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Official Confusion
Prime Minister St. Laurent can be forgiven for being a little confused with respect to the Middle East situation, since others who are more closely connected with U.N. activities are in a similar position of bewilderment.

Questioned in the Commons a few days ago about what would happen if the Egyptian dictator were to refuse to open the canal to ships of all nations in accordance with the stand taken by the majority of U.N. members, Mr. St. Laurent replied: "It is quite true that unless there is acquiescence (on the part of Egypt) in the attitudes adopted by the United Nations, the only alternative would be the use of force to overcome resistance."

EDITORIAL NOTES
The Soviet Union has lost no time in trying to make friends in the new Commonwealth state of Ghana. In a message to the Speaker of the Assembly, officials of the Supreme Soviet expressed the desire "to establish direct contact with Ghana" at the earliest possible moment.

Jumping At Shadows
"Why wait for Spring? Do it now!" We are all familiar with this slogan, stamped on all sorts of letters in Canada as a cancellation mark. It was put into use this winter as part of a general government program to encourage Canadians to get home repairs and odd jobs done during the winter to try to ease seasonal unemployment in the building trades.

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gation because Canada has no diplomatic mission there, states that the postal marks "give evidence that the Canadian Government is not led by the desire to develop peaceful relations but would welcome new counter-revolutionary activity and bloodshed in Hungary."

Communists are one-ideaed zealots, with no room in their mental makeup for humor. They may regret having made such fools of themselves over this amazing incident, but it is not likely that they will enjoy the joke on themselves. It is certainly one of the most amusing blunders that has ever been perpetrated in international diplomacy.

Menaces To Beauty
Mr. Morley M. Bell, Liberal member for Fifth Prince, has rendered a public service by calling the attention of the Government to those "unsightly scars" left on the Island's once picturesque landscape by removal of clay for road building. These ugly excavations are not only offensive to tourists; they are offensive to many of our own citizens, and unless something is done soon to correct the situation it won't be long before the natural loveliness of our countryside is completely despoiled.

Mr. Bell's reference to the practice of dumping debris of almost every conceivable character along the highways is another matter that deserves prompt and careful attention. Whether a special patrol, such as Mr. Bell suggested, would help to control this particular menace is open to question. Perhaps a greater need is for better enforcement of the laws which exist and stiffer penalties for ignoring them.

Whatever troubles may be abroad in the United Kingdom, the threat of Communism is not one of the more serious ones. A report from London says that after a recent drive by Communist Party leaders to increase membership there were 7,000 fewer members than when the campaign began. Membership is now down to about 25,000. It never amounted to more than 40,000.

Anyone needing a pair of homing pigeons should be in Fort Monmouth, N.J., on the 23rd of March when the United States Army will dispose of its last remaining 1,000 birds at \$5 a pair—limit, ten pairs to a customer. Pigeons have rendered distinguished military service since they first took up the business of delivering messages, and they were used as recently as the Korean War. Now, however, electronic development has made them unnecessary.

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SOME GOOD CATCHES MAY BE MADE HERE

OTTAWA REPORT

Civil Servants' Pensions

Ottawa: The House of Commons was in unusually amicable mood when discussing pension increases last week. Members of all parties spoke in support of the suggestion that the government's present pension scale for civil servants should be increased to match the government's post-war wage level. Howard Green, Progressive Conservative member for Vancouver Quadra, put on record the pension now paid by the government to its actively employed civil servants. He stated that 28 pensioners are in the top bracket, drawing between \$500 and \$600 per month. 7,067 draw between \$100 and \$499; 8,618 draw between \$40 and \$99; and 5,644 draw less than \$40, with an average of a mere \$21.03 per month.

Election Preparations

Tough the election date remains undisclosed, most Members of Parliament aren't taking any chances. They've already had at work making all of the necessary preparations. And have been, in most cases, for some weeks. This involves more hard labor than their constituents might, perhaps, suspect. The electors back home must be canvassed with great industry and care. Canvassers must be ready to persuade wavering supporters that the constituency can't afford to be represented by anyone less competent than the present M.P. Each member must scrutinize his personal record for the past four years, in and out of Parliament, and take such steps as he may deem advisable to cover traces of any embarrassing slips of the tongue.

At all costs, a speaking tour of the home constituency must be arranged so that the M.P. may state the election issues as he sees them, then explain them. The more precise ones are also expressing an alert interest in the personal backgrounds of their actual or probable election opponents. These dossiers, of course, aren't being prepared for the purpose of character assassination. But it's regarded as wise to have plenty of ammunition on hand just in case. TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT Campaign literature must be ready for distribution to the populace. And here, there are two schools of thought. Some M.P.'s lean strongly towards literature which is of a highly sensational and controversial nature, designed to draw the public's attention from anything which might be offered. Other, though, confides to a preference for the more sober, them-to-death technique. This consists of using plenty of the smallest type available at any print shop in the riding and keeping the material as dry and uninteresting as possible. This might appear at first glance, to be a self-defeating project. The theory is, though, that if the voters are bombarded with enough literature of this sort, they will tend to ignore the literature of all candidates. Which can be helpful in one or more of the other candidates is better at writing than at speaking. Some kind of local organization, capable of doing the field work necessary to win an election, must be thrown together in a hurry. But tireless workers cost money. And speaking of money, election

campaigns require a plentiful supply of the same. The election expenses of federal candidates are now infrequently increased by what Senator C. G. Power has described eloquently as "innumerable good works by which they are not in the habit of performing at any other time." PAINFUL EXPERIENCE Decades ago, but in terms which still are entirely comprehensible to the parliamentarians of today, a disgruntled candidate gave this account of his painful experiences. "Every post brought an appeal for a subscription to aid some object of scheme which was threatened with extinction through want of funds to complete it. I was pathetically implored to remember that only a few pounds now would complete a great and beneficent work which, of those funds were denied, must forever be abandoned and perish forever. Bazaars, bicycle clubs, tricycle clubs, boating clubs, skating clubs, football clubs, cricket clubs and many similar associations adjured me to become their patron and aid them with some pecuniary consideration. Where ever I turned it seemed that teetotal festivals were organized for my special delight which I was required to foster and attend. Friendly societies in scores showed an eager desire to record my honored name upon their lists. Secretaries of chapel and school building funds poured exhortations upon me... so urgent and so minatory were some of these appeals that they looked to me to be almost a modern adaptation of the old system of black-mailing." Surprisingly, though, there is rarely any serious scarcity of candidates.

Medically Speaking

CHILDREN LEARN FASTER FROM A PATIENT PARENT
Most of you parents of young children probably have your hands full with the youngsters along about now. The children are tired of being cooped up in the house for so much of the time during the cold weather. Around the age of three or four they just naturally do things with great energy. And there are a great many things they want to do.

IMPORTANT TIME
Teaching a child safety habits, for example, should not be neglected because it is easier to tell him not to do something after he has already done it. POOR WAY Advising a youngster to "Stop that", after he has done something he shouldn't is a poor way of teaching him. It's a poor way of protecting him.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
C L.: What causes whiteheads and what can be done for them? Answer: Whiteheads are caused by blocked ducts of the sebaceous glands of the face. The face should be steamed and the whiteheads squeezed with a whitehead extractor, or with the fingers over which a clean towel has been placed.

The Age Old Story
Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: How much more are ye better than the fowls?

The Poet's Corner

Silhouette against sky — in the first faint light of dawn — he crows to shadowed windows and pale — tars. We turn from dreams that blur within our minds, that glide back into recesses like half-developed film. Here where our mirrored forms with walking motion, our fingertips smooth open our eyelids.

OUR YESTERDAYS
From the Guardian Files
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 11, 1932)
Important amendments were adopted at a special meeting of the City Council Monday night at which the press was excluded. The council will ask for legislative authority to issue \$23,000 additional debentures and to make many changes regulations governing civic voting, taxation and other phases of the Incorporation Act.

Cult Of The Mediocre
(Hamilton Spectator)
The corrosion of an assembly-line education that makes a cult of the mediocre, a fetish of the mythical "average", and a martyr of the so-called delinquent, is as complete a distortion of democracy and its so-called rights as any out of the comic books.

TEN YEARS AGO
(March 11, 1947)
C.N.R. engineers are surveying in Summerside in connection with a project which would do away with all the crossings in the Western section of the Town and would involve the construction of a new right-of-way along the shore south of Water Street, then through the Inkiliter district to Miscoche.

BIRTH CONTROL EXHIBIT
PEIPING (Reuters) — Thousands of Chinese women with babies in arms Friday trooped to opening of an exhibition on birth control in Peiping. The exhibit is the largest of many throughout the nation, whose population of 600,000,000 is expected to increase by 15,000,000 a year—roughly 30 persons a minute.

WAKE TO FLORIDA
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower hopes to go to Florida about the middle of next week for sun and exercise to help him overcome a head cold, cough and inflamed ear.

MAXIMS
Anybody can become angry — that is easy; but to be angry with the right person, and to the right degree, and at the right time, and for the right purpose, and in the right way — that is not within everybody's power and is not easy.

NOTES BY THE WAY

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

The one sure way to improve your financial situation and reduce taxes, or at least to hold the line, is to return an emphatic "No" to the politician who seeks to bribe you to vote for him with benefits for which you will have to pay in the long run.—Guelph Mercury

A hoard of 2,500 Roman coins which was ploughed up on Woolstencroft Farm, Agden, Cheshire, is not regarded as treasure trove and no one becomes the property of Mr. S. Froehling, a former German prisoner of war, who unearthed it with a horse plough.—London Times

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Because of a drop in attendance the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's "Pop" concerts, held in Massey Hall during the last 11 years, are to be discontinued. Television, parking problems and a trend to Friday night shopping are blamed for a drop in concert attendance. What's all that stuff we've been hearing lately about the birth of a Canadian "culture"?—Brantford Expositor

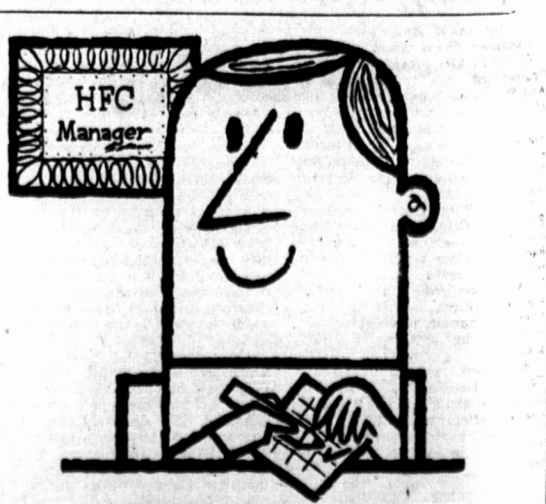
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It is unfortunate in the extreme that the Gordon Commission used the language it did in making reference to the Atlantic provinces—the situation of this region and a failure to grasp language that suggests a shallow approach to correctly the importance of the area to the nation. The resources of the Atlantic region are largely unknown as yet to the remainder of Canada. Its strategic importance is paramount to the safety of the country and has been likewise overlooked or discounted by the Gordon Commission.—Atlantic Fishermen

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