temperaments of the baby yourself and your spouse.

NEW FOCUS
The infant's complete dependency and your responsibility for meeting his needs will focus your attention on the baby rather than on yourself.

So, in the end you will adjust. You and the baby will be able to live together and enjoy each other.

In the beginning, however, it might be a little rough. Better look at things the way they really will be and prepare yourself for them. Then, relax again in the knowledge that it will be worth it. It makes life complete.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

J. F.: Can rheumatic fever cause pleurisy?
Answer: One of the complications resulting from rheumatic fever is a severe form of pleurisy.

In this disorder, a great amount of fluid settles in the lining membranes of the lungs. It may cause shortness of breath and discomfort.

The Poet's Corner

THE RULES HE LIVED BY
Our father was a farmer, one who read Omnicuriously First, each day he took The Bible, called the family, and led Us in a Psalm. He said, "We all must look To God and praise Him"; and we always prayed. Day-long plowed, or planted grain, or reaped His harvest with good will, and felt repaid. Spare time he read until his thought was steeped In Tolstoy, Dickens, or in Emerson. With us in mind, our father memorized Immortal lines to quote when day was done, Whose golden worth we later realized. He was beloved; the rules he lived by were: Praise God, work hard, read well, And I concur. Victoria Harvey In The Christian Science Monitor

The Age Old Story

O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

ON TV TONIGHT AT 11:15 P.M. LESTER B.

PEARSON

Advertisement for evaporated milk featuring a woman and child, with text: 'for desserts and toppings', 'evaporated milk', 'chill it (icy cold) - whip it', 'Free! Marie Fraser's new Evaporated Milk recipes. Write today', 'DAIRY FARMERS OF CANADA 409 Huron Street, Toronto'

NOTES BY THE WAY

If Shakespeare were alive today, he'd say, "The quality of mercy is not only strained, it is tenderized, homogenized, pasteurized, filtered, artificially colored and flavored, with 400 units of vitamin D added.—Galt Report—"

There is a tendency among some commentators on the Canadian political scene to look upon the provinces as a pack of greedy wolves licking lascivious chops as they make their descents upon the Federal tax revenues. Those who hold that view have little understanding of the multiplying fiscal problems of all provinces.—St. Johns News

A famous opera singer who had reached her forties yet still retained her girlish figure was one day asked the secret of her trimness. "Confetti!" she said. Then, by way of explanation: "Every morning when I get up I toss a handful of confetti on my bedroom floor. Then I bend over and pick it up one piece at a time.—Coronet

Israel has agreed to buy 100,000 tons of Canadian wheat. That amount could be poured from Fort William elevators into eight boats in a few hours. Roughly the Israel order of three and a third million bushels is about one-twelfth of the stock of wheat presently held in the elevators of the twin cities. But it is a welcome order nevertheless.—Port William Times-Journal

A contemporary is worrying what might happen to the politicians campaign schedules if there is a rail strike before the election. But that would be one of the minor consequences in our opinion. Much more serious is the fact that the strike looms at a time when there is no parliament, and the government leaders are preoccupied. Many people and many firms could be badly hurt.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder

MAXIMS

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