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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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South Africa's Choice

The dominant Nationalist Party in South Africa has chosen Johannes Strijdom as successor to Prime Minister Daniel Malan, who has retired at the age of 80.

In particular, Prime Minister Strijdom has been inclined to advocate stronger measures of racial segregation than even Mr. Malan, always described, of course, in terms of seeking the greatest good and maximum development for all segments of the Union's Afrikaans, English speaking, Hindu, colored and black population.

Another policy of Mr. Strijdom, specifically mentioned on his first public appearance as Prime Minister, is that South Africa should eventually become a republic.

Women in Quebec

There is a bill before the Quebec Legislature to delete "married women" from article 986 of the Civil Code, which stipulates that mental patients, drunkards, imbeciles, married women and minors are persons unable to give consent validly.

The bill also provides that married women will have equal rights to legal separation as their husbands. Reports indicate that the change is not expected to result in general equality of the sexes in Quebec.

The men of Quebec should not be too sure that their special position will be so little changed. The effect of repealing the Code provision is that the law as it stood before the enactment is revived.

Unsettled Saar

Will Chancellor Adenauer be able to persuade the Bundestag to accept agreement on the SAAR which he signed at Paris in October as part of the overall negotiations covering European security?

The Saar has been a controversial issue in German politics ever since, after World War I, it was detached from Germany and placed under the League of Nations.

Today the Saar, while not forming part of the French zone of occupation in West Germany, is treated by France as being within that country's customs boundaries and the franc is the unit of currency. Saar

government is more or less autonomous, and leading political figures are largely composed of Germans who, before the war, were refugees in France from Nazidom.

Essence of the new Saar agreement is to preserve largely the present status quo of this important industrial region and to formalize it under an international statute.

Land Hunger in Asia

Under the auspices of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, a new operation has been started in Thailand.

Such a meeting, says the New York Times, takes on more than usual significance because it is focusing attention on the sore spots in East Asia.

Some of the countries that are represented at Bangkok have made significant gains. There has been real land reform, for example, in the Republic of Korea, in Formosa and in the Philippines.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow, the second Sunday in Advent. A comprehensive building programme is under way to provide accommodation for units of the permanent Army.

The consumer price index remained unchanged at 116.8 during October. This steadiness, however, does not reflect unchanging conditions, rather it results from the balancing of a number of increases by decreases in other elements of the index.

The most impressive thing about flying saucers to date is Trade Minister Howe's estimate that it would cost about \$100,000,000 to develop them.

ACADEMIC FREEDOM

John Gay, English poet, died this date 1732. He was the very epitome of the happy, simple-hearted, improvident, good-fellow.

Immigration Minister Pickersgill would like to see the day when there are no more Indian reserves in Canada. "The day will come," he predicts, "when common citizenship is so attractive to Indians that they will abolish reserves and there will be no more distinct states among our people."

FOR CENTENNIAL YEAR, DON'T SPARE THE LIGHTS, IT IS URGED. LEAVE UP YOUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ALL YEAR. MERRY CHRISTMAS. SOME WILL OBJECT, NATURALLY ALL THIS LIGHT WON'T BE APPRECIATED, FOR ONE THING, BY ANYONE ENGAGED IN THEFT. AND WE'RE AFRAID THERE'LL BE ONE OR TWO WHO'LL MISINTERPRET THE SPIRIT OF THE THING.

Light Up And Look In

PUBLIC FORUM

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STRATHGARTNEY HIGHWAY

Sir,—Will you kindly allow me space to express at least some of my thoughts about other sections of our great trans-Canada highway, that lies between Bonshaw and Churchill.

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The Poet's Corner

AT THE LAST

She cometh no more: Time, too, is dead. The last tide is led From the last shore Eternity.

Old Charlottetown

The storm which raged from Thursday night, moderated towards Saturday evening and the temperature then fell to 6 degrees above zero.

THE AGE OLD STORY

For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light. O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

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The Passing Scene

By Observer A BATTLE AND A PARADOX

A battle of unusual magnitude appears to be taking on momentum with the Administration on several important questions.

The chief participant on one side is President Eisenhower, supported by Secretary Dulles, and, on the other, Senator Knowland of California, Republican leader in the Senate.

In some respects the issue is clear; in other respects it is vague. Nor is its course helped very much by the fact that President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles do not always use the same kind of language in stating positions and objectives.

It is a little odd that, for the most part, the Senators who are now calling for immediate action are those who, normally, would be considered Right-Wing isolationists or very nearly so.

Pipers' Road To The Isles

A record 464 students are registered and now in training at Gaelic College Winter schools of Celtic culture.

Senior members of the girls' band will lead the four units initially and it is expected 112 will be chosen for the "Canoe crossing pipe band" will be named before March 30 when final massed formation training will commence.

HANDLE WITH CARE

Skunks are irreflexive animals who throw their jets of pungent scent only in self-defence.

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