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Changeover At Ottawa

There is no doubt that Mr. St. Laurent has followed the wise course in submitting his government's resignation...

In the circumstances, it is not likely the Opposition parties will precipitate an immediate request of this kind...

It is doubtful, however, whether any lasting alliance can be made with the splinter groups and it seems inevitable, at this point, that sooner or later a fresh mandate for the Conservatives will be required...

The Surplus Problem

A more detailed report from the meeting of the International Association of Agricultural Producers, recently held at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana...

These principles are: (1) The solution of problems of agricultural surplus disposal should be sought through efforts to increase consumption rather than through measures to restrict supplies...

The United States was a signatory to these principles, as was Canada. But for several years past the United States Government has seen fit, for political and economic reasons, to throw its huge surpluses on world markets on terms which bear little resemblance to normal trade patterns...

It is not an easy problem to solve; nor did the IFAP at its annual conference pretend that it was. It is questionable whether any country has the moral right to hold back surpluses of any agricultural product so long as half the world's population is hungry...

have, and they have in fact had, a most unsettling effect on marketing. The suggestion of the IFAP is that an inter-governmental meeting on a high level be held soon to try and bring about an adjustment that would encourage production and at the same time allow for orderly marketing.

One thing must be emphasized: Whatever surpluses there may be and however big they may be, they are not big enough to feed the peoples of the world. It would be a crime under such conditions to restrict production. There should be some other way, as the delegates at Purdue insisted, to solve the problem of surpluses. It is to the credit of farmers the world over that they want to make the best possible use of their land. This is a mystical quality which ought to be respected at all times and under any international system of marketing.

The Big Lie

Early this month the United States' Atomic Energy Commission decided to sponsor a project to determine the amount of radioactivity in human, animal and plant life in the jungles of the Amazon River in South America. This would be part of a world-wide study of the effects of fall-out from nuclear tests.

The Soviet propagandists, however, have a different story. They are telling all who read their newspapers and all who listen to their radio broadcasts that the United States is planning to drop hydrogen bombs on the Indians who live in the jungles just to see how they react to terror. They call this "20th century cannibalism". An article in "Komsomol'skaya Pravda", the official youth magazine, calls on the "civilized world" to "stop the hands of these human beasts", meaning the Americans.

This is the big-lie technique which the Russians took over from Hitler and expanded a hundred-fold. It is, in fact, the greatest single weapon in Soviet diplomacy. The idea of the Americans or the British—or, for that matter, the Russians—dropping hydrogen bombs on a primitive tribe for purposes of experimentation, or indeed for any purposes, is a ludicrous one. But we may be sure that many millions of Asians and Africans, to whom the lie is addressed, are not quite sure whether the charge is true or false. Their uncertainty is not diminished greatly by the reaction of United States' authorities, whose attitude seems to be one of amazement that anyone could spread such a rumour about American intentions, let alone believe in its accuracy.

EDITORIAL NOTES

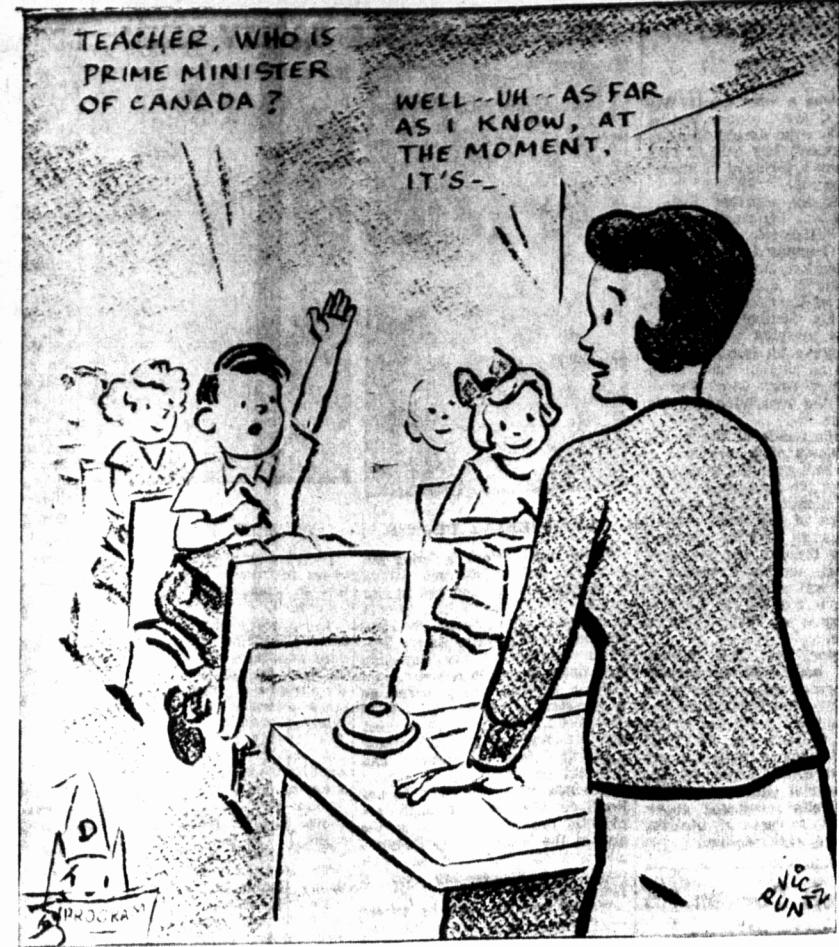
Madame Helen Schweitzer, wife of the famed medical missionary, musician and humanitarian, died in Switzerland recently at the age of 79. Mme. Schweitzer, a trained nurse, assisted her husband at his hospital in French Equatorial Africa.

Under an agreement recently arranged Japan will buy unlimited quantities of Australian wheat. In return certain types of Japanese goods will enter Australia on a new tariff scale much more favourable to Japan than the one it displaces.

Canada's trade is no longer confined almost exclusively to the United States and the United Kingdom, as was the case not so many years ago. According to statistics published by the Department of Trade and Commerce exports to "third countries" in 1935-36 were up 216 per cent over the 1938 figure.

A camp for boys has been established on the Mulungushin River in Northern Rhodesia as a memorial to the late King George VI. Money for the project was donated by Africans, Europeans and Asians. The camp is similar to the one established in Britain by the late King George V. In the new camp, as in the older one, boys of all creeds and classes will work and play together.

Of the seventeen Ministries that have served Canada since Confederation, all but two have been Conservative or Liberal Administrations. During World War I, two Unionist governments were in power between 1917 and 1921. The first Unionist Cabinet sat from 1917 to 1920 under Prime Minister R. L. Borden and the second from 1920 to 1921 under Prime Minister Arthur Meighen.



LET'S SEE NOW

Minority Regimes In Canada

By Heath Macquarrie

Last Monday's election has caused many Canadians to take a new look at their political structure and to think seriously about its functioning. Except for the 1945 contest, most elections in the past thirty years have been one-sided affairs which gave the winning party an overwhelming parliamentary majority and reduced the Opposition to a serious numerical weakness. But today no party has an overall majority of House of Commons seats and the nation's affairs must be carried on by a minority government, that is, one which cannot count on the sustained and consistent support of a majority of the members of the lower house of the national legislature. Prospects of coalitions and inter-party working agreements are much to the fore.

In countries like France, Italy and many other multi-party minority governments are the usual thing and the political process is adjusted to the kind of manoeuvring which is necessary to carry on the business of governing. But Canada, although it has had three and four party systems since the end of the first war, is still a two-party state and our political structure is geared to the operation of two large parties, one functioning as the government and the other as the official opposition. When this simple and clear-cut division of labour is not present there is uncertainty and confusion on the part of people who are disturbed by the unfamiliar.

Perhaps a better precedent would be the 1921 election which also failed to give any party an overall majority. In that contest the Conservatives reaped the full harvest of war-time discontent and elected only 50 members while the Progressives sent 67 of their number to Ottawa. Mr. King's Liberal following of 116 fell just short of a majority but he was able to carry on for a normal four-year term. Britain, too is a two-party state but there too there have been minority governments. Both labor governments formed by Ramsay MacDonald lacked a majority in the House of Commons.

THE PROSPECTS

The situation in Canada today is neither new nor necessarily unfor-

Election Tab \$12 Million

Financial Post, Toronto

OTTAWA (Staff-Business Wire) — Staff-Business Wire reports that the next election—should it be held this year—will cost the country \$12 million.

The voter seldom contributes a nickel directly. Politicians will still look to business though when business (i.e. a oneowner enterprise could expect a favor in return have long since past. And business, as politicians admit privately, will continue to contribute on a purely public-interest basis.

Size of the tab is beyond estimate here now but it could be larger than the one for this election which came to a little more than \$12 million.

The breakdown: Liberal headquarters spent \$3.5 million. Candidates spent from a few hundreds to close to \$50,000, with a probable average of close to \$15,000. Headquarters gave all candidates \$4,000 "safe" winners \$20,000 and cabinet ministers \$25,000.

Conservatives were pinching pennies from the start, spent just under \$1.5 million through headquarters; candidates averaged another \$7,000.

But they hope to do better next time: already voters are being made by contributors who were cool only a few weeks ago.

Both Social Credit and CCF parties spent peanuts by comparison. CCF tally hasn't come in yet but it won't be far off the scored figure of a near-unbelievable \$20,000 made by contributors; plus candidates' average of another \$800-\$1,000 each.

Government expenditures of taxes from business and citizens for election machinery will be a little more than all parties: about \$6.75 million.

(Some \$200,000 went just to the Queen's Printer for stationery; 60,000 enumerators got 10 cents a

High Altitudes Bad For The Heart

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Planning a vacation in the mountains this year? It's a wonderful idea—providing you don't have severe heart or lung trouble.

As a general rule, persons with either of these ailments find it difficult to breathe at high altitudes. The reason is simple: the higher you go, the lighter the air becomes, and the less oxygen pressure there is.

All of us need oxygen. In fact we can't do without it for much longer than a minute without losing consciousness. If we were to go for five minutes without any oxygen at all, our nervous system and brain would be irreparably damaged.

How much oxygen we need depends, of course, upon our health and our activities. If we exercise, become excited or have a fever, we'll need much more than when we are resting comfortably.

Only about 21 per cent of the air we breathe is oxygen. With less air density, then, there naturally is less oxygen, so you have to put forth more effort to breathe in order to obtain a sufficient amount. If you have a crippled heart or lung, this extra effort eventually might prove a great strain.

Symptoms of oxygen deficiency vary, but they usually include dizziness and nausea. If it develops gradually the victim may lose his appetite, feel tired, become mentally sluggish, have a poor memory and be belligerent and stubborn.

There is another thing to consider, too. If you have heart or lung trouble, don't plan any long flights unless the plane has a pressurized cabin. Most of the big commercial airlines have such protective cabins.

All in all, I suggest that you heart and lung patients consult your doctor. He might suggest that you may do better to plan a vacation at the seashore or at least in some pleasant spot at sea level. You'll breathe easier if you do.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

P.J.C.: could exercise be harmful for one suffering from hardening of the arteries?

Answer: Exercise in moderation probably would not be harmful for one suffering from hardening of the arteries. It would depend entirely upon the condition of the heart and the amount of hardening that has occurred. Your physician, after careful examination, will be able to tell you the exact amount of exercise you ought to take.

The Age Old Story

Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

The Poet's Corner

TRANSFORMATION

Where once the mill wheel turned to grind the grain. The old mill has been put to use again. Transformed with care and made into a home. Below, the waters with cascading foam. Drop sharply in a little waterfall. The mill wheel does not turn, but by the wall. It stands, reminder of an earlier day. When neighboring farmers came and went away. With flour and corn meal for their wives to use. In Baking, Through the trees are distant. Of wood and meadow, peaceful countryside. How good it is to see this mill abide. Renewed with paint and hours of repair. Refurbished brightly, not abandoned there. A gay, red landmark, changed, but inevitably be conducive to it. Before very long it is likely that a fresh appeal to the people will bring a clear-cut mandate but the intervening weeks or months should prove rewarding and instructive to the student of government. Our political life is now sufficiently mature that the nation should be able to accept the present balance of power without any long or short range ill effects.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian's Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(June 18, 1932)

At a joint meeting last night of the Summerside School Board and the Town Council, the plans of Mr. J. M. Hunter, architect, for an addition to the east side of the school were approved. Tenders are to be called immediately and the work is hoped to be completed before the opening in September.

Dr. Grant Flemming, Professor of Mental Hygiene at McGill University, conferred yesterday with the Provincial Government on matters connected with the proposed reconstruction of Falconwood. Dr. Flemming will return to the province in about ten days when a further conference will be held.

TEN YEARS AGO

(June 18, 1927)

The Canadian National Fox Breeders Association urged the recreative society, the inner circle of an elite, and the catchword, the slang phrase, the esoteric idiom, have never quite lost that particular characteristic.

Rising, tipping, smashing, diving, the accentuation and pronunciation of such adverbs as actually and positively, the language dealing in alligators and crocodiles, these had their day and ceased to be—or are still enjoying it—and write their particular footnotes to class distinctions and social history.

Perhaps a hot piece of calico will in the future be numbered among them. Perhaps but the obstinate conviction remains that there is something wrong with it— but then the cat's whiskers, which is, as it were, in the calico cat's gory, never seemed quite right either.

SLANG A PASSWORD

In preparatory school days slang was, after all, a kind of password proclaiming membership of a se-

NOTES BY THE WAY

A woman will look into a mirror anytime except when she is about to pull out of a parking space.—Galt Mercury

President Eisenhower is revealed as a rabid roofer for the Washington Senators, which is about as risky a choice as some of the dainties John Foster Dulles has backed in the international league.—Winnipeg Tribune

The basic system of the unions is democratic. But unions are slow by learning what many countries have also learned from bitter experience. Apathy and irresponsibility on the part of the people renders a democracy ineffective. In short, unions and countries get the government and leaders they deserve.—Kingston Whig-Standard

At a church picnic some of the no good men decided to fix themselves a special watermelon, so they plugged it beforehand and filled it with bourbon whisky. To their horror, they saw one of the ladies taking this particular melon over to the table where the pastors and elders were dining. They all look to the bushes, but had one of their number remain as a spy. He joined them later and they asked him: "Did they eat the watermelon?" "Yes," he said, "and put the seeds in their pockets."

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A Hot Piece of Calico

London Times

Phrase-book jokes and the kind of language results from the literal translation of idiomatic phrases have, over the years, proved a rich source of innocent, if somewhat obvious, merriment and there is no intention of drawing from that source, of tapping that particular vein, here. Yet it is difficult to pass over in silence one of the sentences in a Manual of Modern English Conversation which has been published in Hong-Kong.

This work is, it appears, much in favour with students teaching themselves languages, and, if it is followed with due care and attention, one of them may at any moment now come out with the following friendly comment on some young woman whose appearance has been called to his attention: "I always heard," he will announce with a beaming smile, "I always heard Miss Liv was a hot piece of calico."

So much for the joke, such as it