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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew" "The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink"

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The Congressional Contest

The personal contest between General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson for the American presidency, notes the Globe and Mail, has proved so lively and dramatic that not much attention has been paid, at least in Canada, to the Congressional election going on at the same time.

A curious feature of the campaign, from the Canadian point of view, is that supporters of General Eisenhower, confident of his personal triumph at the polls, are extremely doubtful if his party can win control of the Senate and not too sure about the House.

The conclusion is that if it turns out to be President Eisenhower, he will have to work with and rely on a Congressional coalition of men who happen to agree with him.

Libel And Slander In Britain

The development of the law of libel took a curious twist at some early period. While the Common Law generally tended to evolve principles which could be applied to the changing nature of cases, the law of libel hardened into detailed rules and lists without very much in the way of unifying and life-giving principle.

The English bill goes further than our own act protecting fair comment but both are a vast improvement on the older state of the law.

Fire, War And Agriculture

Communist hordes smashing at key Allied-held hills north of Chorwon in Central Korea bring the fire of war to a tumbled countryside where in time of peace fire has long been an important, if wasteful, aid to agriculture.

probed the original forests have long since fled. By way of contrast, lush rice paddies cover the floors of the valleys between the Chorwon hills, including the "White Horse Mountain" and "Arrowhead Ridge" of the communiques.

None of the mountains in the Chorwon battle zone stands higher than 2,000 feet, although steepness and craggy irregularities make the hills appear twice their stature to soldiers fighting their way up under fire.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The gardeners of the Gulf are certainly showing their mettle at the Maritime Winter Fair.

Canada's posties, says the Montreal Gazette, will blossom forth next year in new grey uniforms not unlike those of the R. C. A. F. in colour, lighter in weight, and more serviceable.

It is, naturally, good news that Agriculture Minister J. G. Gardiner has announced the continuance of freight assistance on feed grains for another year.

Recruiting seems to be going ahead to the satisfaction of the Department of National Defence. Figures released indicate that the strength of the armed forces stood at 98,961 at the end of September which was the best recruiting month since last April.

There will be a very distinguished gathering in Oxford next summer. Rhodes scholars from many parts of the world will gather there to celebrate the centenary of the birth of Cecil Rhodes and the 50th anniversary of the founding of Rhodes scholarships.

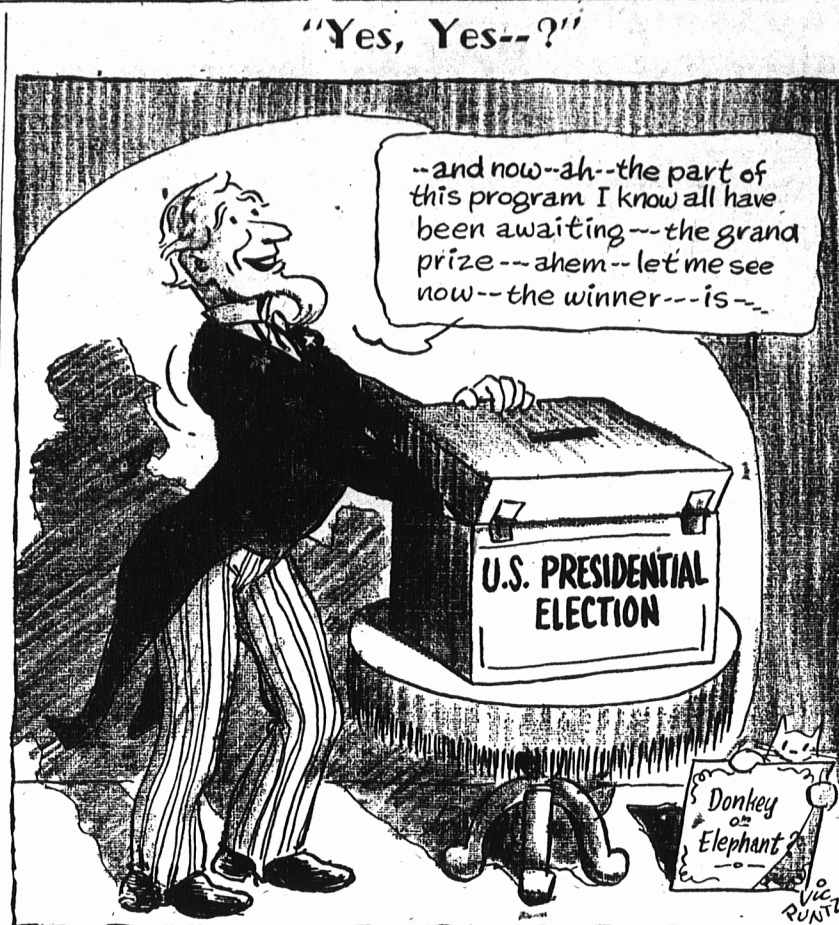
In upholding its historical independence, the House of Commons makes a practice of having a bill of some kind read after hearing the Speech from the Throne and before getting down to work on settling an address in reply.

Britain's first Food Flying Squad Convoy for civil defence emergency feeding has been handed over to the Women's Voluntary Services. It is fully equipped to provide hot meals for the population of the North Midlands in the event of atom bomb attack.

Restrictions on Canadian meats are being lifted. The U. K. Ministry of Food announce that passengers arriving in the U.K. from Canada may now bring in up to 10 lbs. of uncooked meat for their personal or household use.

Another "first" for British aero engineering—the Rolls-Royce Conway by-pass engine—is claimed by the United Kingdom Information Office. Details of design and performance remain secret.

Jakob Ludwig Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, German composer, died this date 1847. Of a wealthy and cultured family, he enjoyed magnificent vitality and capacity for work. Success came at the very start of his career.



The Poet's Corner

NOVEMBER The haws cling to the thorn, Shrivelled and red; The limbs long dead Clutch at a leaf long torn— It taps all day on the spikes As the spume licks over the dikes.

NOVEMBER The reeds creak in the dawn By the dead pond; Dry tongues respond From grasses yellow and drawn; And ever scourged by the wind, The alders clatter and grind.

NOVEMBER No bird walks to the waste Of scentless snow, Where streaming low The steel-blue shadows haste; But through the hard night The dead moon takes flight.

The Age-Old Story

Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

MORE INFORMATION WANTED

Sir,—It appears to me that our leaders of the Island Federation of Agriculture are not too willing to tell the farmers why they refused to give moral support to those who were trying to build a public killing plant for livestock on P. E. Island.

Notes By The Way

There is a difference between a man's approach to a leaking faucet and a woman's attitude to the same mechanical defect. A man, optimistic, hopes the leak will take up that the drip will cease. As he listens to it in the quiet of the night, he can almost persuade himself that the drips are coming further apart.

Old Charlottetown

Among the items in the Dominion Supplementary Estimates in which the Island is specially interested, we note that of \$3,000 for steam communication from Halifax to Murray Harbor and Charlottetown, alternately, and the item of \$1,500 a voyage for five voyages of steamers from Prince Edward Island to Great Britain and back.

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