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"The strongest members is weaker than the weakest unit."

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U.N. Assembly Meets

According to a Canadian Press report, the South Vietnamese problem is expected to provide the main fireworks in the early part of the United Nations General Assembly session which opened on Tuesday.

African issues also are scheduled to take up much of the three-month assembly session. The African members and the supporting Asian bloc, together making up almost half the assembly membership of 111, are reported planning their biggest offensive against South Africa's racial policies and the Portuguese colonial system.

Taking these two forecasts into account, the bomb killing last Sunday of four Negro children in Birmingham, Alabama, takes on a still grimmer significance. If it were intended to sabotage American prestige in the United Nations it could not have been timed with more diabolical precision.

For Canadians, interest will centre on tomorrow morning's session when Prime Minister Pearson is to speak. This will be like a home-coming for Mr. Pearson, who won his Nobel Peace Prize award for his participation, as leader of Canada's U.N. delegation, in settling the Suez crisis of 1956, and who has been among the most stalwart supporters of U.N. policies.

Despite the "fireworks" which may develop over racial issues at this assembly meeting, it is expected that there will also be noticeable what Secretary-General U Thant has called the "new psychological climate" arising from the nuclear test ban agreement and the prospects it holds out for eventual disarmament. It is this improved climate in international affairs which is the basis of a British commentator's prediction that, if the question of collective financial responsibility for upkeep of U.N. activities can be resolved, this session may well go down as a landmark in the history of the organization.

Mr. Wintermeyer Quoted

One of the things politicians have to guard against is the untimely resurrection of their own past speeches. Mr. Wintermeyer, the Liberal party leader in Ontario, apparently forgot to take this precaution when he maintained that the principal issue of the present Ontario provincial campaign is the Canada Pension Plan, which he claims Premier Robarts is trying to sabotage.

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Mr. Wintermeyer says, won't do. The standards of social welfare and justice, he insists, should be equal across Canada; only a national pension scheme can meet this requirement.

This is the same Mr. Wintermeyer who on April 7, 1960, introduced a motion in the Ontario Legislature urging the Government to bring forward a provincial pension plan. He is quoted by the Globe and Mail as saying on that occasion:

"It is often said that these plans really should be national in scope, that they should not be limited to the Province. Well now, I differ with that observation... It is almost a constitutional difficulty; a pension plan is basically a matter of property and civil rights under the British North America Act. As such, I think it more closely aligned to the Provincial Government than to the Federal Government."

Then, from a very practical point of view, remember this: If we adopted a pension plan in Canada that was national in scope, a plan that was adequate for Newfoundland and would wholly inadequate for Ontario. Their cost of living, their wage scale, is entirely different from ours. So I suggest that the plan, our pension plan, must be geared to a given geographical economy, and I think that Ontario, therefore, must develop its own plan.

It would be interesting to have the comments of the present federal health minister, Miss Judy LaMarsh, on the implications of this statement by the Ontario Liberal leader; but we doubt if they'll be forthcoming. Miss LaMarsh is too much occupied with criticising Premier Robart's stand in the matter. Perhaps the best comment is supplied by the Globe and Mail in a further quotation from a recent speech by Mr. Wintermeyer at Ottawa: "It is most important that we as Liberals conduct ourselves in this campaign with honesty and responsibility and integrity..."

Deplorable, But...

A 37-page document entitled "List of Members of the House of Commons and Consultants" is reported to have been distributed to the staffs of those federal government departments that are in frequent touch with the public. The ostensible purpose of the document, which is marked confidential, is to permit a cabinet minister or his staff to inform any member of the House of Commons, and in a government department and a resident of the member's riding. All the Liberal Party candidates who were defeated in the April 8 election are listed as "consultants."

We get this information from Clip-Sheet, a Toronto publication, which goes on to say: "To inform members of their constituents' requests or complaints is quite reasonable, but the question must be whether the addition to the list of consultants is intended to put defeated Liberal candidates in the position of being able to influence departmental decisions or obtain the granting of government favors. It is a question that should be raised as soon as the sitting of the House resumes in late September. A good many patronage practices were discarded by the previous government, and it is not in the public interest that they be revived."

Frankly, we were not aware that this old political custom had ever been discontinued. If the Conservatives did so it was to their credit; but since all our Island seats in the Commons were filled by members of that party before the last election, it wouldn't have made any difference down here. But even since we can remember, defeated candidates of a party in power, federal or provincial, always have been able to pull a lot of strings, and we doubt whether raising the issue in Parliament is going to put an end to the racket.

Of course, the Opposition parties will be shocked, officially, to learn of the existence of this confidential document and we may expect some resounding speeches on the subject if it comes up for debate. But we fancy that when the dust dies down the old game will go on again, and the "consultants" will be as active in it as ever.

A BRITISH MEN'S WEAR MAGAZINE SAYS A MAN'S TIE SHOWS HIS CHARACTER... THEY SAID IT - I DIDN'T



LIFE PARTY CONSERVATIVE AND CAREFUL WITH MONEY BOW TIE AN EXTROVERT

KNITTED FLAMBOYANT WITH AN EYE FOR COLOR - A GOODMAN AT A PARTY

PARTY TIES

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

The Six Retracted, But What Now?

Thirteen Quebec MPs have broken away from the national Social Credit party to form 'Le Ralliement des Creditistes' under the leadership of Real Caouette. Superficially this looks like the inevitable climax of months of disagreement between national leader Bob Thompson and the Quebec frebrand Real Caouette. But it is the whole story. It will be recalled that, on Easter Monday, just seven days after the federal general election, a sensational document was delivered to Governor General Vanier. This was a declaration, signed by six Social Credit M.P.s from ridings in Quebec Province, that they were 'ready to give our support to a Liberal government directed by Mr. Pearson'.

Year-Round Schools

Christian Science Monitor Each year more colleges and universities in the United States are operating on some kind of year-round basis. With some variation of method, this is true also of high schools and junior high schools in many parts of the country. Some of the higher institutions of learning have pioneered at this with the trimester system pioneered at the University of the Columbia University School of Business says it "has no doubt that the advantages have accrued at a roughly similar result in undergraduate work through gradual expansion of summer school programs in response to demand. This also is by far the prevailing tendency in secondary schools.

Jets That Race The Sun

Ontario Journal verted war surplus DC-3 airliner just like new for about \$150,000 and you were in the airline business. To buy into this Canadian National Exhibition venture might have come away with a profit of \$1,500,000 an hour. The evolution of the airliner in just 17 years has been spectacular.

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Pregnancy And Smoking

Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen It is harmful for a pregnant woman to smoke? This question is coming up more frequently because of the adverse effect on the fetus of thalidomide and other medications. Most women cross the placenta into the fetal circulation, and nicotine is no exception. But the placenta does not cause deformities and in this respect, does little or no harm to the fetus.

Dr. J.R. Zabriskie, last week in Hawaii, concluded a study on 2,000 pregnant women of whom 80 were smokers and 1,920 were non-smokers. In general, those who smoked more than 10 cigarettes a day had smaller infants among miscarriages than those in light or nonsmoker. The prematurity rate was 2.8 per cent among smokers and 3.8 per cent among nonsmokers (C 21) (Time magazine).

Some women develop a sudden distaste for cigars early in pregnancy. It is made little or more often by women who persist until after delivery. Many more women get a similar distaste the odor or taste of coffee.

Smoking in moderation has no injurious effects on mother's milk or the nursing child. But mishaps may occur if the mother smokes while bathing the baby. The hot air may fall on him or the lot may raise an arm suddenly and strike the end of the cord. Infants have been burned in this way.

A LIQUOR CURE Mrs. L.M. writes: My husband drinks rum or Scotch which I burn his excess sugar. Is this true?

REPLY No. The body treats alcohol as it does other carbohydrates. The diabetic can drink but he must incorporate into his diet the calories and the number of grams of carbohydrates of the alcoholic beverages.

JUVENILE ARTHRITIS E.M. writes: Does Still's disease cause fever on and off for long periods, subsiding for a short time?

REPLY Yes. In this form of rheumatoid arthritis that effects children, the temperature often reaches 100 degrees F. daily for months. The spine usually is involved.

REPLY Yes, writes: Is tuberculosis of a gland in the neck contagious?

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REPLY No. If your arches are strong and you do not "point" the feet, the pavement's all day long.

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Travel bargains! Montreal \$1600, Corner Brook \$1800, St. John's \$2300, Sydney \$1150, Halifax \$630, Saint John \$570, Truro \$490, Moncton \$370, Sackville \$280. These are prices of CN's new White Economy Fares. White Economy Fares with sleeping accommodation and complimentary meals are equally attractive. Call CN for details about the Red, White and Blue Fare Plan.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Times have changed. People go out now about the time they used to come in. St. J. has a Times-Journal.

More important for women than the Paris report that they will be wearing helmets to close the head and need for them to wear their hair closer to their heads.—Bransford Expositor.

Franklin's Narcole noted last week that he was getting downright unfriendly places from people around town. It bothered him until he traced the source to the head and neck. It seems the little tyke had a vivid imagination and decided to tell her a lie, not only for stealing guns, but for beating his wife, yet. The little places were quite intrigued with this news and so were some adults.—Princeton Times-Reporter.

Because the Government Travel Bureau thought visitors were taking too many travel folders from its open shelves, the agency entered only by employees. Perhaps not a very good way to tourist business.—Ottawa Journal.

"I practice you've taken enough practice swings," said the golf instructor, "Good," replied his pupil. "Now show me how to club to use to make a hole in one."—Sarnia Observer.

No newspaper writer up to an awakening on resurrection morning would be surprised to see a typographical error in the inscription on his tombstone.—Globe Mercury.

Alabama's Bomb Blasters

By Harold Morrison Canadian Staff Writer The cruel slaughter of four innocent Negro girls in the Sunday dynamiting of a Birmingham church has shocked the conscience of the nation that seemed at times to grow a little weary of civil rights law.

Now more than ever the cry heard around the world for sympathy for the Negro's cause has been heard before.

But in Alabama, the cry for justice for the perpetrators of this crime be another before the law is just another cry for justice for the Birmingham alone there have been 21 bombings against Negroes in the last eight years. No one is tried.

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