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an immediate election "right out of court," he could! The Liberal strategists, it is argued, would not dare to risk calling one after the new Tory leader was chosen for fear they might be accused of playing "dirty political pool."

As if they hadn't been accused of a lot worse things than that! But anyway, this authority has it figured that Dief, with his rasping sense of humor, is indulging in gleeful inward chuckles over the way the game is going. An election now could provide him with an even better joke on his opponents of both political stripes.

How come? Well, it's this way, says our Post authority. If his party should lose badly, this would not greatly alter Dief's prospects in the leadership, since time is running out on him anyway. If the Conservatives should make notable gains, this would vindicate him and confirm him in the leadership for as long as he chooses.

Further, the old trooper "may still prove to be the greatest campaign artist in the country." He figures he has a lot of things going for him in any election he can fight on the issue of "One Canada" combined with Liberal scandals.

There are mixed feelings about this, of course, in the anti-Diefenbaker wing of his party. Without being "in any way disloyal to their party," says the Post man, these people hope an election would result in a quick change in their leadership—but fear it might not. But the pro-Diefenbaker wing (it's still a wing, it seems, and not just a corporal's guard as we've been told by other commentators) has more than a sneaking feeling that the Old Chief might bring out a political miracle, once again.

So the real issue, if it comes to a head, is not the record of the government in office, their hits, runs and errors, but the doings of that man Diefenbaker. He keeps hogging the limelight, eating, drinking and breathing campaign fire—driving the people into an election they don't want and reducing poor Mr. Pearson to babblings on the subject which nobody can make head or tail of.

At Dief's age, too, when he was said by all the pundits to be a spent political force!

The Chiangs Again

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek is back in the United States on an unofficial visit. As usual, she has a lot of advice that Washington can do without. She says the United States should bomb Red China's atomic installations before they can be used to produce weapons.

For more than 15 years Mme. Chiang's husband has been getting ready to invade mainland China to drive out the Communists, who drove him to offshore Formosa in 1949. He hasn't moved, for the reason that he isn't strong enough. And he wouldn't be there at all if it wasn't for American aid that has buttressed his puppet regime. He's been breathing vengeance all these years, and stirring up as much trouble as he can.

Now Mme. Chiang wants to "unleash" the U.S. to start what could only end in a global war. As the Milwaukee Journal observes, the Chiangs, husband and wife, have long played the "let's you and him fight" game with Washington. "The least they could do," it adds tartly, "is to have the courtesy not to play it in our own country." But wasn't that what she came for, in the first place? Couldn't she have been told, in a nice way, of course, that even an unofficial visit at this time was out of the question?

EDITORIAL NOTES

News that scientists are on the verge of developing a device that can smell the presence of odors emanating from an explosive substance has excited the commercial aviation world. The "sniffer", as it is called, may one day in the near future be used to swiftly scan baggage at airports for signs of explosives.

All Up To Him!

An Ottawa commentator in the Financial Post has an answer to a question that is puzzling many of his colleagues, and a lot of other people, at this time. "Who stands to gain most of all from an early federal general election?" Why, it's easy when you come to think of it, says the Post scribe. John Diefenbaker, of course!



NOBODY EVER ASKS THE FISH

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Those Redistribution Formalities Analyzed

While disillusioned Canadian electors face their fifth general election within one hundred months, even newspapers which praise the Liberal Party come hell or high water are critical of an election before completion of the overdue redrafting of constituency boundaries.

Liberal leader Lester Pearson says this work could not be finished in time for an election before 1967. Conservative leader John Diefenbaker says that this is a lie. "An election could be called early in 1966," asserts Mr. Diefenbaker. "The Prime Minister is deliberately lying to delude the Canadian people for a political purpose."

What are the facts? I have analysed the provisions of the new Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act, and discussed them with constitutional lawyers and with top electoral officials.

John Diefenbaker is correct, absolutely correct, when he says that an election would be possible early in 1966. In fact, as I recently wrote in this column, Mr. Pearson could reasonably and practicably plan to dissolve Parliament at the end of April for polling on Monday, 27 June next year.

The time table for completing the formalities of redistribution is rigidly laid down in the new act. Each of the ten provincial commissions must complete its report within one year, namely by say 23 January next at latest. These will be passed to the Speaker of the House of Commons. Within 30 days, any 10 MPs may lodge an objection in writing to that report; then within 15 days the House must "consider the matter of the objection" and report back to the Representation Commissions. Then within 30 days any provincial commission concerned must consider and "dispose of" the objection if, by decision of the House it has been upheld and forwarded to the Commission.

Lonely Sable Island

National Geographic Society

One of the loneliest inhabited islands in the world lies only 100 miles southeast of Nova Scotia. This is Sable Island, a foggy and storm-whipped ghostly island of sand that is often called the "Graveyard of the Atlantic." Its total population is 13 people and 200 wild ponies.

Only in mid-July for a three-week period is the weather calm and surf low enough to permit small boats to land on beaches. Dr. Melville Bell Grosvenor, president and editor of the National Geographic Society in the September issue of National Geographic.

Dr. Grosvenor made a somewhat risky landing on Sable, with the permission of the Canadian Government, while sailing northward from Bermuda to Baddeck, Nova Scotia, in his yawl White Mist.

PITCAIRN TECHNIQUE To bring the yawl's small pram through heavy swells, Dr. Grosvenor and his party used the technique employed by Pitcairn Islanders to get their long boats through big breakers. They waited patiently, counted

Our Yesterdays

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (September 7, 1940) King Carol II was driven from the throne of Rumania yesterday and entered into exile. His 18-year-old son, Prince Michael, succeeded him, ruling by grace of Rumania's military dictator, Gen. Ion Antonescu.

A peaceful "invasion" gave Britain control of the strategic Danish-owned Faeroe Islands after the Nazis swept over Denmark, but, according to reports reaching London, the real victors have been the Scots who reconciled the inhabitants to the bagpipes.

TEN YEARS AGO (September 7, 1955) Miss Dorothy Mutch, Mount Herbert, and Miss Winnifred Anne MacMillan, 90 Brighton Road, Charlottetown, were the prize winners in the senior and junior classes respectively at the Teen-age Fashion Show held by the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

His Excellency, Most Rev Malcolm A. MacEachern, Bishop of Charlottetown, will lay the cornerstone and bless the new Church of St. Anne's at Hope River next Sunday. He will be accompanied by Very Rev. P.F. MacDonald, Chancellor of the Diocese.

Storms on Sable Island are dramatic. Sixty-foot waves explode on the shoals. Window glass is turned opaque by sandstorms in a single season. There are no trees—only stunted wildflowers and marram grass.

Even on Sable's most desolate stretches, however, the famed wild ponies leave their tracks. "The origin of these ponies is lost in dim history," Dr. Grosvenor writes. "They may have descended from stock shipped to the island from New England in 1738, or from an even earlier herd that survived the wreck of a Spanish vessel off Sable. Whatever the family tree, ponies have flourished here since the 18th century, living for more than 40 generations in herds of six and eight on local grasses. And many shipwrecked sailors were thankful for 'horse venison,' as they called their survival diet."

NEED MORE LIRE Living costs in Italy have risen 25 per cent during the last four years.

Gallstones; What To Do

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Eellen The gallbladder is a sac that concentrates and stores bile. When fatty foods are eaten, the organ contracts and squirts the digested into the intestine. The structure is not absolutely essential, considering the millions of healthy persons who have had the organ removed. The liver continues to manufacture bile regardless of whether the gallbladder is in or out.

Where does bile go when its storehouse is eliminated? The duct that extends from the liver to the intestine enlarges to take over this function.

It has been said that half of our population over age 40 has evidence of gallbladder disease. Only a small percentage have attacks of mild indigestion and the rest go through life without knowing the organ is abnormal unless gallbladder X-rays are made.

Stones develop and, by age 60, almost 50 per cent of the women and 25 per cent of the men have one to 100 of these rocks. Nowadays, more and more gallbladder X-rays are done and stones are found frequently.

Surgery is recommended when symptoms are present. Many surgeons believe gallbladders with stones should be removed, even when the organ is not causing distress. They do this because they know that the chance of having trouble within six years is good. Operation is easier and safer when the organ is in a quiet or noninflammatory stage. If removal is deferred until the individual is older, complications are more likely with each passing decade. But some are willing to take the chance and it is surprising how many live to a ripe old age without a smidgen of discomfort.

The decision is more difficult when the person with gallstones also has symptoms that may originate from a nearby organ or from emotional origins. In such instances, the surgeon may suggest removal but he makes it clear that the operation will not relieve symptoms caused by other disorders.

With or without amendment, the commissions' proposals are to be returned to the Speaker within another 30 days, and then within five days these proposals, which cannot be further disputed, must be proclaimed to be in force by the Governor in Council.

We must assume that the government would not unreasonably defer nor MPs protract, any discussion on the decisions by the quasi-judicial commissions.

NEED RED TAPE BIND?

But in addition to this redrafting of the boundaries of constituencies, there is the administrative work of the "second redistribution," involving the division of the country into say 50,000 polling divisions within the new constituencies. There will also be 262 returning officers to appoint. But there is no possible reason why provisional work could not be already under way in the redistribution of polling divisions: the tentative form of the new constituencies is already public knowledge and any changes will probably be only minor, and will only affect a few constituencies.

As for the matter of appointing returning officers—this is merely a matter of foresight such as any housewife exercises. Mrs. Pearson knows that her husband will want breakfast tomorrow; does she wait until he arrives at the table before buying eggs and coffee?

There are six vacancies for returning officers today: in Bonaventure, Carleton, Trinity, Kootenay East, Kootenay West and for the Ontario-Quebec soldiers' vote. Are these vacancies preventing proposals for a Fall election? No; then that argument collapses.

An election certainly could be held in the summer of 1966.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Probably the only place you won't find a coin shortage is in the collection basket at church Sunday mornings. — Waupun Leader - News.

An estimated \$300,000,000 will be spent on installations of central heat in Britain this year. If they had only kept the central heating plants installed by the Romans nearly 2,000 years ago part of this expense would be unnecessary. — Ottawa Journal.

In Sausalito, Calif., it's perfectly legal to drink beer and strum a guitar while riding a skateboard. The theory being that if it was illegal, some fool would try it. — Hamilton Spectator.

Arms Loan That Backfired

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP) — The latest fighting between India and Pakistan points up a hard-earned lesson that major powers shrewdly learned long ago: rent national tensions in each country, compared with the fighting earlier this year over the Rann of Kutch.

Pakistan's growing friendship with China has worried the U.S. for some time and one reason for the large military handouts to Pakistan was that it was the only member in both the South-east Asia treaty Organization and the Central Treaty Organization, both American-manufactured alliances, to control Middle and Far East expansion of Communism.

President Johnson now is wondering whether he should extend any more aid to Pakistan. U.S. relations with India have had their ups and downs, mostly down until the late President Kennedy made some progress. This was set back earlier this year with the abrupt presidential decision to postpone visits by the Indian and Pakistani leaders.

But India still is a vital element in the U.S. strategy of maintaining a strong Asia as a bulwark against China. Hence the large-scale aid contributions.

Hence President Johnson's anxiety to avoid being caught in the middle of the Kashmir fight and the U.S. determination to put all the weight behind the United Nations as a mediator.

TENSIONS INCREASE What concerns American and other diplomats is the larger-scale operations and the appa-

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