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

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Praiseworthy Action

There will be general approval of the Federal Government's action in making \$150 million available for loans under the National Housing Act to encourage the construction of reasonably priced homes for which there is great need.

The action ought to give stimulus to the house-building program, which has lagged seriously during the summer months. In July, for example, the number of new houses completed was 6,395 compared with 7,417 in the same period last year, while the number of new houses started came to 9,015 as against more than 11,000 in July 1956.

Lastly, but by no means unimportantly, the Government's decision is encouraging in that it shows a willingness to listen to representations from responsible organizations without necessary delay.

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A Selkirk Descendent

You would never guess from his surname that John G. Diefenbaker comes from good Highland stock, observes the Aberdeen, Scotland, Press and Journal.

Join the names together and, of course, a link stretches back from Canada's Tory prime minister to that great Liberal prime minister of Britain, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

Canada's prime minister is very proud of the connection. His mother, who is still alive, was Mary Florence Bannerman, who married a Dutch settler.

Mr. Diefenbaker hopes to go north to see where his Highland ancestors lived on a future visit to this country (Britain).

The Aberdeen paper overlooked a point which the prime minister brought out on his visit to Prince Edward Island a short time ago. He explained that the two Bannerman brothers "missed the boat" for Belfast in 1803 and when Lord Selkirk organized another expedition of settlers some five years later he led them to the Red River valley.

Perhaps, in view of all the circumstances, and even at this late date, the Prime Minister could be made an honorary Islander

Mr. Baruch's Plan

The first person of international note to think up a plan for the control of atomic weapons was Bernard M. Baruch, well known American financier and respected adviser to Presidents.

Soviet Union.

Last Monday on the eve of his 87th birthday anniversary, Mr. Baruch, in an interview with the New York Times, recalled the gist of his rejected plan: "There must be an international authority which owns all the natural resources and fissionable materials required to wage atomic war."

Several years have passed since Mr. Baruch suggested to the big powers this simple plan for avoiding atomic war. Since then, all sorts of technical and very complicated solutions have been offered; and the statesmen and technicians have spent many hours in discussing the problem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Protocol must be observed even among the ranks of transient gentlemen of leisure, according to Paul Hubbard, King of the Hoboes. "A hobo is a migratory worker. A tramp is a migratory non-worker. A bum is a non-migratory non-worker."

A 100 million industrial and housing project will be built on a 900 acre site on the Queen Elizabeth Way by Unicos, an English concern. Part of the money for the development will come from the sale of a number of luxury apartments in London.

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For the first time since 1939 Newfoundland is to have a Provincial agricultural fair this fall. It will be held in St. John's and will feature agricultural, fishing and handicraft exhibits.

To the town of Protection, Kansas, goes the distinction of being the first community in North America to have full protection against polio for all its residents under 40 years of age. It is a fitting honour.

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Sir Leonard Outerbridge, Lt-Governor of Newfoundland, is now on an inspection tour of the British Newfoundland Corporation's holdings in the Hamilton River area of Labrador. An announcement from Government House in St. John's says that His Honour will also visit the mining areas at Knob Lake and other places of industrial development.

The newest thing in the business world is dog life insurance. A company has been incorporated in the United States for that sole purpose. The rate will be \$8 for each \$100 valuation, and policies will cover dogs from 6 months to 9 years of age.



Inflation Hits France

Alan Harvey, Canadian Press

A French teacher on holiday in Brittany bought a bottle of modest table wine early in July for 92 francs, the customary price.

In successive weeks, the same brand cost 95, then 100 and finally 105 francs. That is a sample of the way prices are soaring in this already high-cost country.

At the root of the financial crisis, which 37-year-old Finance Minister Felix Gaillard calls the gravest France has confronted in half a century, is the old balance-of-payments problem.

With this and the crippling cost of the war in Algeria—France is the only major power that has never stopped fighting since the Second World War—it is not surprising that economic forecasts are furrowed.

It is interesting to note that Carlyle, writing later as the historian of the year 1200, carried back into the past this same sense of the sovereign reality of everyday life.

The World Goes On

Montreal Gazette

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Getting Child To Wear Glasses

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Few persons actually like to wear glasses or eye patches. Yet those who have to wear them, make the best of it because they realize that such things are designed to help their vision.

VERY YOUNG CHILD If glasses are prescribed for a very young child, you can help him get used to them by putting his glasses on as you dress him each morning.

FAMILIAR TRADE-MARK If he admires a playmate who also wears glasses, or perhaps a bespectacled television or movie star — they seem to be pretty much of a trade-mark for comedians these days — you can point out that he now has glasses just like they have.

TRUTHFUL ANSWERS When he questions you about his patch and the need for it, give him truthful answers. Do not, however, emphasize the point.

UNTHINKING PERSON Should a well-meaning but unthinking parent stop your youngster on the street to inquire why he is wearing the patch, the Association suggests he answer:

QUESTION AND ANSWER A Reader: I took some aureomycin for pneumonia for about two weeks, then developed diarrhea and cramps in my stomach.

OUR YESTERDAYS TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 24, 1932) The new South Freetown bridge of reinforced concrete has been completed by contractors Delaney and Gamble of Albany.

TEN YEARS AGO (August 24, 1947) Preparatory work for the construction of a new telephone office in Summerside has been commenced by the contractors, M.F. Schurman.

Battle Honours Awards of battle honors of Second World War service to another five Canadian army units were announced recently by army headquarters.

THE AGE OLD STORY Behold, I come quickly; hold fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

MAXIMS Happiness is a perishable fruit, which must be used each day, for it will not keep.

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On the insistence of Alderman P.N.R. Morrison council has agreed to word its still-unpassed dog bylaw in such a way that when reference is made to a bitch it will be called a "female dog."

A patient in a British mental institution won more than £30,000 in a football pool. That is in itself not surprising for sanity has no particular place in such contests.

A people which loses the habit of saving loses its stake in its own future. A people which relies on the state to look after its needs, loses not only its stake in the future, but it also commits the big swindle which is forcing others to take the responsibility of looking after them.

Family picnics along the highways are reminders that we live in a world where the simple pleasures are still the most rewarding. Bowling along the road in a streamlined contraption at sixty miles an hour may provide a thrill, but it is a contrived thrill.

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