

United States than Americans are". The Eisenhower administration, realizing at long last that the United States and its allies do not have a monopoly of scientific genius, is now trying to create some sort of organization which might make published reports by Soviet scientists available to their American counterparts. But, having to start virtually from scratch, it will be some time before the organization can hope to do its work efficiently.

No doubt, these journals come to Canada, too. It would be interesting to know what happens to them—whether they are put to use or left to gather dust and cobwebs in some out of the way nook.

Old Issue Recalled

The non-confidence motion presented by Mr. Pearson in Parliament this week has recalled an oldtime constitutional issue. The operative part of the Liberal leader's motion read: "In view of the desirability, at this time, of having a government pledged to implement Liberal policies, His Excellency's advisers (the Government) should, in the opinion of this House, submit their resignation forthwith."

The motion, in effect, would bind the Governor General by a vote of the Commons to turn down any request for a dissolution submitted by Prime Minister Diefenbaker and call upon Mr. Pearson to form a government.

Press commentators recall that one of the great battles in Canadian political history occurred when Mr. Mackenzie King asked for a dissolution of Parliament from Governor General Lord Byng in 1926 and was refused it. In the election campaign shortly afterwards, Mr. King stumped the country on the issue that the Governor General was bound to accept the advice of his Prime Minister and should have granted dissolution and an election instead of inviting the Conservative leader, Mr. Meighen, to form a government. Mr. King won the election. But last Monday, Liberal Leader Pearson asked for just such an opportunity as Mr. Meighen had in 1926 to form a government without going into an election campaign.

There was no discussion in the Commons as to whether it was thought Mr. Massey would be following the correct constitutional course by inviting Mr. Pearson to form a government if the Diefenbaker Government were defeated on the floor of the House. And now, of course, the issue is quite irrelevant—the Liberal motion failed to carry the support of other Opposition groups and the Government was not defeated. But it's still an interesting point. What Mr. King would have said about it is anybody's guess!

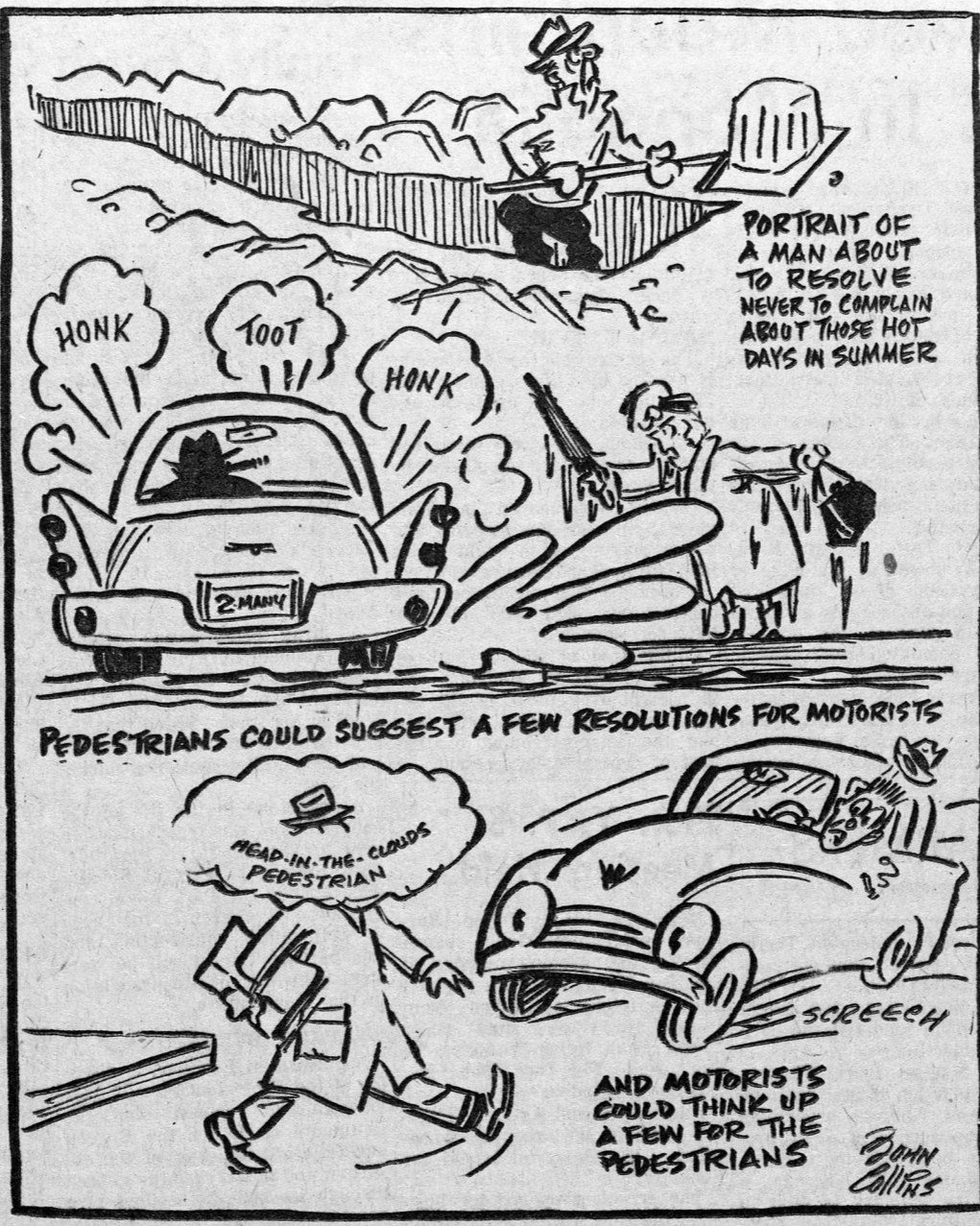
EDITORIAL NOTES

The Turks and Syrians are still exchanging a little gun fire now and again. If they enjoy shooting back and forth—and they evidently do—why not let them alone? Perhaps that's the right way to keep it from getting out of hand.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker's tentative invitation to the Great Powers to hold their summit meeting in Ottawa was a fine gesture of goodwill. It is not likely to be accepted however. Geneva is the traditional site for major international conferences; and justifiably so, in view of Switzerland's historic neutral role. Besides, practically the whole economic and social structure of Geneva is built around the ramifications of international agencies.

A book which ought to and probably will have a wide circulation is to be published later this year by World Publishing Company under the title "The Sparks Fly Upward". It is the memoirs of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, K.G., one of the great military leaders of modern times. The memoirs cover his life from childhood to the present. The manuscript, which was written in pencil, contains 240,000 words.

Finance Minister Fleming has hinted that he will budget for a deficit in the next fiscal year, if such action is necessary to provide jobs for the unemployed. No one will blame him for that. Balanced budgets and even surpluses are fine things to have; but the extra employment that comes from public works in a time of temporary economic decline is important enough to justify a reasonable deficit.



THAT'S LIFE

OTTAWA REPORT

Liberal Resolutions

By Patrick Nicholson
 Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: Several hundred resolutions were submitted to the National Liberal Convention just ended, by delegates from all parts of Canada. These were carefully filtered by the Party hierarchy, and strenuously battled for by their sponsors.

Those which reached the Convention floor and won adoption included several far-sighted proposals which would popularise and modernize the Liberal Party's platform.

Few Canadians could disagree with the resolution deploring the housing conditions now endured by a vast number of people of small income, conditions which are inconsistent with good citizenship. To remedy this, the Convention urged on its leaders "an adequate program of low-cost subsidized housing."

All Canadians would agree that our own area, the Maritimes, need more than our sympathy. Concrete help was proposed in a resolution urging, among other practical steps, "trade treaties to assist the marketing of Maritime fish, lumber, and agricultural and minerals products."

AN OLD FAVOURITE
 Health insurance, which has

been an unfulfilled Liberal election promise since 1919, was once again urged "on a contributory basis, covering medical, dental, surgical and hospital costs."

In the labour field, a resolution urged the desirability of "maintaining conditions favourable to fair wages, vacations with pay, fair employment practices and improved working conditions."

Other significant resolutions included the following: "That the Party should hold National Conventions at least once in four years."

And, "as a symbol of national unity, the Liberal Party favours an exclusively Canadian flag."

These plans form the framework of an attractive national political platform. In many cases, they represent new thinking, as Liberalism develops and changes with fast-moving world conditions. It must be encouraging to supporters of the Liberal Party to see that their leadership has promised to act on these suggestions sponsored by the rank and file.

LOOKING BACK
 All the above paragraphs were written by me in August 1948, nearly ten years ago. That was part of a newspaper article which

Experiments With Eels

Walter Theimer in Deutsche Korrespondenz

Training an eel to react to the smell of the rose may seem an unusual enterprise, and a senseless one to boot. However, such experiments recently performed by the German zoologist, Dr. Teichmann, have yielded highly interesting scientific results. Eels have an amazing ability of orientation. They wander across the ocean and infallibly find certain coastal or inland waters on the other side again, if they have visited them once. Scientists wonder if it is perhaps the smell or the taste of the water which enables the fishes to take their bearings. (Smell, and taste are closely related). Testing the smelling power of eels makes sense, then, from this point of view.

Since there is no reliable correlation of smell intensity and a given quantity of substances in natural smelling compounds, Dr. Teichmann used only synthetic smells. These may be precisely dosed and permit of the safe assumption that the substance is the only producer of the smell. One substance used was phenyl ethyl alcohol, smelling like a rose. The job was to find out just to what minimum of this substance an eel would still react. Fishes in general have strong olfactory powers, and smells spread over long distances in water. The brain lobes specialized on smelling, the lobi olfactori, are

strongly developed in fishes, while they recede as we go higher up in the evolutionary ladder of animals. True, this does not prevent the dog from being a first-class sniffer.

TRAINING THE EEL
 In smelling experiments, animals are usually trained to some particular smell by making them look for an object perfumed with it, and rewarding them with food when they have found it. This will not work with eels. While the eel is intelligent enough to grasp the matter, it has the habit of not eating for weeks from time to time, and no food would attract it during such periods. Dr. Teichmann hit on a better if more complex idea. Young eels have two urges which zoologists call negative phototaxis (going away from light) and positive thigmotaxis (a desire to perceive tactile stimuli from all sides) respectively. In daytime eels usually hide in the mud on the bottom of their habitat to find fulfillment of these two urges. In the aquarium the eels got no mud to hide in, but tubes were placed on the bottom as a substitute. The eels crept into these tubes as soon as light fell on the container.

Each eel was given a choice of three tubes. A weak current of water was passed through all three, but only one current carried the smelling substance.

Canada As A Fulcrum

Ottawa Journal

The London Times introduces a special supplement on Canada with a discerning—and flattering—editorial discussing this country's role in the Commonwealth, and in the world. We quote:

"Of the three associates in the task of guaranteeing the survival of Atlantic civilization, there can be no question that the most widely expanding horizons are opening before Canada. Not Great Britain, not even the United States, has still untapped natural resources that can be compared with hers. They need not decline, but Canada must certainly advance with giant strides as the twentieth century moves to its close.

"Looked at in the wide perspective that the sputnik age is soon going to impose, we may be near a turning point in history, at which the centrifugal diffusion of the British Empire and Commonwealth is ending and the members may begin to draw together again, though on terms totally

transformed from those which prevailed when they began to move apart.

"For any such closing of the ranks the fulcrum may be expected to be in Canada; for as her vast empty spaces fill up and her incalculable natural wealth is realized, she can scarcely avoid drawing the centre of gravity of the Commonwealth westward. But fascinating as speculation of Canada's future may be, it is sufficient for many in a precarious world to contemplate what Canada already is, and to be thankful that it is to such a people there is presented so great an opportunity."

With that great opportunity comes responsibilities, and Canada already has shown in many ways, in peace as well as in war, that she is ready to accept them. But there is more to be done, more of buckling down and with more of humility and a sense of our own good fortune.

Watch Out For Infected Nail

By Herman N. Budenes, M.D.
 Are you bothered by "onychomycosis"? Many persons are. You probably will recognize this disease by either of its more common names, fungus infection or ringworm of the nails.

The villains in this particular type of trouble are about as difficult to pronounce as the disease itself: the fungi Epidermophyton, Trichophyton, Aspergillum, Penicillium and Candida albicans.

ONE NAIL INVOLVED
 Usually, only one nail is involved at first. Unless treatment is begun promptly, however, the disease generally progresses until all the nails are affected.

In some cases, the nails become separated from the bed; in the more serious cases, the nails are completely destroyed. Pain is not a general symptom. So the best way of detecting trouble is to study your nails carefully as you clean them.

TROUBLE INDICATED
 Incidentally, many systemic diseases are first indicated by a change in the nail structure. Thus any ridging, discoloration—any change at all—should send you to your doctor for some expert advice on what should be done.

If your trouble is onychomycosis, your physician will most likely scrape your nails. Then he probably will apply double strength Whitfield's ointment.

Some cases are helped by short X-ray treatments.

FOR STUBBORN CASES
 In stubborn cases, ammoniacal silver nitrate solution may be needed. This is a rather drawn-out treatment, however. The solution should be applied with a toothpick to form a thin film on the nail. This has to be done once a week for a period of eight weeks.

Another disadvantage of this treatment is that it temporarily turns the nails black.

The best general advice I can give anyone with a fungus infection of the nails is to keep your hands out of water as much as possible, since moisture speeds fungus growth, and see your doctor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

G.T.: I have a dropped kidney. Is it necessary to have an operation for this?

Answer: In most cases of ptosis, or dropped kidney, the symptoms are not too severe and the condition can be treated without surgery. However, in a certain few cases, surgery is necessary. Your doctor can best determine that.

The Age Old Story

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

The Poets Corner

THERE IS ANOTHER BEAUTY
 There is another beauty in the gray sky,
 In the gray shroud brooding heavy upon the sea,
 In the gray sea surging and heaving inconstable,
 Pent in a lost boundary.

Where the eye, sun-starved and of all passion wrung,
 Ranges from clotted sea to ash-en sky,
 And cold sense may ignite on the sharp white flash of wing
 And the sea-gull's keening cry.

This is a stage fit for man's destiny;
 The water lower looms like a judgment sea,
 Over the waste of wrinkled sand and of the writhing sea.
 Here there is no retreat.

From the long haunting shout of the waters down the wind,
 From the warning clangor of the lighthouse bell,
 The sentence is long passed; look up, look down, it is writ in gray,
 And the gulls cry "alas," and they cry "farewell!"

—Nathan Rothman in the New York Times.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Hard luck, likes attention. The more you get it, the more determined it is to stay with you — Brandon Sun

An old-timer is a person who remembers when the main street didn't have as many lights as one modern car.—Edmonton Journal

"If one man can build a house in 12 days," says the book, "12 men could build it in one day." Then, if one ship can cross the Atlantic in six days, six ships can cross it in one day. Figures don't lie.—Windsor Star

A bank in Indiana was robbed by a bearded man in hunting clothes carrying a shotgun. Perhaps a disappointed hunter who wished to save himself the embarrassment of going home with nothing.—Edmonton Journal

A Scottish educator, calls for abolition of the apostrophe. We are willing to join the campaign, although it will have to wait its turn because there are several other things we are dedicated to stamping out ahead of it.—Hamilton Spectator

Competition is to be reintroduced into Ontario schools, children are to receive marks on their work, emphasis is to be laid on such fundamentals as mathematics, English and science.—London Free Press

S.H. asks if it is true there is more than one South Pole. There are four, plus the Antipode: the South Geometric Pole, the South Magnetic Pole, the South Geographic Pole. Also the so-called pole of inaccessibility, the most remote point on Antarctic continent. The Antipode is the point directly opposite the North Pole, and is determined by a line down from the North Pole through the centre of the earth.—Toronto Telegram

When an Air Force man from the nearby RCAF Station, Clinton, and his family moved into a home in the village they were astounded by the friendliness of the people in the district. The very first day they were in the house they had a couple of dozen callers. Later on, they learned the reason for their many visitors. The former tenant had been engaged for some time in a business which is contrary to the Canada Temperance Act.—Goderich Signal-Star

The harsh, unpalatable fact that the United States cannot win friends in Asia, the Middle East and Africa by simply giving away money is something that has been brushed off in Washington for too many years. Asians and Americans really care about their welfare. Americans are content while among foreigners to remain in a vacuum with other Americans. These outsiders don't even bother to learn the language of the people among whom they live.—Buffalo News

In predicting more prosperity for the maritimes, H. G. Norman, president of the Montreal and Canadian Stock exchange, isn't sure whether Maritimers "will have the same happy times with more prosperity." In Halifax, Mr. Norman said the Maritimers "have had a hard time, but they have been very happy times." He sounds like a rich uncle declaiming to a poor nephew about the virtues of poverty. The poor are happy, says uncle, but he doesn't want to share in their joy, being too busy clipping bonds to indulge in anything so frivolous as happiness.—Cape Breton Post

MAXIMS

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The High Cost Of Hurt Feelings
 Do you lie awake nights and "keep remembering" old humiliations? Are you "burned up" over something someone did to you? Stop and think what might be accomplished if the time and energy spent in nursing your hurt feelings were put to profitable use!

February Reader's Digest shows you how old grievances can harm you, gives helpful advice on how to overcome them. Get your February Reader's Digest today: 33 articles of lasting interest, condensed to save your time.

Speaking of seemingly useless information, there comes from Bonn a report of experiments which persuaded a German zoologist that an eel can be trained to react to the smell of a rose.

Cuban housewives are banding together to form a union. Their first project will be Unionweives Day Friday and each Friday they will take things easy. The only law we can see is that on Saturday morning Friday's dishes will still be in the sink.—Windsor Star

The Salt Lake City, Utah, Tribune conducted a questionnaire asking its school correspondents who was the boss in their homes. The answers were not surprising. A big majority reported that mother was the boss. Only a sprinkling voted for father. One reply probably the best of all, was: "I don't know. They're both still arguing about it."—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

Mr. John Foster Dulles has decided to stay on as U.S. Secretary of State and is said to be steeling himself to resist Democratic pressure for his retirement. The rest of the world will receive this news without cheers, steeling itself to endure Mr. Dulles a little longer. For despite his talents, Mr. Dulles seems to have outlived his usefulness in his present post.—Ottawa Citizen

At a very busy street corner traffic was roaring through. A man waited for a long, long time to cross, but there was no letup in the stream of traffic. After some time, he saw another man on the other side of the street. He called to him: "How did you get over there?" The other man cupped his hands about his mouth and yelled back: "I was born over here!"—Ottawa Journal

Once Canadians were proud of singing "at Britain's side whatever betide." It was mighty comfortable to have Britain at our side, too in early days. If things are different now we should be proud of that too, but not ungrateful for the past. The old dependence protected us while we grew up. Its passing set a pattern that founded a Commonwealth of Nations.—Vancouver Sun

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