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Parliament Dissolved

With Parliament dissolved and the general election less than two months away, the political campaign may be expected to get into full swing almost immediately.

Meanwhile, Canada will be without members of Parliament, at least technically, until August 8. This is the date set for the return of election writs for the winning candidates in the House of Commons.

The last session has been a comparatively quiet one, but there are many controversial issues stemming from the previous sittings which will likely be revived in the coming campaign.

At least three provinces are reported to have been "overpaid" by the Federal Government. If this sort of thing keeps up it won't be long before the system will be changed from Federal-Provincial grants to Provincial-Federal grants.

Some idea of the power possibilities of the future may be gathered from the latest news about the atomic submarine 'Nautilus'.

Nfld. Vs. Canada

A favorite debate in the current session of the Newfoundland Legislature has been the matter of the Province's status under Confederation.

As far as the Newfoundland people in general are concerned, there is no telling just what the preponderant sentiment is, except of course in so far as the legislators speak for the popular opinion.

live when the country's political future was being shaped, there is a marked tendency to disparage union with Canada.

During the last night of the Regional Drama Festival, Adjudicator Cecil Bellamy received prolonged applause when he said "I have found in Newfoundland, as in Canada, the sets have been well done."

The same story, in somewhat different form, comes frequently from other sources. The inference seems to be that it is going to be some time before the people of Newfoundland's capital city are going to take enthusiastically to the fact that, for good or ill, they are now Canadians as well as Newfoundlanders and St. John's-men.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An official of the Quebec Apple Producers Association thinks that "in alcoholic form, surplus apples might find more favor."

Among the many annual appeals to the generosity of our citizens none is more important or necessary than the one sponsored by the Salvation Army's Red Shield.

Look out for a cold, rainy Spring. That's the word from Sir Ivan Thompson, Captain of the liner Queen Elizabeth.

Another blow to the die-hards: the Navy, after ten years of interest in the Royal Air Force, is now reported to be expending the boys in light blue will be more concerned with handling the new missiles that Britain is to make and America is to send.

Pushing the cuts through Parliament will be sandy's next - and perhaps toughest - job. Sandys is quite a character - square-jawed, rusty-haired, in his 40s now but looking as if he could still hold his own in a physical as well as a Parliamentary scrap.

Secretary of State Dulles says the United States "will continue to use its influence" in pursuit of Middle East peace. So far, United States' influence hasn't had much control over Middle East problems.

Important industrial uses for radioactive "ash" from nuclear power stations have been forecast by specialists in the United Kingdom as the result of research carried out by the Atomic Energy Authority.

In a move to strengthen his hand, Hussein promoted his chief military aide, Brig. Mohammed Maatya to major - general and made him director - general of public security. Maatya, former Jordan military attaché in Damascus, replaces Maj.-Gen. Bahjat Tabbarah, who was given a long-term leave of absence.

Secret intelligence reports received by diplomats in London say the crisis between Hussein and Nabulsi reached a climax over the mission of President Eisenhower's special envoy, James P. Richards, now touring the Middle East.



THE BIG ONE THAT GOT AWAY LAST YEAR

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Facing Nuclear Age

By "Onlooker" of the London, England Bureau of Thomson Newspapers

Britain's just-announced cuts in defence costs - a whittling down of Regular forces strength to 357,000, cutting costs by \$607,000,000 during the coming year as a start - shows how Britain is at last facing facts in this nuclear age.

Thanks to him, a truck in which Sandys, then a colonel in the Artillery, was travelling crashed in Norway in 1940. Sandys was invalided out.

So he turned to politics. It was he who first attracted notice by assessing the possible effect of Germany's creation of the flying bombs and the rockets of World War II. He came out of the war very rocket-conscious. The result Britain is seeing today.

With his announcement of defence cuts, which will be debated at Westminster before Easter, Sandys had kicked off a busy season. There will be harsh speaking on Cyprus, with more acid comment on the release of Archbishop Makarios. When East comes along, Members of Parliament here - and especially Mr. Macmillan, the Prime Minister - will have earned a rest.

Talking of Easter - it looks as if it might be a good one here. The winter has passed without that seven - or eight week period of cold and fog, snow and sleet which marks January and February a bit of an ordeal for Londoners.

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cottages inhabited by an old widow and her son. The son wanted to go to sea, and promised to be home by Easter. He did not return.

But that Easter, and for every Easter until she died, the old woman put aside a hot-cross bun for her son. When she did die, neighbours found the buns, and in the son's memory hung them from the ceiling.

There are other indications that this might be a bright Easter. As I write, the annual Budget is within a few days of publication. It is expected to bring some relief - not, it is true, as much as most Britons hope, but some.

Looking for most relief is what used to be called the middle-class - the upper-working class now. There are the people in the \$2800 - \$3500 a year salary group.

In more recent years it has been more sedate. Attack has come mostly from the cheaper, brighter papers like the mass-circulation "Daily Mirror," which goes into no less than 4,000,000 homes, and the Beaverbrook controlled "Daily Express" for this week, anyhow - the old lady has first place in the firing line.

On the entertainment front, I must record a "No Comment" on the latest production on the West End stage, a piece by an Irish writer called Samuel Becket, written in French, in which both main characters speak from a garbage can.

In the cinema, it is good to see another good British war film. It is called "Yangtze Incident." It stars Richard Todd, and Michael Anderson directed. Thus the two men who helped to make "The Dam Busters" such a roaring success have got together again.

This year is about the British frigate "Amethyst" that was bombarded by Communist shore batteries in the Yangtze in 1949, ran aground, and was a sitting duck for three months before it got away. Told without Hollywood blood-and-gory, the facts triumphantly speak for themselves.

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

PROBLEM DRINKERS Sir - It is with much interest that I have been reading the letters in the Guardian concerning the opening of taverns on P.E.I. Should we not in Canada be thinking of spending more money on the curing of this illness rather than the spreading of it?

It is a known fact that eighty-four per cent of the population of Canada over twenty years of age will drink and that one out of sixteen of these will become alcoholics.

Here in Alberta we have twenty-two thousand problem drinkers, and I am sure that according to its population P.E.I. must have as many.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

TAKING LIFE EASIER HELPS HYPERTENSION HYPERTENSION, or high blood pressure, a widespread ailment on this day of the income tax deadline, is our most common chronic complaint. It causes more disability and death than any other single disease.

Actually, there is no need to be unduly fearful of this disorder. By recognizing the symptoms, obtaining prompt medical attention and by following your doctor's advice (among other things to take life easier) you can as a rule live a fairly normal life without much danger.

Now I don't want you performing a diagnosis on yourself. Even a doctor has difficulty diagnosing high blood pressure from symptoms alone. He must conduct an extensive examination before he can say you have hypertension.

Most common and most incapacitating symptom is frequent headaches. Although a headache may occur at any time of the day, generally those due to hypertension are around when you wake in the morning.

Headaches can be especially dangerous to a person with high blood pressure. Often they make a person tense and irritable. And this can lead to still higher blood pressure.

A feeling of lightheadedness or dizziness may be an indication of hypertension. Generally, though, this particular symptom is itself isn't cause for too much worry.

Both physical and emotional fatigue frequently are signs of early hypertension, especially when it is accompanied by perspiration, palpitation of the heart and a rumbling of the bowels.

While these symptoms may mean that you have high blood pressure, they don't reveal the extent of your trouble. That's a job for your doctor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER C.T.: I had my blood pressure removed about eighteen months ago. Three weeks ago, I developed a pain in my stomach, under my shoulder blade, in the right side. What do you think could be causing this?

Answer: It is impossible to tell from the description given, the cause for the pain. Not infrequently, following the removal of the gallbladder, pains due to spasm of the bile duct may occur. It is possible that a stone may have formed in the bile duct.

You are in need of a careful study to determine the exact cause for your difficulty.

He takes the tractor once more to the fields, "berly grateful to be back at work For two of those imprisoned by the cold

Were set free in the glacial halls of death. Young men will work their fields this Spring instead. Boys in their teens or busy, husky wives.

He is the old man of the farmlands now. He knows his stiff old bones will ache tonight

But slowly now he feels the vigor steal into his lean, gaunt frame. Ho! It is Spring!

And suddenly the old sweet warmth is here to stay. And life is swinging back across the fields.

Summer will return this year as always. Finding his part in all the busy world. The tractor roars. He sets it on its way.

Sun on his back and joy within his heart. By God! This proves it! He's a good man still!

NOTES BY THE WAY

Just to indicate, the rising cost of education, the most vital of our public services, let it be noted that the budget of Ottawa's public school board for 1957 is set at \$5,307,259.—Ottawa Journal

The Manning government is behaving like a government that has lost confidence in the people and is scared stiff of being forgotten when the next provincial election rolls around.—Lethbridge Herald

Wives are advised by a medical savant to coddle their husbands after 40. So, girls really give him a tough time when he's 39; it's your last chance.—Winnipeg Tribune

Sir Ralph Richardson, one of the "greats" of the present-day stage, says, "I'll bet if you'd clean out all those dead cowboys from the bottom of the set it would work again!"—Guelph Mercury

The TV repairman was trying to locate the trouble in the customer's set. A six-year-old was watching the operation in fascination. He finally said: "I'll bet if you'd clean out all those dead cowboys from the bottom of the set it would work again!"—Guelph Mercury

In Ottawa, office boys have come into their own at last. On Parliament Hill federal civil service has taken the lead in giving 300 office boys a few and longer therefore, productivity title. They will be known henceforth as clerical assistants—and any department head who calls one an office boy will be presented with the cold cup of morning coffee he so richly deserves.—Hamilton Spectator

A Chicago traffic judge is throwing out speeding charges brought to court on radar evidence. He is doing it on the grounds that it does not constitute a witness which a defendant can meet in court face to face. The judge may be right. Radar has failed to avert ship collisions. Who can say it will never fail when computing the speed of an automobile? — Fort William Times-Journal

Kirkland Lake woman, 103 years old, has 230 descendants. Why depend on immigration? — Windsor Star

An armless man has been accused of forging a cheque with his feet. Some modern paintings look like the product of the same process.—Toronto Telegram

In answer to a poll, citizens un-animously state that they would not wish to be politicians. But, of course, nobody starts out to be a politician. They're all trying to be statesmen.—Orillia Packet

Few people seem to understand that what the government provides, with a substantial charge for bureaucratic handling, it must first take away from them.—Miami Herald

Allan G. MacNab, Ontario registrar of motor vehicles, from long experience with drivers in accidents, recently pointed out: "An aggressive driver is bound to get into a situation that is too tight to get out of, sooner or later."—Brandon Sun

The Senate is unhappy that it does not get more publicity. The answer is simple. Let the Senate do something and let it become something more than a rubber stamp for the Government and the newspaper correspondents at Ottawa will soon be covering the Upper House.—London Free Press

One of the reasons so many youths get in trouble on various counts such as theft of cars is that they haven't learned what older people know: you can't get away with it. They think they are smart but fail to realize that there are some smart police officers too.—Port Arthur News-Chronicler



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