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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest link"

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Politics In Britain

British Tories are applauding Prime Minister Douglas-Home's decision to postpone the national election until the autumn.

This swing, if reproduced in national polling, could have returned a Labor government to Westminster with a majority of perhaps 100 seats or more.

And what of the national interests and of Britain's role in world affairs? How will they be affected by the postponement?

Newspaper comment however, on the whole commends Sir Alec and sees a reasonable prospect of his achieving a sufficient comeback in popularity by October to win him a small majority in the House of Commons.

In Saskatchewan

No major issue has as yet appeared on the horizon in Saskatchewan, where the CCF government under Premier Woodrow Lloyd is going to the country in a general election on April 22.

The annual report of the Saskatchewan medical care insurance commission shows that in the first full year of operation the program cost (exclusive of administration) an average of \$22.05 per beneficiary.

Saskatchewan, of all the provinces, has maintained a remarkably even pace in its postwar elections—1944, 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960 and now 1964.

That's been the story everywhere, where national health programs have been introduced. There are lots of complaints, but no party would go before the country on a platform to abolish them.

In the 1960 election the government was elected with less than 41 per cent of the popular vote. The Liberals got more than 32 per cent, the Conservatives 14 per cent, and Social Credit slightly more than 12 per cent.

Liberals are viewing with hope the fact that in this contest only two Social Crediters are running, and many of the Conservative candidates are candidates in name only; they do not live in the riding in which they are running.

U.S. Rail Dispute

Personal intervention by President Johnson was all that averted a nationwide shutdown last Friday in the explosive railroad dispute in the United States.

This was indicative of the public concern over ending what is regarded as the nation's toughest and most complex labor dispute in many years.

If the parties fail to reach a settlement, Senate Majority Leader Mansfield has indicated that Congress will consider emergency anti-strike legislation—setting aside the civil rights bill temporarily to do this.

Nowhere are labor union rights more strictly safeguarded than in the United States; but as the President has said, "the national interest, in all cases, is overriding."

British Doctors Complain

From London comes the report that after 15 years the British family doctor, backbone of the National Health Service, is beginning to complain loudly about his own ailments.

There are 23,000 physicians in the British system. Their complaints have increased its volume and, in the last few months, have achieved union through the militant, newly organized General Practitioners Association.

The controversy, which is argued on different levels, is largely an interior one. Doctors' groups argue with each other about an equitable division of the \$2.8 billion that the service costs each year.

But there is widespread agreement that the service has improved the nation's health, offering medical care to thousands who had never seen a doctor or, if they were uninsured, had cringed from expensive treatment or "unnecessary" false teeth and eye glasses.



PAY-OFF TIME

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Still Wrangling Over Special Sitting

The far as it will fly over Parliament's unfinished business sitting on Good Friday, as MPs of all parties tirelessly search their opponents.

Heber Smith says he should have done but failed to do—Mr. Favreau. Mr. Speaker, in order to avoid having to sit on Good Friday, I suggest that the House give unanimous consent to adjourning until Monday, March 20 at 9:30 p.m.

This Conservative MP Terry Nugent, by refusing unanimous consent, forced the House into the still unnecessary Good Friday sitting.

His school books teach us that Christopher Columbus discovered America, sailing his little ship Santa Maria to the Bahamas on 12th October, 1492. That date is observed as a national holiday every year by U.S.A.

Now the Congress of USA has been assured that the true date of North America's first look place nearly 500 years earlier than the arrival of Columbus.

Undiplomatic Diplomats

North American Newspaper Alliance. Many Britons are applauding Washington's action in lifting diplomatic immunity from foreign envoys for driving offences.

And Lord Killearn, a former ambassador himself, reminded the house, "Diplomatic immunity was never intended to cover subordinate staff, like chauffeurs."

These embassies do not encourage their staff to seek this protection. The American embassy in London has been fined for traffic offences, and would only claim immunity if one had to appear in court.

This was passed because the Russian ambassador to his carriage was dragged from the road by an angry mob while he was driving to St. James' palace to see Queen Anne.

Our Yesterdays

Twenty-five years ago (April 11, 1939). Why was the 1939 financial campaign got underway tonight when campaign workers attended a dinner meeting at the gym of the local "V" club?

An instructive program was presented by the A.S.C. (later St. Charles) of the Holy Redeemer parish. Each club contributed a part to the program.

Ten years ago (April 11, 1954). Within the past few days arrangements have been completed for a dental clinic to be held in Alberton.

N.S. EMPLOYER. Construction workers, 22,000, or 6.5 per cent of Nova Scotia's labor force, and pays salaries totaling \$75,000,000 annually.

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Evaluating Techniques

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen. Yesterday we discussed the hyperbaric chamber used in administering pure oxygen under high atmospheric pressure.

Later, the apparatus was modified to treat peptic ulcer by freezing the lining. Several machines were ordered by institutions that wanted to try this new method of treatment.

At any rate, hundreds of machines were installed and some patients had the stomach lining frozen by the cold. This led to ulceration. Others were not helped by gastric freezing.

The majority of victims of duodenal and stomach ulcer have benefited from this type of management. But there have been suggestions that Left or other Vikings settled temporarily in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, about 600 years before Champlain arrived there in 1609.

FOOT STRENGTHENING. B.A. writer: Are there any exercises that will help a dropped foot?

REPLY. Yes. Try to lift the foot, using all the leg muscles at your command. Consideration also must be given to the cause of the paralysis, as correction may be possible.

OTO-ENTHUSIASM. H.B. writer: Could degenerative arthritis of the spine cripple a person?

REPLY. This type of arthritis seldom cripples but it could happen if the condition were neglected.

PATRIOTISM. J.P. writer: Please explain what a blood test proves, so far as paternity is concerned.

REPLY. The man could not be the father if by no means lost in the department's euphemism "severe."

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Veterinary Surgeon: "This cow must have a tuberculosis of this medicine twice daily." Farmer: "It's hard to get a cow to use a tablespoon. She drinks out of a pail."—Montreal Star.

Word comes from Sweden of a whisky-flavored cigarette. There should be some smoke matching it with a tobacco-flavored whisky, thus giving people a whisky as each cigarette is smoked.

Toronto restaurant owner says pretty girls are like a melody insofar as his cash registers are concerned. He claims that when he took over one particular restaurant he was serving 30 to 40 lunches a day. "We changed the menu and put in pretty girls," he said, "and now we sell 150 to 200 lunches a day." All the same, his waiter has also had a pretty good cook.—Hamilton Spectator.

At one time, when we were in Ottawa, we saw a man who was very interested in the electric bill. Sunday Times New Statesman.

Sometimes the man who thinks he has all the answers just didn't understand the questions.—Sarnia Observer.

Probably one of the toughest problems faced by a lot of children nowadays is learning good manners without seeing any.—Slaughter House.

David Douglas-Home, son of Sir Alex, has failed his Oxford prelims and is back in the preliminary time. He passed in economics and politics but failed in logic. His ambition was to follow the Express, to follow his father into politics.—Ottawa Journal.

Nimrod, Britain's new \$11 million atom-smashing machine, can be operated only at weekends because if it were used more intensively there would not be enough money to pay the electric bill.—Sunday Times New Statesman.

The Dope Peddlers

Ottawa Citizen. An experiment with narcotics addicts, now being conducted in New York, deserves to be watched by the Canadian authorities.

The Canadian authorities have always restricted the legal supply of narcotics to addicts, preferring to attack the narcotics racket by police methods. Yet the proof of any method is in its results.

"And Smile, Smile, Smile" Victoria Daily Times. A recent official directive from Ottawa contains a remark which is worthy of note.

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