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ture of their nuclear arms policy. They have boxed the compass themselves on this issue, and it is hard to pin them down as to where they stand at the moment. In a recent CBC "Nation's Business" broadcast, Mr. Pearson said we should have a defense policy "which will not require Canada to become a nuclear power in the sense of making, or using, or securing nuclear weapons for her forces, and which would be under national control." Nor should we have a policy that requires us to be a nuclear power "by having our soil used as a nuclear base under the national control of any other country."

This would seem to bring Liberal policy pretty well in line with the New Democratic Party position, which is against Canada's forces being equipped with nuclear arms, period. But Mr. Pearson went on to explain that Liberal defense policy is still under review. "It is pretty difficult," he said, "for an Opposition, and not always wise in any final sense on a question like joint defense until the election is on, because conditions change very rapidly."

So, if the Young Conservatives have shown a noticeable lack of dogmatism "in any final sense," it is hardly to their discredit in a matter of this kind. There is so much at stake, and so many incalculable factors enter into the problem, that an uncompromising attitude could well defeat its own purpose.

Not Yet Ratified

Regardless of how Ottawa may view General McNaughton's criticism of the Columbia River Treaty with the United States, there seems no good reason why his complaint ought not to be examined by the Commons external affairs committee before the present session of Parliament ends. This treaty, though signed sixteen months ago, has still not been ratified and Parliament has a right to all the information that the retired chairman of the Canadian section of the International Joint Commission can throw upon it. If his criticism is groundless, so much the better.

The reason for the Canadian government's delay in ratifying this treaty is the internal dispute over power development plans with Premier Bennett of British Columbia. Meanwhile pressure is being applied by the United States for action on Canada's part, on the ground that the Northwestern states must soon look about for other power sources if joint development of the Columbia is to be indefinitely delayed.

According to the Ottawa Citizen, which has strong Liberal leanings, the matter is complicated both politically and technically. Canadians themselves have had the impression that the treaty was essentially a compromise, but on the whole a reasonably good deal for Canada, having regard to the price for the downstream benefits. At the same time Mr. H. W. Herridge, MP for Kootenay West—speaking for his New Democratic Party—has been leading the attack on one feature of the treaty which means the flooding and consequent ruin of one of British Columbia's few arable valleys. He and his critics who hold this view believe that alternative dam structures are preferable. Yet Premier Bennett himself has appeared indifferent on this particular point.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The addition of the MV Confederation will help greatly to increase the number of sailings during the summer season at Borden. Now if we could get our winter requirements met in the same manner, there would be less worry both for the railway authorities and for the travelling public.

HEATH MACQUARRIE, M.P. Ottawa.

April is Cancer Control Month in Canada and once again the public is being asked to support the appeal of the Canadian Cancer Society, this time for \$5,519,000. This money is to further the society's threefold program of research, education and services which has been effective not only in improving the lot of the cancer patient but in showing how to prevent cancer in some instances and contributing to the worldwide assault on the disease in the form of patient, cancer laboratories and work. In this campaign we are all vitally concerned, and it is hoped that the appeal for funds on this occasion will receive generous responses.



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

"More On Ballots Than On Business"

While the normal length of a general election campaign is an average of 60 days, a case could be argued that the 1962 campaign has already been fought for that time on the floor of the House of Commons.

In the first ten weeks of this session, 21 days were spent on political wrangles under the heading of considering the supplementary estimates for expenditures, and a further 12 days went in similar partisan speeches, while only 18 days were left for enacting legislation.

This needlessly long discussion of the supplementary estimates already runs to nearly three times the average time similarly spent by the Conservative Opposition in 1952-1956.

Small wonder that Prime Minister Diefenbaker told a Montreal audience that the "de-layering tactics" adopted by the Liberals were "like Ministerial enforcements we wish to place on the country's statute books."

That charge at once prompted the waste of a further 40 minutes of Parliament's time, while Liberals Lionel Chervier and Paul Martin protested that the Prime Minister's speech in Montreal infringed their privilege as M.P.'s. They objected to the "de-layering" of the discussion, but have not held up by tactics designed to delay the country's affairs.

What is happening in the House of Commons is a very odd kind of cross between the Ta and dotted line of the Dominion Election Act. To a question asked by "Q", "don't you know what we are doing?" Did you notice we have got the bill? So we are going to let him do it to us. He expatiated a bit much then that we did things we afterwards regretted, and we acted in a way which the Canadian people condemned."

Mr. Martin thus indicates that the Liberals are trying to adapt to the events of the 1956 debate on the Liberals' infamous pipeline measure, and now trying to turn the tables against the Conservatives.

But whereas the Conservatives are in that position, as well as the CCF and the Socials, had solid reasons for protesting the Liberals' use of closure, and their roughshod trampling of the rights of Parliament, the Liberals have no such ground this time. They are wantonly wasting time and attempting to provoke the government, on trivialities such as Arizona Charlie's theatre in Dawson City; and as Lionel Chervier and others indicated, in trying to destroy by ridicule the vision of the Liberals have suggested, was dreamed up after a visit to Arizona Charlie's bar, and was aimed at building roads, not for the purpose of opening the road to Klondike territory."

JUNE ELECTION SEEN With all eyes on the election now long since expected in mid-June, and with parliamentary attention focused more on ballots than on business, it has become obvious that Prime Minister Diefenbaker has no alternative but to ask the voters as soon as possible to carry on with the important legislation aimed to benefit Canadians, which is now being deferred not in the interest of Canada, but for the purpose so clearly defined by Paul Martin.

Settlement For Kenya

By Doug Marshall Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ten years ago Kenya nationalists set sail for independence on a sea of Mau Mau blood. This week they finally approach the shore of peace.

Barring updates representatives of the Kenya constitutional conference, starting in London for seven weeks, will complete their task to sign an agreement.

Kenya has also agreed to form an interim coalition government with Jomo Kenyatta's Kenya African National Union, proposed by Colonial Secretary Reginald Maudling.

Doctors Greet New Pill With Mixed Emotions

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen THE new contraceptive pill (microcapsules) is not so simple. It has been under investigation for almost 10 years. During this time hundreds of thousands of women have used the product, some continuously for six years.

The pill seems to work completely harmless when employed properly. Pregnancy occurs promptly after discontinuing the pills. The tablet is called an oral anovulatory agent because it does not ovulate.

Some of the women who are unable to take the drug because it led to nausea, vomiting, nervousness and attempts to bleed. But many of these symptoms might have developed even if the women were taking the medication.

The medical profession has mixed emotions about using nor-ethynodiol for this purpose. To date, few gynecologists and obstetricians can find no evidence of harm and are willing to prescribe the pill for women who want to try them.

The main scientific objections are in the areas of bleeding, weight gain, and the possibility of a baby first. If they are infertile they will not need to take the pill, and if they are fertile they will solve the problem for women who worry about getting pregnant.

(Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies reply.)

COFFEE AS DILUTOR

M. K. writes: If coffee dilutes the blood vessels, would it be beneficial in arteriosclerosis?

REPLY No, because the hardening process goes on whether the vessels are dilated or in spasm. On the other hand, once arteries are narrowed because of arteriosclerosis, drugs that dilate these passageways will improve the flow of the blood. Caffeine dilates blood vessels but only if it is strong enough to do much good in these circumstances.

BRONCHITIS COUGH

A. R. writes: Do you cough and expectorate accompany bronchitis?

REPLY Either or both. Bronchitis is inflammation of the windpipe and the bronchi in the lungs. Cough is the main symptom. When it is dry, the individual does not bring up sputum. If it is moist, there is expectoration.

PENICILLIN AND TB

J. H. S. writes: You say penicillin kills germs faster than it can multiply. Does it mean TB germs too?

REPLY No. Not all microorganisms respond to penicillin, and those responsible for tuberculosis are in this category. The medications used in this disease are streptomycin, niazid, and PAS.

TIME AND PULSE

J. P. writes: Is there any scientific truth to the statement that a wristwatch cannot keep accurate time when the pulse is irregular?

REPLY No. This misconception is as old as wristwatches. TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Never take medicine prescribed for someone else.

FOUR CLAIM RECORD

VALLEYFIELD, Que. (CP)—Maybe it's the influence of spring but another one of those endurance records has popped up. Gaston Girard, Jean-Paul Poirier and a group of friends claimed a record after playing billiards for 59 hours and 30 minutes, without a previous mark set by a group of Montrealers by four minutes.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The records kept at Ottawa show that today more than 93 per cent of the babies born in Canada are born in hospitals. This is a statistical matter which will simplify the efforts of future generations to place tablets on the edifices in which Canada's great were born—Cape Breton Post.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 10, 1937) Philip D. LeGon Band, one of the finest ever organized in Charlottetown, and which has functioned since shortly after the Great War, has disbanded because of financial difficulties.

Demographic statistics may be mistaken in stating blonds are disappearing. It could be that an increasing number of brunettes have quit dying their hair.—Sudbury Star.

In New Orleans thieves made away with \$1,000,000 worth of cars from a car. We are more cautious, never carrying more than \$100,000 in our car.—Brandon Sun.

Husband—That fellow on the third floor brags that he has kissed every woman in this apartment building, but one. Wife—'Til he's that stupor Mrs. Jones upstairs.—Montreal Star.

One of the top jobs in the London hotel world is that of banquet manager of the Savoy. The job is traditionally held by an Italian. But now it has been given to 27-year-old Brian, who Brian obviously belongs in tradition, for he has changed his name to Evangelio Brenti.—London Express.

An executive was interviewing an applicant. "The job we have open," he stated, "requires a responsible man." Then the applicant promptly replied the man "Everywhere I have worked when something went wrong they told me that I was responsible."—Galt Reporter.

MEETING OF POTATO GROWERS

O'Leary High School Auditorium Friday, April 13th—2:30 P.M.

This meeting is called to provide growers the opportunity of discussing problems affecting the industry.

P.E.I. Federation of Agriculture

PROCLAMATION

I hereby proclaim April 10th, 11th and 12th as "Blood Donor Days" in Charlottetown.

This is YOUR opportunity to share in supplying "the medicine only people can provide."

I urge all in good health and between the ages of 18-65 to be donors or "boosters"!

A. Walthen Gaudet Mayor of Charlottetown.

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