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March, where a few days before they felt their prospects of victory would have promised to halt but didn't. In There seemed logical grounds for this optimism on the part of the government's opponents.

Then came the crucial by-election in Hull North on Thursday, which featured not only the usual three-cornered Labor-Tory-Liberal fight, but the added attraction of a left-wing candidate, Richard Gott of the Radical Alliance, who waged his campaign solely against Britain's support of the United States in the Viet Nam war.

This victory, combined with the death of a Conservative, leaves the government with an overall majority of four in the House of Commons—not an imposing number, to be sure, but large enough to set the scene for an early general election, with the prospects of a Labor landslide.

Africa's Problems

William Clark, director of the Overseas Development Institute in London, has just returned from one of many trips to Africa and reports, in The Times, on the roots of frustration he finds there. It is a disquieting report indeed.

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Whatever the reasons, it would appear that the gap between the African states and the developed states continues to grow. This is made all the more unpalatable to Africans when they see South Africa booming economically and fellow Africans there and in Rhodesia victims of white supremacy.

This may, indeed, prove to be the darkness preceding the true dawn. But it is a matter of the most vital concern to mankind, and the dawn can only be brought about by the exercise of patience, tolerance and understanding on a much greater scale than has been shown heretofore.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Poor old England! Latest news to come from that quarter is that the drum that Sir Francis Drake carried around the world 400 years ago, and which according to tradition will sound again if ever the country is attacked, may be sold to help clear estate duties owned by one of the great man's descendants.

Another "cure" for alcoholism similar but reputedly more effective than the drug anabuse is reported by a hospital in Verdun, Quebec. But, as with all such cures, there is a catch. The drug has to be taken voluntarily; the alcoholic must cooperate. And this is equally true of so-called cures for over-eating and excessive smoking.



THE YEAR OF THE HORSE

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

No More Brave "Days Of Decision"

The 1966 program of the Pearson Government was set out in the Throne speech. This ambitiously includes 64 major proposals and some lesser expressions of intent. But cautiously it contains only one new proposal, and revealingly it breaks no new ground.

Thus we can see the philosophy of the government shaping up, just as the early days of the new parliament indicated the battleplans of the opposition parties. SAFE AND SOUND

The Pearson Government, it appears, proposes to revert from the excitement of its "Sixty Days of Decision" to the safer role of a managerial committee, as in the untroubled drift-days of the St. Laurent government.

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There is the pond, or the lake, or the slow-flowing river. The cold comes and knits a film of ice, clear as glass. TV, cold deepens and the ice turns milky or black as it thickens.

Since water expands as it turns to ice, it begins to press against its banks. More cold, and deeper ice, and more pressure; and suddenly the pressure is too great to be endured. There is a gigantic heave and a crack races across the ice; and

Competent administration and conscientious plodding, with no fireworks and no brass no Canada make up the Pearson Plan. For the smaller opposition parties, we can see a clear program emerging: everything possible will be done to avert another election before at least 1968, even at some sacrifice of principle. But they will attempt to exact some price for their support of the government on votes in the House.

The Conservatives are reinforced very significantly by the return of three big men to their front bench, each strong in experience, quick of mind and loud of voice. These are George Hees, Dave Fulton and Dick Bell. And Doug Harkness has been brought back into the line after three years in exile. These are adding diversity to the opposition

attack which was previously spearheaded mainly by John Diefenbaker and Alvin Hamilton. Today the Tory front bench is manned by fifteen former cabinet ministers. This impressive effect will have a psychological impact upon the still inexperienced Pearson cabinet which has never had a chance to shake down into a team.

The pattern of the Conservative attack can be predicted: not to be distracted into chases after lesser quarry, but to use any shortcomings of their weaker brethren as cudgels to beat the stronger ministers. For example, Agriculture Minister Joe Greene asserted that farm machinery prices are too high; this opens Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp to attack for not responding to Tory demands for the removal of the 11 per cent sales tax which boosts those prices.

The Ice Booms

New York Times

We think of wind as the voice of winter, the wind and the moan of the trees and the swish of sleet and snow. But the ultimate voice, the timeless voice of winter, is the boom of the ice, and it is one of the coldest voices there is.

Sometimes it happens in the daylight, and you can see the whole pond shake. The wind comes and goes. The trees ease their moans to sighs and whispers. The sleet ends, and the snow is a drifted blanket.

But the ice is restless in its bed. Ice, which split the mountains, carved the valleys, leveled the hills, must proclaim its strength. The ice rends itself in a primed convulsion. The ice booms.

Those Ancient Etruscans

National Geographic Society

The riddle of Italy's mysterious Etruscans remains unsolved despite the determined efforts of modern science. Airplanes, drills, and cameras have been used to discover and explore Etruscan tombs hidden beneath the Italian countryside. All this scientific probing has only deepened the mystery.

No one knows where the Etruscans came from. Their mighty city-states dominated most of the Italian peninsula over 2,000 years ago, then vanished from history's pages following defeat by Romans. Etruscan language defies translation.

Tombs with brilliantly painted walls are furnished with offerings in precious metals, cast bronze, and jet-black clay. These hold the only tantalizing clues to Etruscan culture.

Centuries before Rome emerged as a power, the Etruscans transformed a backward land into a wealthy realm called Etruria with great buildings and exquisite works of art. Etruscans were the first outstanding architects and engineers in Italy; they perfected the use of the arch for gateways, galleries, and drains.

and flowers, they reclined elegantly on couches covered with embroidered cloth while serving girls poured wine. Dancing and music accompanied the feast. Music played an integral part in all aspects of public and private life.

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At the height of their power, the Etruscans dominated both land and sea. Powerful fleets made the Tyrrhenian Sea an Etruscan lake from which Greeks and Carthaginians were barred for centuries. On the peninsula, 12 city-states held sway.

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The fall of Veii inspired the Roman poet Propertius to write a worthy epitaph to a proud city: "Alas, ancient Veii! Once you were a kingdom, and a golden throne stood in your forum. Now the indolent shepherd blows his horn within your walls..."

Suicide Trends Are Outlined

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen The suicide rate continues to be high because friends and relatives fail to recognize the seriousness of despondency. They believe that time, a change in scenery, or a new environment will offset a severe depression.

Others are plagued by loss of energy, rapid fatigability, poor appetite, and inability to make decisions. Sleep is disturbed and the battle becomes harder to fight after lying awake most of the night. Soon a vicious cycle is created because the more hopeless the conflict, the deeper the depression grows.

Depressed states are overlooked when they mimic other conditions. The afflicted person may complain of headache, palpitation, or digestive disturbances. Occasionally the condition is blamed on anemia, gastritis, spastic colon, or malnutrition.

EYES IN KIDNEY DISEASE

Mrs. T. G. writes: Are the eyes affected in Bright's disease?

REPLY In acute nephritis, dimness of vision may occur. In chronic nephritis the blood pressure is elevated. This in turn affects the blood vessels of the retina, resulting in visual disturbances.

SOFT SPOT CLOSURE

A reader writes: Is it serious if the soft spots in a baby's skull are slow to close?

REPLY The fontanelles in the skull usually close before the first birthday. When they remain open the child may have rickets, cretinism, or hydrocephalus.

EXCESSIVE CRUELTY

M. H. writes: What is sadism? I would like to know how it starts.

REPLY The sadist obtains sexual pleasure by torturing another person. The cause varies with the individual but usually stems from unpleasant childhood experiences.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Make plans for retirement. (NOTE: An correspondence to Dr. Van Dellen should be addressed to: Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 25, 1941)

It was widely predicted in London that before long there would be no male Briton working in a job that a woman could do. Men between the ages of 18-19 and 37-40, were directed by Royal proclamation to register for military service.

General John Meyazas, Prime Minister of Greece, and director of her aggressive defence in war, died, whispering: "It is not for myself that I mind, but I place my hope in the Greeks."

TEN YEARS AGO (January 23, 1956)

Mr. J.O. Hyndman, an 80-year-old Prince Edward Islander, was honored at a annual meeting of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada, in Toronto, as the only living representative of the group that founded the organization 50 years ago in 1906.

Tokyo Rose, a convicted traitor to her country, summed up her uncertain future with these words as she was freed from prison in Alderson, West Virginia—"I am going out into the darkness."

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Renewed Talks At Geneva

WASHINGTON (CP) — Time continues to run out for meaningful international curbs on nuclear arms spread and control, as shown by the urgent tone of messages sent Thursday to Geneva by Pope Paul, Secretary-General U Thant of the United Nations and President Johnson.

The Soviet Union's approach also included a relatively-mild denunciation of the United States compared with last July's harsh indictment when the 17-nation nuclear disarmament group met briefly and abortively.

For all that, some well-informed observers here are dubious about substantial progress. The Soviet Union in their eyes is simply giving another example of a policy practiced even under Josef Stalin when Russian foreign policy was more hard-nosed and inflexible.

AVOIDS HOSTILITY This policy is to keep talking without much action during ticklish periods to avoid generating too much hostility in the West and particularly in the U.S. in effect, main issues thereby are kept in cold storage until the climate has improved.

For the Soviet Union, the climate today is set by the war in Viet Nam which stands as a diplomatic box. Chief Soviet Delegate Semyon Tsarapkin

able through the co-operation of the choir of Christ Church Cathedral.

It was a taped performance of a patriotic song, Domino Hymn, written by Lord Lorne and set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan when the latter paid a visit to Rideau Hall in the early 1880's.

By offering events of this type along with its many fine exhibitions, (such as the extensive collection of J.E.H. MacDonald paintings now on view) the National Gallery plays a vibrant role in the artistic life of Ottawa and Canada.

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