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New Dreadnaught

The Royal Navy's first Dreadnaught set sail for Cadiz under command of Sir Francis Drake to "sing the bard" of the King of Spain. That was a long time ago. Britain now has her ninth ship of that famous name, and we wonder what Drake would say if he could have seen her performance the other day off Plymouth.

The new Dreadnaught, commissioned last March, is Britain's first nuclear-powered submarine. She has already logged over 15,000 miles on evaluation trials, but many aspects of her performance remain secret. On a recent trip to Gibraltar she is believed to have exceeded 30 knots under-water. The most the Royal Navy will claim for her officially is 25 knots, with a deep-diving performance of better than 400 feet.

Like similar submarines in the United States, Dreadnaught has the latest long-distance sea-war equipment and homing rocket does of extreme accuracy. Her crew of 61 officers and 79 ratings represent the cream of the Royal Navy submariners.

Apart from her own obvious capabilities, Dreadnaught has been marked out as the linchpin of future British submarine policy. It is also expected that she will give designers of Britain's emergent Polaris submarine fleet some vital clues. Already the authorities have begun to amend their ideas about the role such ships will play as an escort for surface task forces—a royal guard, in fact, for Royal Navy warships assigned to so-called "fire brigade" operations. Fear of the need for British naval intervention in the area around Borneo, possibly against Indonesian submarines, has brought this application to the forefront.

It is expected that Dreadnaught will travel to the United States next summer and call at several ports there. Perhaps the authorities can be persuaded to have her honor us with a call here during our centennial celebrations?

Hat In The Ring

We note that in the U.S., the National Prohibition Party not only survives but has already fielded its candidate for the 1964 presidential election. The nominee, Prof. E. Harold Munn, dean of the college of education at Hillsdale, Michigan, was picked on the first ballot at the party's recent convention in St. Louis. He wasted no time in assailing what Prohibitionists for almost a century have been claiming as the basic issue in every campaign—booze.

Roots of the prohibition movement run deep in American history. Just after Georgia was chartered in 1793, the trustees prohibited manufacture and importation of rum and brandy. But it wasn't until the Civil war that the Prohibition Party was formed; and despite the aid and downs of fortune it has had a man in every presidential contest since, even though it has never received a single electoral vote.

The party's best showing was in 1892 when John Bidwell of California got 264,133 votes against Cleveland's five and one-half million. Its greatest hour, however, was in 1920 when national prohibition was enacted. The party's influence today is negligible, at least on the national scale, but it always accumulates enough money to run a presidential candidate. It has thrown its hat into the ring this time with characteristic punctuality.

EDITORIAL NOTE

"The federal-provincial conference last week and Miss Judy LaMarsh's free-wheeling cynicism at a press conference increase suspicion that the Government will offer Parliament a half-baked pension scheme," says the Ottawa Journal.

"As things are now the plan seems to have been given no more study than the famous Liberal 'Truth Squad' which Miss LaMarsh was a member of in the last election campaign and which Mr. Pearson had to scrub out after a week or so of foolishness."



THE HUNTERS TAKE TO THE WOODS

Ottawa Report by Patrick Nicholson

Why Luxury Tax On Prescribed Drugs?

Statistics recently compiled reveal that the greatest hardship suffered by sick Canadians is inflicted by the federal government. This stems from the government's profiting from sickness, by taxing prescribed drugs. The largest controllable factor in the make-up of drug prices today consists of government taxes, which now add up to more than double the total net profit made by the industry.

The late United States Senator Estes Kefauver hit the newspaper headlines four years ago, when he presided over the enquiry by the Senate Anti-trust and Monopoly Committee into the retail prices of drugs. The economic facts of life of the ethical drug industry are both complicated and unusual.

Home-Hunting Warblers National Geographic Society. Kirtland's warbler, a song bird that thrives on forest fires, has something to write about conservation agencies are trying to accommodate its finicky nesting habits.

The conservationalists may go so far as to set forest fires—small and controlled—just to create ideal nesting sites for the rare bird.

The Michigan Department of Conservation and the United States Forest Service have reserved 100,000 acres of land in Michigan for the thousand surviving Kirtland's warblers.

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Detecting Palsy Cause

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The cause of parkinsonism (shaking palsy) is not known. But considerable research has been done during the last decade in an attempt to determine why the malady develops. Some theories have been advanced. But no one is quite certain what the condition factors are. It is the typical shaking of the hands and head, along with stiffness of the muscles, that becomes noticeable for at least 30 years after birth.

Dr. George G. Spelman of St. Louis City, La., consulted by a 36-year-old woman with the condition. He was able to trace it back three generations. The great grandfather had eight children, three of whom had parkinsonism. One was the patient's grandmother, who had four children, three of whom were afflicted, including the mother of the patient. The 80-year-old victim was the first of nine children to manifest characteristic symptoms. A younger brother was stricken.

Meanwhile chemicals have been tested in the blood, in the urine, and in the brain of individuals with the disease. Some findings suggest an "inborn error of metabolism; in this case the individual is born with a shortage of certain chemicals or enzymes.

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May Serve Useful Purpose

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Staff Writer Nobody could claim that United States policy in Asia is a completely new departure. The humiliations of Viet Nam may ultimately serve a useful purpose.

They may underline the lesson, already dimly absorbed in the years of containment, that automatic anti-communism is not necessarily the only criterion for supporting a particular regime. However desperate the strategic situation, some people of the country want to see the leadership of Ngo Dinh Diem, not so much because of his leadership, but because of the influence exerted by his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, and his brother-in-law, General Tran.

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