

**Picking a Leader**

There will be nation-wide interest in the choice which the Progressive Conservative Party will make today at Ottawa of a national leader in succession to the Hon. George Drew. At this distance, and judging by newspaper comment across the country, the chances appear to favour the veteran parliamentarian, John Diefenbaker, over his opponents Donald Fleming and Davie Fulton. All three candidates are able lawyers and are noted for their resourcefulness in debate and knowledge of parliamentary usages and customs. The convention has been termed the "youngest" in Conservative history with more delegates from university and youth organizations than ever before. What effect this may have on the choice of a leader remains to be seen; but it is to be welcomed on its own account, as evidence of renewed party strength.

The new policies have been outlined, and they seem to contain something for almost everyone. They include plans to reduce income taxes, boost old age pensions for the needy, reform the Senate and provide tax exemptions for municipalities. Other planks call for a comprehensive federal-provincial hospital insurance scheme, revision of the existing Maritime freight rates structure which is long overdue, and a Commonwealth conference to re-establish traditional Canadian markets for primary and manufactured goods. The proposed social benefits would add about \$165,000,000 to existing social costs, and will likely make the widest appeal.

There is evidence of a strong revival in the party fortunes, which even opponents concede to be a good thing in the interests of democratic government. They do not, of course, admit that the change in party spirit spells victory. But there is a large fluctuating vote in this country of which no party can be sure in advance. While it has favoured the Liberals for many years, and while admittedly it is becoming more and more difficult to defeat any administration long entrenched in power, there is still the element of unpredictability, and the opportunity for aggressive campaigning under inspired leadership. This was proven in the recent provincial election in Nova Scotia. Will it be forthcoming as a result of this week's Conservative convention? The other parties are watching from the sidelines, just as uncertain as we are of the answer. We have yet to hear a trumpet call that will rouse the nation to its unprecedented opportunities and responsibilities. But in fairness to the Conservatives it must be said that they are making sounds at least more stimulating than the squeaks emanating from government sources during this trying period in Commonwealth affairs.

**Religious Freedom**

Among the signs of better things in store for Poland is the new freedom extended to organized religion. When the hand of Stalin lay heavily on the country Cardinal Wysznski was imprisoned, bishops were removed from their sees and replaced by "administrators" appointed by the Government, religious instruction in the schools was forbidden and direct connection of the Church with the Vatican was made as difficult as possible. Today, all this has been changed. Cardinal Wysznski is back in office, the "administrators" appointed by the Government have been dismissed, bishops have been restored to their jurisdictions and new ones appointed where necessary, without prior consultation with the Government, a formula permitting religion to be taught in the schools has been worked out, and once again Poland is permitted to exercise its traditional zeal for religion and piety. The Church press has not yet been given full freedom, but reports say that this will come very shortly.

All this does not mean that any official relationship between the

**Church and the State is in prospect.**

In the words of an official pronouncement "while freedom of conscience is being granted to the people of Poland and the Church is being freed from the restrictions of the Stalin era, Poland will definitely remain a secular state with a constitutional division between Church and State." That is a technical matter of no great importance. What is important is that the Church is now free from the shackles imposed by Communist tyranny and in a position to resume its traditional role in a nation which for centuries was regarded as one of the great Christian bulwarks of Europe. The Christian world will hope and pray that never again will this freedom be put in jeopardy by Soviet domination and cruelty.

**To Repulse Aggression**

Every now and again some high-ranking official in the United States Defence Department speaks up to say how powerful his country is in the sinews of war. The latest to do so was Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles. In an address before a meeting of mechanical engineers he cited the following facts and figures: The Air Force has a "clear margin of superiority" over Communist military strength. It has 1,000 planes in the air "every minute around the clock" carrying out mock exercises of one kind and another. The new B-52 heavy bombers are "the foremost expression of air power in the world" and even better ones are in the making. Two long-range pilotless types of guided missiles are in the planning stage, as are two types for an intercontinental ballistic missile. In short, the Air Force has everything from million ton nuclear bombs to the most destructive bullets ever built.

Summing up his account Mr. Quarles said: "The effectiveness of this deterrent force is derived equally from its manifest ability to do the job and from an announced intention and determination to use it if necessary to repulse aggression." It all sounds very impressive; or, at least, it would if President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles did not tell the United Nations every few days that introducing resolutions in the General Assembly is as far as the United States is prepared to go in resisting Soviet atrocities. As it is, Mr. Quarles' recital of American power is unlikely to disturb Russia's leaders or sway them one iota from their aggressive schemes in Europe and the Middle East.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

American Democrats are planning an all out attack on the administration's "tight money" policy when Congress convenes in January. They say it is bad for business and, indeed, for the whole economic structure of the nation. Something may have to be done about it in Canada, too.

The most recently reported pastime of Soviet troops in Hungary is shooting at women and children visiting the graves of their relatives who died in the uprising. Perhaps by the time Mr. Hammarskjold arrives (if he ever does) they will have shifted to something less savage in their attempt to make a good impression on their visitor.

For the first time since the depression years Canadian immigration officials are establishing offices in the United States in a drive to persuade Americans to settle in this country. Two offices already have been set up, one in New York and another in Chicago. One official is quoted as saying "the drive reflects a manpower shortage hampering the present stage of Canadian development." How does this tally with the unemployment situation?

If any one individual must be given the credit for the establishment of a U.N. police force it is Dr. Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, one-time President of the U.N. General Assembly. He made the suggestion shortly after the creation of the U.N. in 1945. However, Dr. Romulo's idea was not a small miscellaneous assortment of ill-equipped soldiers such as the group now in the Middle East but a strong and permanent force equipped with modern weapons and having the backing of international law. Above all, it would not be subject to the wishes of any individual government.



"AND IN THIS CORNER - -"

**Keystone Of Arab States**

National Geographic Society

The Kingdom of Jordan, virtually landlocked in the desert wastes of the north Arabian Peninsula, is a geographic keystone of the Arab States.

About the size of Indiana, Jordan faces Israel on the west along a 350-mile border that is the longest of any shared by Arabs and Israelis. On the northeast, east, and south, the bulk of Jordan territory merges with the vast sand-and-rock expanses of Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia.

In contrast, the Israel frontier is marked by two of nature's most startling phenomena—the deep Jordan River canyon, and the strange, cloudy lake called the Dead Sea, 1,286 feet below Mediterranean level.

**FUTURE ECONOMIC HOPE**  
These geographic features have great potential value for future economic development, when the nations concerned can agree on means of peaceful cooperation.

Recent technical surveys report that a Jordan Valley irrigation and power project, along with increased production of Dead Sea potash and other chemicals, could bring enormous benefits to both sides of the border.

Jordan now holds the valley's entire lower reaches and three-fourths of the Dead Sea shores, the result of western expansion in Palestine in the Arab-Israeli war of 1948. With the added territory went the Biblical towns of Beth-lehem, Jericho, and Old Jerusalem separated from New Jerusalem (now Israel's capital) by an uneasy man's land.

As a whole, Jordan is divided into three distinct regions: the farming and pastoral hills west of the Jordan River; the plateau strip running south from the river's fertile east bank to a pinpoint outlet on the Gulf of 'Aqaba; and the broad eastern deserts ranged by Bedouin tribesmen.

About nine-tenths of the nation's

estimated 1,500,000 people live in the more productive northwest that covers only one-tenth of the land. Nearly a million are newcomers—'inhabitants of incorporated "West Palestine," and displaced persons from Israel. To help ease the economic strains of the sudden influx, many of the refugees are being cared for in temporary camps supported by the United Nations.

**RICH IN HISTORY**  
Jordan's limited farmland and lack of important mineral resources have long retarded industry and kept down the general standard of living. Britain, holding a post-World War I mandate over the country until 1946, for years has provided financial aid.

But the Jordan region of ancient times knew periods of striking prosperity and cultural development. It included the Biblical lands of Edom, Moab and Ammon through which the Children of Israel passed. Solomon's port of Ezion-geber stood near the site of present-day 'Aqaba, Jordan's only outlet to the sea.

Persian, Greek, and Roman civilizations built flourishing centers in this area. The modern highway north from 'Aqaba follows the old Roman road that in turn was laid over the "King's Highway" of Moses's time.

Today's Kingdom has roots that go back to the medieval Arab Empire. King Hussein, who came to the throne after his famous grandfather, Abdullah, was assassinated in 1951, is a member of the Hashemite dynasty that traces its lineage to Mohammed, founder of the Moslem faith.

Hussein shares the family connection with his cousin, King Faisal II of Iraq. Coincidentally, the two rulers are both 21, and ceremonially assumed royal office on the same spring day in 1953.

**A SCOTSMAN'S AMERICAN LOG**

**Post-Election Impressions**

By Wilfred Taylor in The Edinburgh Scotsman

CINCINNATI, Ohio — It is now fairly obvious that there are three Parties in this country — the Democrats, the Republicans, and Mr. Eisenhower. Or, to put it another way, the President's victory is a triumph of personality over Party. The old, traditional loyalties are slowly dissolving. The solid South is no longer as solidly Democrat as it used to be. And out on the Pacific Coast Republicanism is no longer prescriptive. There is little, down at the grass roots, to distinguish the one Party from the other and it looks as though here a system was building up in which the two Parties become equally poised and that the decisive factor will be the independent voter, the man who puts personality above party and shows it by splitting his ticket.

**RANCOUR COOLING**  
The rancoeur against Britain and France is perceptibly cooling off now although most people take the view that Britain and France were wrong to take the action they did. Almost everybody, with one or two exceptions, in the Middle West holds that view, but can you blame people in the Middle West for their great reluctance to get mixed up in faraway quarrels? It seems unkind to remind them that the history of the Panama Canal is not so very dissimilar from the history of the Suez Canal.

Even in a land flowing with milk and honey people have their sorrows. The charming young lady from the "Crete News" who interviewed us the other day — chiefly by kindly allowing us to ask ourself questions and then answering them — was very sad, the other evening, when she joined us at our table in the drug store. She had misspelled the name of a hen and she was receiving reproaches from all over the county. In Nebraska, a great farming State, you have to take fowls seriously. Since the young lady, who comes from Kansas, is also a Press photographer and proof corrector and only gets two weeks holiday in the year, we

sympathised deeply with her. **CA' CANNY**  
The young reporter from the Omaha morning paper who also interviewed us did his best to get us to commit ourselves to some violent political heresy. He would have liked if we had said that in our opinion the moral authority of the United States was declining year by year, but we said that we thought it was increasing. "You Englishmen", he sighed, "You have a wonderful way of wriggling out." We said nothing, having done our best to prolong the interview, as the young man told us he welcomed the opportunity to get away from his desk.

We could go on writing about Crete, Nebraska, for a long time but since everyone in Crete whom we met wants to see in print what we have written about the town shall have to ca' canny. We enjoyed every moment of our stay in Crete and felt that we had got as close there as we are likely to get on this visit to the true, authentic America.

**TWO WORRIED READERS**  
There is an enormous amount of social awareness in the United States. That accounts for the large space given in the papers to society news. Readers seem to respect the ladies who write for the society pages more than they respect the editors. We have just read an anguished letter written by two 12-year-old girls to a society editor. These two girls apparently got together and smoked some cigarettes the other day. They also put on lipstick and spent half an hour in addressing sweet words to one another. Ever since their consciences have been burning them up. The society editor has comforted them by assuring them that their behaviour was perfectly normal and to be expected in girls heading towards the Scylla and Charybdis of American teenagedom.

Crete is an endearing little town full of friendly curiosity. The people go to church on Sunday morn-

**Medically Speaking**

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

**TAKE IT EASY IN WINTER**

You don't have to shovel snow to make extra demands on your heart during winter weather. Just about everything you do outside during the winter months requires more effort than it does during the rest of the year.

Your clothing is bulkier and heavier. It's more difficult to get your breath when walking against a brisk wind. And you instinctively hold yourself tense when walking on slippery streets.

All of these things mean extra work, extra strain, on your heart. Naturally, this extra exertion makes your heart beat faster. Even without such additional strain, your heart must pump harder in cold weather in order to circulate the blood around more to keep you warm.

**WINTER HAZARDS**  
Is it any wonder then that the months of December through March bring more deaths from heart disease than any other time of the year?

January, incidentally, is the peak of the heart attack season. All of which should be reason enough why you should take it easy for the next few months, particularly if you are past 40.

On cold or extremely windy days, remain inside if it is at all possible. If you have to go out, bundle up warmly to avoid chilling. Walk, don't run.

If you are shoveling snow or performing some outside task around the house, be careful not to over-exert yourself. Breathlessness is an indication that you are doing too much.

As soon as you feel yourself becoming tired, go back into the house, take off your wraps, sit down and relax.

If you develop a severe pain in the chest under the breast bone, call your doctor right away. It might be a signal that you have already done more than you should.

**QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**N.A.:** I understand a person with AB type blood can receive a transfusion from a person of another type. Is this true?  
**Answer:** Yes, this is true. However, this should only be done in an emergency.

**The Age Old Story**

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

By erecting a steel wall across the entrance between the "Queen's" wharf and Buntain and Bell's wharf and between the "Queen's" wharf and the Pickard wharf. The object of the wall is to prevent the refuse from going out into deep water.

Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, local manager of the Maritime Electric Company, is expected to arrive back in the City from Montreal this evening. Mr. Ainsworth has been in Montreal for the past week on business connected with his Company.

ing and some of them read a scandal magazine on Sunday afternoons. In this they don't differ so remarkably from the people of St. John's, Tillouville or Morangside. But they do have a much greater interest in how much money you make. It's all right in Crete to make a lot of money but you mustn't use it in a prodigal way because people will talk. They know exactly how much you have given to the Boy Scouts, the Red Cross, the polo fund and to all the other funds which exist. If success goes to your head you'll soon hear about it. Crete loves gossip and it doesn't close its ears to scandal.

**PRACTICAL JOKERS**

Crete is also a great town of practical jokes. We wanted to play a practical joke ourselves but we were too late because everyone in Crete seemed to know who we were on our first morning. Our idea was to take our charming hosts' dog out for a walk and tell the first person we met that we had been hired by our hosts as their Scottish butler. This would have meant instant ostracism for our hosts. "Getting too big for their boots, huh!" the people of Crete would have said. "Think just because they got air conditioning in their house they can hire a butler. We'll fix them."

It is becoming clearer to us every day that a people like us lived more casually and that there is much less respect for institutions. You have to pay a certain price for a higher standard of living and part of the price is that your life is an open book. If you want to be successful you'd better conform. In the United States there are more confirmed conformists than at home.

**TRAVEL**

We are writing this Scotsman's Travelog on a train bound from Chicago to North Carolina. It takes 28 hours to get there and at the moment we are rolling through Indiana. An hour ago we saw the first steam locomotive we have glimpsed since arriving in New York. Oddly enough we haven't yet seen a travelling salesman, unless it was Mr. Adial Stevenson, who has now gone to South Carolina to shoot quail.

The Chinese head steward in the dining car has just told us that someone has arranged for us to have a complimentary dinner on the train this evening. We don't know who it is. You meet so much kindness in this country that you feel sometimes that you want to write one of the society editors in the following terms: "I am a Scottish journalist in your country for the first time. Three days ago I wrote something for my paper which suggested that Americans have some faults in addition to their many virtues. Since then I have been feeling a heel. I ask an orphan with no parents whom I can consult. Will you please tell me how I can get rid of this feeling that I am nothing but a base ingrate."

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**NOTES BY THE WAY**

Any new father will dispute the saying that all men are born free when he gets the obstetrician's bill. — Toronto Star

The new dolls for Christmas are so lifelike you'd think the stores would have to hire a sitter to stay in the toy department all night. — Hamilton Spectator

Anyone who thinks there are only two sides to an argument never listened to surviving relatives of a wealthy man who failed to leave a will. — Wall Street Journal

We've always suspected it, but now we read that muscles make up forty-four per cent of the human body and brains two per cent. — Brandon Sun

A New York psychiatrist claims that man reaches his peak of intelligence at the age of 50. Without a dissenting voice from us old timers. — Toronto Star

Sir:—Your correspondent Mr. Tucker stated that a bull kept firing men away from the scene of a fire, which cost the owner of the barn 3,000 lbs., since the bull did not like the red fire engine. May one ask if the farmer sued the indiscreet person who told the bull the fire engine was red? Bulls are color-blind. — Letter to London Times

Observing the number of galaxies, and on the basis of a reasonable expectancy that at least one out of every 100,000 planets duplicate our own earth in size, temperature range, humidity and chemical composition, a Harvard scientist estimates that there are probably ten million other planets just like ours; and that life on many of these may have reached the same stage of development as life on earth. It is a point to ponder. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

A family holidaying at Penestis, France, found 63 pearls in oysters they had ordered in a restaurant — enough to pay for their vacation, plus a tidy sum to take back home. — Four Tons Lausanne, Switzerland.

Some new model automobiles, we read, will have more window than roof to their tops. The motor car industry, apparently, is definitely looking up. — St. Catharines Standard

A Calgary hunter last week was fined \$50 for shooting a swan, but unfortunately the only lesson he took away from the court is that he probably made a mistake by being honest. The hunter did not deny he shot the swan; indeed, he was at some pains to make the point clear, and by his forthright action earned some consideration. He had, the hunter said, observed a flight of geese, but when he fired, a swan fell out of the sky. A day later he took the bird to the nearest game warden's office and admitted what he had done. The warden was not satisfied with this explanation, because in his experience no swan had ever been sighted in a flight of geese. — Calgary Herald.

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