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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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The Bermuda Meeting

A meeting between heads of governments is always an important event. What makes the Bermuda conference between Prime Minister Macmillan and President Eisenhower of special significance is, of course, the strained relationship which has marred the unity of allies for some months past.

All these considerations, important though they are, are subordinate to the one great purpose of this meeting: the restoration of British-American unity, if that be possible. Relations, of course, are much better than they were three or four months ago; but they are still far from cordial, and it is going to take a long time and better diplomacy than has yet come from Washington to heal the breach.

Wise Doubters

Word from Ottawa is that politicians of every known variety are wondering how far they should go in taking advantage of TV techniques in the forthcoming general election campaign.

If, in recent years, there has been a falling off in public interest regarding free-for-all political meetings, it is not the fault of the institution itself. The blame can be laid at the doors of mediocre and timid candidates whose tribe appears to be increasing all the time.

Moreover, just because a devotee will watch a wrestling match, or something else that strikes his fancy, until his eyes pop out or his head aches is no reason for supposing that he will risk the same discomfort for the sake of a little canned oratory which, however "live" it may be in theory, is more likely than not to be as dead as the proverbial door nail.

More "Liberation" Talk

Why it is that American politicians insist on holding out the hope of "liberation" to the Eastern European States? The latest one to give expression to this nonsense was Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief delegate to the U.N. General Assembly.

The situation that developed in Hungary last fall was, in part at least, the result of United States' promises and semi-promises to free the captive peoples. This was clearly implied, if not actually stated, in numerous broadcasts over the Voice of America radio system; and, of course, as everyone knows, it was stated in categorical fashion by Republican politicians, including the Presidential candidate General Eisenhower, in the 1952 political campaign.

Chancellor Adenauer of West Germany gave good counsel to all the Western powers when he advised them not to encourage the oppressed peoples to rise against their oppressors unless they were prepared to go to their aid, and in great strength, at the first sign of insurrection. It is never an act of kindness to hold out false promises. Yet, that is what American officials seem bent on doing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A youngster of our acquaintance says his chief ambition is to grow up and leave school as quickly as possible and then become a member of a Legislative Committee to inquire into educational problems. He thinks cross-examining the experts will be great fun.

A British Navy survey ship operating off the East African coast is reported to have discovered an uncharted mountain under the sea. The mountain rises in the Mozambique Channel to a height of 9,000 feet from the sea bed. Its flat top measures five miles across.

In commenting on liquor laws in the various Provinces, C.N.R. President Donald Gordon noted that "short travel on Prince Edward Island did not lend itself to liquor sales on trains." Evidently, Mr. Gordon is not familiar with conditions on say, the Georgetown and Souris lines at certain times of the year. Many passengers would say that on a good many trips they could have sipped a wee drop quite leisurely. We are not advocating sale of liquor on trains. We are merely drawing attention to Mr. Gordon's inaccurate assumptions in at least one section under his supervision.

There appears to be some misunderstanding with respect to the change in family allowance payments announced by Finance Minister Harris in his budget speech at Ottawa. This is probably due to the fact that the age groups have been changed. The present scale of payments is \$5 a month in respect of all children under 6 years of age, \$6 from 6-9 years, \$7 from 10-12 years, and \$8 for those 13 to 16 years. It is proposed to raise the monthly payment in respect of the youngest age group (those under 6 years of age) to \$6 a month, and for those in the 10 to 12 group to \$8 a month. That is, in future, there will be only two age groups, those under 10 for whom \$6 a month will be paid, and those from 10 to 16 in respect of whom the allowance will be \$8 a month. The increased payments will become effective on September 1.



WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?

OTTAWA REPORT

Mistaken Diagnosis

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: There is an old joke about doctors being lucky, because they can bury their mistakes. As if to disprove this, the C.C.F. leader, Mr. J. Caldwell is alive and kicking or, if not exactly kicking, that is because he has got nothing to kick about.

For last month the doctors made a mistake about Mr. Caldwell. He was taken ill in his office in the parliament building. His illness was diagnosed as a coronary thrombosis, repeating a similar attack which he had suffered five years earlier.

In view of his age of 68, and the repeated attack, some of his colleagues felt that Mr. Caldwell would probably wish to retire from the leadership of his party at once, especially with an arduous and health-breaking election campaign about to begin.

Now however it has been positively ascertained that the diagnosis was an error. Complete examination with modern diagnostic techniques reveals a sturdy heart with no trace of the coronary suspect.

So although enquiring his three score years and ten, Mr. Caldwell will now evidently be able to conduct his party's campaign and still have some years of useful service in parliament. He is now resting, away from daily politics, but there appears to be no question of immediate retirement.

MEANWHILE, another casualty of political life, former Conservative leader George Drew, has packed up his home in Ottawa and said his farewells, a politician out short by illness. Yet he is six years younger than Mr. Caldwell.

The clean bill of health accord-

ed Mr. Caldwell and the resignation of Mr. Drew leave Mr. Solon Low, national leader of the Social Credit group, as the "number one" invalid among our party leaders.

Mr. Low, aged 57, is the baby of the leaders. Mr. Diefenbaker is 61, Mr. Coldwell 68. And of course the grand-daddy of them all is Prime Minister St. Laurent, now in his 76th year and evidently getting so much younger every day that he will not become exhausted by the election campaign.

Mr. Low suffered a heart attack two years ago and is now on a very strict go-slow daily routine. At this half-pace, he is conserving his heart; but it may be questioned whether he can also give his young and dynamic party the young and dynamic leadership which it requires and deserves.

Perhaps, like Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Low should have a thorough check-up and cardiograph, and use the medical verdict to decide his course for him: either swinging in to a more active routine, or else retiring from the leadership of his party, even if not from membership in the Commons.

TIME MARCHES ON

In the government telephone directory, the residence of the Governor General is shown to have the number Central 3-4021. If one dials that number, a sweet young voice sweetly announces: "National Liberal Federation." Now to a person trying to speak to Mr. Massey as Governor General, it is rather like meeting a ghost to be confronted by the political association of which he was president some thirty years ago. The explanation lies in a strange coincidence, or perhaps a malicious practical joke, following upon an almost city-wide change of telephone numbers here. The next change should result in the number of Government House being given to the Cabinet council chamber, taking us back to the days when Mr. Massey was a member of Mr. Mackenzie King's Liberal Cabinet.

OLD AGE PENSION

The barrage of letters reaching me from readers complaining about the old age pension keeps up. Noteworthy last week was a clutch of letters from several readers in Woodstock, Ontario, who proposed earnestly that the means test should be dropped on old age assistance payable between the ages of 65 and 70. An election is shortly coming and it is the time to press one's proposals for better government onto all candidates.

been published. Yet when Parliament finally caught up with the case in the autumn, and the responsible minister was asked "on what authority the Government relied" when it made the decision to violate the law, his answer was: "Upon the fact that any democratic Government is answerable to the people of the country for its acts. If an election were held tomorrow, as there will be an election in due course, we would have to go before the free people of this country and answer for our actions."

MASS APPEALS A very libertarian Government could claim to be "answerable to the people" in this sense. Mass appeals to the electorate are indeed a normal part of the government in modern dictatorships, and involve no responsibility at all. An election, including an election where the voters have a completely free choice among parties and candidates, is far too cumbersome a device for holding a Government "answerable" for its acts.

Only a well-organized and well-informed Parliament can do that, and the chief purpose of an election is simply to select the members of the Parliament. Every time a minister denies this, or asserts as if it were an established fact that parliamentary inquiry into executive affairs is subversive of responsible government, he is moving away from, not toward, ministerial responsibility.

MAXIMS

Sympathy is never wasted except when you give it to yourself.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

ASPIRIN BRINGS RELIEF BUT WON'T CURE A COLD You can't suppress a cold by gobbling aspirin.

Yet aspirin does play an important part in alleviating some of the symptoms of the common cold—and getting relief is of prime concern to any cold sufferer. The best way to cure a cold, aspirin, when confronted with a cold, is to take one or two five-grain tablets when you first notice the symptoms. During the following day, you can take three or four more one at a time.

MILD RELIEF The aspirin will probably relieve mild headaches and reduce fever slightly. This helps, of course, but it is about all aspirin can do for a cold victim.

The drug has no effect on a cold as far as infection is concerned. Actually, taking too many aspirins in a short time might be harmful.

COMBATS INFECTION A fever is a defense mechanism of your body. In order to provide better conditions for combating an infection such as a cold, your body raises the temperature of the blood.

Swallowing a number of aspirins within a short time means that you are blocking nature's attempt to ward off the invader. From all this I think you can see there simply is no need to take aspirin throughout the life of your cold. If the dosage I mention earlier doesn't ease your fever and headache, you'd better see your doctor.

SECONDARY INFECTION Better still, see him for instructions just as soon as a cold strikes you. A secondary infection is responsible for much stubborn trouble. In the event this is the case, your physician can administer penicillin or other antibiotics which often will help to bring the difficulty under control.

QUESTION AND ANSWER G.A.: What are the principal foods that should not be eaten in cases of gall bladder trouble?

Answer: Fats, such as eggs, fried meat, cream, butter, etc. Condiments and alcohol should also be avoided. Use some skimmed milk and use salt in moderation. Starchy foods and sugars should be reduced if you are overweight; overeating also should be avoided.

The Age Old Story

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 21, 1932)

The request of Dr. J. S. Jenkins for the backing of the City in the issuance of a \$15,000 mortgage on the Upton Airport was considered at a special meeting of the City Council last evening. The purpose of the mortgage, it was stated, was to make further improvements at the air port to assist development.

The afternoon train from Tignish yesterday was over an hour late in arriving in Charlottetown owing to heavy snow encountered in cuttings west of Summerside. Some of the banks were seven and eight feet deep. The car ferry was also delayed by heavy ice in the strait.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 21, 1947)

A large delegation representing eleven school districts and number thirty-five persons, waited on the Provincial Government yesterday and presented a strong plea for the establishment of a composite high school at St. Pet-

NOTES BY THE WAY

A new book on Italian painting, published in Florence, is priced at 15,000 lire. An expensive book, but not as costly as it seems; the lira is worth less than a sixth of a cent.—Toronto Star

An Italian, aged 102, has never ridden in an automobile. This does not make him the oldest man in the world, but he may well be the oldest pedestrian.—Hamilton Spectator

The choice of a career today is not one for casual consideration; with all the careers available the chances of making a wrong choice are immeasurably increased. Today, one can even make a career out of helping people to choose careers.—Peterborough Examiner

Glasgow is too full of people and within two years there will be no more building sites left in the city. And this will mean a large-scale fitting of industrial firms to new areas. Mr. John MacLay, the Scottish Secretary, forecast in the House of Commons. He also told MP's that the congestion in Glasgow was without parallel in Britain.—Edinburgh Scotsman

To the modern palate, medieval diet would be unendurable. Few vegetables were eaten—only leeks, onions and garlic were in general use—and fruit was generally confined to the tables of the continentally minded rich. The staple food of the people was bread and cheese and dairy produce, rancid butter being especially favored. The food of the rich was meat and fish, which they devoured in enormous quantities at dinners ranging from 11 to 4. For obvious reasons the meat was usually high, and most dishes were spiced as hotly as Indian curries. The meat courses, often half a dozen or more in number, preceded the fish, which might have included porpoise, seal and whale.—The Irish Digest

Knee caps will be viewed again for the first time since the 1920's, a Paris fashion expert reports. Local mosquitoes have already taken note.—Sarnia Canadian Observer

The question is asked: "How did the expression 'a sound spanking' originate? From the sounds which traditionally accompanied it, we presume.—Edmonton Journal

Greater than any other reason for the rising birth rate is that Canadians like children. The men overseas showed this in their delight and in generosity to youngsters in foreign war fields. Canadians like family life; the proportion of houses to apartments in Ontario is visible evidence of this. It is becoming fashionable to have three, four or five children because even the top drawers are better when crammed with mopets.—Peterborough Examiner

A dear little elderly lady, who is spending the winter with a daughter in Dauphin, is in a car nearly every day of her life, and has been on airplane trips to the east and to B.C. She has never been in an accident in car or plane. "But," she says, speaking of earlier days, "since I came to Manitoba fifty-four years ago, I've been involved in thirteen horse and buggy accidents."—Dauphin, Man., Herald

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Select Standing Committee on Education Legislative Assembly Of Prince Edward Island

Meetings of the committee will be held in the Legislative Chamber as follows: Monday, March 25 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 27 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28 10:00 a.m.

All meetings are open to the public.

An invitation is extended to all interested persons or bodies to appear before the committee to discuss educational problems.

Appointments may be arranged by contacting M. MacKenzie, Secretary of the Committee, Provincial Building, Phone 4226.

F. A. LARGE

Chairman Select Standing Committee.

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BACON SLAB - SMOKED BY THE PIECE LB 55c

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BROKEN PEKOE TEA ... 1 lb. 79c

BLADE STEER ROAST BEEF lb. 37c

OPAL TOILET TISSUE ... 3 for 25c

BONELESS-NO FAT CORNED BEEF lb. 39c

FRESH COTTAGE CHEESE ... pkg. 25c

FRESH ROASTING PORK S. lb. 47c

MAPLE LEAF LIQUID DETERGENT ... for 29c

WING STEAKS lb. 45c

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