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Eisenhower And Congress

In view of the extraordinary pressure that Republican politicians have exercised on President Eisenhower in their almost fanatical wish to have him run for a second term, it is surprising that they have not treated him better in the Congressional session now in process of adjournment.

On balance, the record shows, Republican Congressmen in both Houses disregarded the President's wishes in matters of legislation as often as they honoured them.

Complete Victory
On May 12th last we referred in these columns to a dispute between Robert Moses, New York's Park Commissioner, and mothers living in a certain area of the city, over plans to turn a playground into a parking lot for a nearby deluxe tavern.

It is, of course, true that Mr. Moses changed his mind only when he became convinced that the courts were on the side of the mothers. But that does not in any way detract from the importance of the victory. It shows what alert citizens can do, provided they are firm in their resolve, when lawful authority gets out of hand and regards a commercial enterprise as more important than the wellbeing of young children.

Knowland's Appointment
An interesting recent appointment by President Eisenhower was that of Senator William F. Knowland, Republican of California, to the United States delegation to the United Nations General Assembly.

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frowned upon or directly criticized by Mr. Knowland, with the notable exception of the order to the Seventh Fleet to defend Formosa against any attack by the Chinese Communists; with this he was in complete accord.

Senator Knowland's admirers say he was appointed to the U. N. delegation simply because of his ability which is admitted generally to be of a very high order. His critics fear that the appointment indicates an official loosening of the United States' participation in the activities of the world organization.

New Scientific Interest

About a year ago a number of scientists met in London to discuss whether or not there is any basis for telepathy, clairvoyance, and other extra-sensory activities which have been subjects of controversy for centuries.

Evidence seems to have been presented showing that in certain cases and under certain conditions, mind reading, foretelling the future, and even controlling objects at a distance by a supreme and unexplainable effort of the will, are possible.

It is perhaps of some significance that scientists will now sit down to give serious attention to the unknowable, whereas in the past they refused to recognize the possibility of anything that could not be made the subject of mathematical inquiry and exactitude.

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DELIGHTED TO BE SLIGHTED

The Buried Talent

Richard Gordon in the Winnipeg Free Press

Schools have taken unto themselves or had forced upon them a great variety of additional responsibility lately, but the main purpose of their existence must continue to be the training of children's minds.

In recent years many highly scientific tests have been designed to measure such things as "mental ability," "scholastic Aptitude" and "learning capacity."

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but for a type of skilled labor which can only be provided in quantity by high and rigorously applied educational standards.

The reason for higher standards in our schools, aside from the practical ones we have suggested above, may be found in the parable of the talents, the verdict his talent in the earth was a severe one.

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The Age Old Story
He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.

WORTHWHILE WORK

The reason for estimating a child's ability to do something is only valid if the task you want the child to do is worth doing.

Let us look briefly at some of the results of too low standards in our elementary and high schools.

One is that the universities are forced either to accept students not really qualified for university work, with a subsequent lowering of their own standards, or a disproportionately high failure rate among first year students.

STAY TOO LONG

A third consequence is that some children, urged on by well-meaning teachers and ambitious parents, stay on in school for too long.

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Canadian Geographical Society

James Aubrey Simmons, M.P. for Yukon in a speech in the House of Commons

While I am on my feet I wish to take this occasion to say something about the Canadian Geographical Society and the monthly magazine published under its auspices, namely the Geographical Journal.

In the matter of expenditures to assist exploration, financial aid was contributed by the society to the Baffin Islands expedition of 1950 and 1951; to Dr. Williams for Geographical investigation in the Churchill region; to Dr. Kimble and associates for a survey of the St. Maurice Valley; and to Mr. Laforest with the upper Orinoco expedition.

MEANINGFUL PICTURE

The Journal writers take threads of fragments of Canada's history and geography and over the years weave or blend these into a meaningful and informative picture of Canada as a whole.

LOCOMOTIVE CHASE

NORTH BAY (CP) —A diesel locomotive crew sent its iron horse charging down the tracks Friday night, hot after two men spotted loading railway equipment into a car parked beside the Canadian National Railway tracks near here.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

Do you walk a lot? Let me answer the question for you with a resounding "Yes."

If you are the average American, you probably take between 15,000 and 18,000 steps each day.

LIFETIME AVERAGE
During your lifetime, you will walk an average of 70,000 miles—nearly equal to three times around the world!

OTHER CAUSES
Just being overweight may also result in painful feet. Warm weather sometimes causes feet to ache.

PICK-UP EXERCISE
Try sitting on a chair, your bare feet on the floor in front of you.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
L.P.: I am pregnant and have severe leg cramps. What can I do?

OUR YESTERDAYS
From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 23, 1931)

At the opening session of the Supreme Court the Grand Jury reported that the situation at the Queen's County Jail was not entirely satisfactory.

Maxims
Happiness lies in the consciousness we have of it, and by no means in the promise the future keeps its promises.

CRUISES
THE GREAT WORLD CRUISE—1957

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The average cloud weighs 300,000 pounds. That must include the silver lining.—London Free Press

Some men imitate the owl—they get a reputation for wisdom by hooting at everything.—Edmonton Journal

"Good gosh," said Aunt Annie, looking up from the newspaper in alarm, "I'm thirty years older than sliced bread."—Brandon Sun

Men are inclined to stay in hospitals longer than women, says a doctor. That's a nice compliment to our nurses.—London Free Press

Toronto man home from Russia says he saw a Russian aircraft travelling at 1,500 miles per hour. He must have good eyes. It's hard enough to pick out a jet at 500 mph.—Ottawa Journal

In Detroit a man is suing his wife for divorce because she has thrown things at him for 15 years! The danger is that sooner or later she may get him with a wild pitch.—T.D.F., in Ottawa Citizen

Education cannot be postponed to some future and more convenient time. Learning, on all levels, must be made available to the nation's youth from five years of age onward, and the necessary expenditure has priority over all other government costs except for the maintenance of law and order.—Farmer's Advocate

Next to Shakespeare, what man would you say had the most monuments and other memorials? It is Robert Burns. The Scottish bard has had 14 monuments erected in his honor in his native land.

Girls who believe that high heels set them off at a higher social level will be gratified to learn that two English doctors approve of such elevating trivia.

A locomotive known as No. 12-91, which was one of two locomotives built in the St. Thomas shops of the New York Central System, is at present rusting on a siding here "waiting disposition".

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