

To do their best work and obtain an objective approach to issues before them. But this argument, as the Winnipeg Free Press points out, can be carried too far.

Ordinary people, who are affected by legislation, certainly worry as much about their debts and other embarrassments as their federal representatives do. If an M.P., merely because he is an M.P., were to be completely relieved of such worry, this could easily lead to a detachment on the part of those who legislate that would constitute the very reverse of objectivity.

Historically, a parliamentary indemnity has not been regarded as a monetary reward in the sense that a salary or profit is the reward of labor or enterprise. Indemnities originally were intended to make economically possible the participation of relatively poor men in the legislative process. But for all members, rich or poor, the satisfactions of parliamentary service were deemed to be of a quite different order.

Today, it may be granted, sessions of Parliament are so lengthy that it is almost impossible for an M.P. to carry on any private business or engage in a trade or profession. He must either move his family to Ottawa or spend much time in travelling back and forth. In addition, he has many expenses to which the ordinary citizen is not subject. Adequate pay for a Member of Parliament cannot, therefore, be judged by what might be deemed an adequate salary for the ordinary citizen.

Parliamentary indemnities have not been increased since 1954. There can surely be few working Canadians who have not had a raise in pay in the last eight years. Whether a \$3,000 increase would be warranted, however, is another matter. A jump of this kind, on the eve of a general election, would just about write "finis" to the career of any member who voted for it. If M.P.'s are really being penalized to this extent, by the level of their present emoluments, they will have to demonstrate it to the satisfaction of the public.

Astrologically Speaking

In countries where astrologers still read omens in the heavens, it is predicted that tomorrow, Feb. 4, will be a day of utter disaster. Eight planets will appear in the sign of Capricorn—an appallingly bad sign. In India, Prime Minister Nehru has tried to calm the multitude by suggesting that these planets could not really be interested in insignificant human affairs, but he has been warned by one astrologer to take extra care of himself, regardless.

In the neighboring kingdom of Nepal, a stronghold of old-fashioned Hinduism, these predictions have caused so much alarm that King Mahendra has found it necessary to issue a reassuring proclamation. He rather spoiled the effect of his appeal to common sense, however, by urging the people to meet any disaster "like brave Nepalese." Nothing makes people so panicky as exhortations to be brave in the face of unspecified danger.

In Canada astrologers—if they exist—are in disrepute, and we have heard nothing to indicate that there are any forebodings as to tomorrow's planetary parade. Even Mr. Pearson, who has been predicting dire things for the Deifenbaker Government's hasn't designated Feb. 4 but the federal election date. And he's such a poor astrologer that he doesn't profess to know when this date will turn up. Nor is Mr. Tommy Douglas any more specific. His prediction is that neither the Grits nor the Tories will find the astrological going very smooth on election day, but he doesn't know what planets will be conjunction then, or whether it will be winter, summer or fall.

Parliamentary Pay

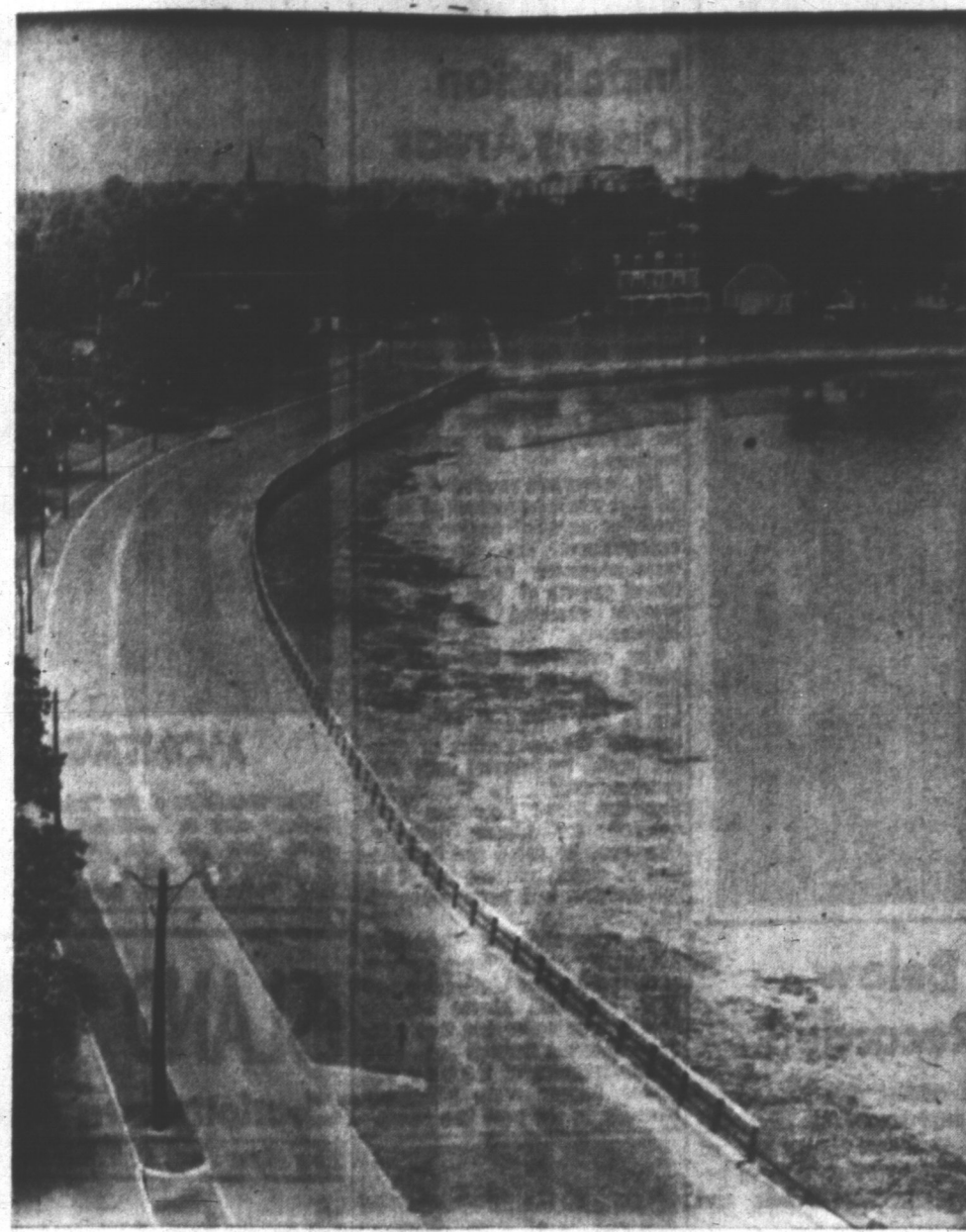
Along with the increased social benefits the voters are being promised at this time, comes a proposal from Mr. Douglas Fisher, CCF Member of Parliament for Port Arthur, for an increase in M.P.'s remuneration from the present \$10,000 to \$13,000 per annum. He has sponsored a resolution on this effect in the Commons, about which the only sure thing that can be said is that it will not prove as popular on the hustings as the old age pensions boost.

Taxpayers who see their pay checks becoming smaller each year as a result of legislation passed by the same parliamentarians who are now asking for a raise, will find the arguments advanced for this move somewhat dubious. It is contended, for example, that members should be relieved from money worries in order

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tokyo's population has hit the 10,000,000 mark. It happened last Tuesday but city officials say "you would need a stopwatch" to know when the 10,000,000th citizen was born since the population increases by 500 each day.

In Missouri years ago, said former President Harry S. Truman recently, there was a particularly dangerous junction of a railroad and a highway. Truman asked an engineer what should be done. "Don't do a thing," replied the engineer. "It's so dangerous it's safe." That, said Mr. Truman, is the way he feels about the possibility of nuclear war.



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TROUBLE IN CEYLON

Sad State Of An Island Paradise

Globe and Mail, Toronto

For 150 years, Ceylon was a British Crown Colony in which the Sinhalese, Tamil and other races making up the island population lived in reasonable amity; and the Buddhist, Hindu, Christian and Moslem religions co-existed side by side. The

world drank more and more of Ceylon's tea and demanded more and more of Ceylon's rubber, so the economy flourished. In 1948, when the Ceylonese decided it was time for independence, the transition was made smoothly and with the greatest good-will on both sides.

PUBLIC FORUM

JAIL CONDITIONS

Sir,—In reply to a statement published in The Guardian and The Evening Patriot by Attorney General Melvin McQuaid concerning the conditions of the Queen's County Jail and his words of criticism towards the Older Boy's Parliament, I would like to reiterate the stand taken by the parliament. In so doing I would like to outline for you the conditions which the delegates found during their tour of the institution.

tion with canal and locks, to harness the great tidal hydro power potential of the Petticoeac River. Mr. Walter A. Melanson, former N.B. District Highway Engineer, and others who have advocated this route are to be commended for they are on to something of great basic value to the Maritimes.

SOMETHING WRONG

What has gone wrong in Ceylon? Much of the present trouble seems to spring from the use of racial differences in the island for political ends. The Sri Lanka Freedom Party, founded and led by Mr. Solomon Bandaranaike, swept to power in 1956 largely on a promise to displace English and make Sinhalese the sole official language. This greatly alarmed the Tamils and murder, arson and violence swept the country.

May I add one other advantage of this new shorter canal route, and actually some people consider this advantage as being sufficient reason in itself for canal construction in the Petticoeac, Moncton, Shediac area. That is, with this route, there would be no obstruction, interference and consequent traffic delay on the P. E. I. Causeway in 1956 largely on a promise to displace English and make Sinhalese the sole official language. This greatly alarmed the Tamils and murder, arson and violence swept the country.

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EMERGENCY LAWS

Under the emergency laws introduced last April he has plenty of scope. The Government has power, and uses it, to proscribe political parties and to arrest and detain people without trial; to control the press by severe censorship which forbids publication of Cabinet proceedings or matters before the Cabinet; to prohibit public meetings, processions and strikes.

IN APPRECIATION

Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. Neil Matheson for his write-up about Dr. A.A. MacDonald—Souris East, which was much enjoyed and appreciated. These were just a few examples of his work in his many years of faithful service to the people of Eastern Kings, and of the hundreds of patients he has endeared himself to, through all these years as a cheerful and encouraging friend as well as a physician.

SHORTER CANAL ROUTE

Sir,—It is important for Maritimers to note when looking at the broad over-all picture and into the future, that the alternate canal route, that the Petticoeac River, thence from Moncton to Shediac Bay, presents important advantages over the usual thought of route from Aulac (Cumberland Basin) to Baie Verte.

ERROL SHARPE

Premier, Eighth P.E.I. Older Boys Parliament.

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Adult Reaction To Chicken Pox Is More Serious

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen CHICKEN POX has nothing to do with poultry. It got its name in 1690 from Morton, who likened the lesion to a chick pea. The technical name is varicella but I doubt if the disorder ever will be called anything but chicken pox.

The majority of infants are immune during the first six months of life. City dwellers are more prone to develop the disease, possibly because they live so close together. Our country friends escape during their early years, only to fall victim later in life, especially if they move into town.

The malady is less contagious than smallpox but few susceptible youngsters escape when they come into contact with a friend who has chicken pox. Symptoms usually begin approximately two weeks after exposure. The youngster feels ill with fever, headache, and vague pains for a day or two.

This prodromal stage generally is mild in children but more annoying and serious in adults. Furthermore, the true nature of the illness often escapes detection during the period unless chicken pox is anticipated.

The rash begins as a red pin sized, pinkish red pimple. This changes rapidly, often within a few hours, to a new water blister on a red base, which looks like a drop of water on the skin. In time, the blister ruptures and the area is covered by a crust. Meanwhile, other lesions are developing so that all stages of the disease are present at once.

The eruption subsides within seven days but three weeks may elapse before the scarring finally drops off. Slight scarring may remain from one or two of the pox, usually on the face or near an eye.

There is no treatment for chicken pox except to relieve itching. Calamine lotion is good for this purpose. Keep the finger nails cut short to prevent deep-scratching. Gloves and splints are used on children too young to cooperate. (Dr. Van Dellen will answer questions on medical topics if stamped, self-addressed envelope accompanies request.)

VITAMIN B12

M. A. writes: I have pernicious anemia and find the vitamin B12 shots expensive. Would the tablets do just as well? REPLY Not even though tablets or capsules are available. Many victims of pernicious anemia need an injection every three to four weeks. Ask your physician to teach you how to give yourself the injections, in much the same way as diabetics are taught to give themselves shots of insulin. Get a prescription for vitamin B12 and you are in business. Warning: Be sure to have your blood tested every six months.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Every man should get married because sooner or later something will go wrong he can't blame on the government. — Niagara Falls Review.

An elderly woman complained about another parishioner. When asked what the other had done, she said, "She ignores me, and I don't like ignorance." — Montreal Star.

In Berlin, 25 East Germans escape into West Berlin aboard a runaway commuter train. Now railroad headquarters knows why it was such a bad day for selling round-trip tickets. — New York Times.

Even if you were correct in thinking the world owes you a living, it would be much easier for you to make your own way than to take on the tough job of collecting the debt. — Nanaimo Free Press.

James Gosting, former Scotland Yard inspector and founder of the "Phantom Brigade," has made a long-playing phonograph record for bankers and business men that recounts the tricks of gangsters and swindlers. The price is \$30, but the record can be bought only by those who provide proper references and guarantees of good faith. — London Daily Mail.

A Turkish police official visiting the United States says there are not many highway fatalities in his country. A Turkish motorist found at fault in a traffic death can be executed. Perhaps this has something to do with it. — Hamilton Spectator.

Until recently the only sound emitted by unmanned space vehicles was, to the best of our knowledge, a somewhat elementary "beep." But on December 12 Oscar (Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio) was launched in the U.S. and began calling "hi" (in Morse code) to ham radio operators on earth. The next development in this particular area of astronautics, we presume will be a doll of a satellite capable of crying "mama" every time it passes over its launching base. — Calgary Albertan.

National Safety Day in Luxembourg was a big success. Five thousand bottles of milk were distributed to drivers who stopped for gasoline. This promoted not only safe driving but also the dairy industry. — Journal D'Esche, Luxembourg.

Pakistan And India

By Joseph MacSweeney Canadian Press Staff Writer

Pakistan's diplomatic attack on India is apparently designed to explode Prime Minister Nehru's claim that India sticks by the rule of law in a world dominated by cold-war tigers. Sir Muhammad Zafrulla Khan, Pakistan ambassador, was clear on this in his request for a United Nations security council meeting on the charge that India was threatening Pakistan—once more—over disputed Kashmir.

The Derbyshire mining village of Plisley is divided on whether the local gravedigger should wear socks at funerals: The gravedigger is Mr. George Gilding, aged 61, who says he has not worn socks since he left the army in 1918. Villagers have complained after noticing his bare feet at funerals. — New Statesman.

India's army takeover of Portuguese Goa and two other small Portuguese territories on the Indian subcontinent in December gave the UN its most traumatic jolt since the Suez crisis and the Hungarian uprising of 1956.

Against all this, Pakistan says India in practice will hesitate not a moment to use force where its interests are involved. The Indian army was sent against the recalcitrant state of Hyderabad after Britain granted independence in 1947, it was recalled.

India escaped censure in the UN because of passionate anti-colonial feeling in the Afro-Asian bloc which comprises nearly half of the UN membership, but no argument has convinced the Western powers that on its face it was anything else but a power grab.

Indian troops have been working out along the Pakistan border. Pakistan says it was an insult to the United States that India turned down President Kennedy's offer of "good offices" between Pakistan and India on the Kashmir dispute which has been in progress since 1948.

Pakistan apparently feels it is competent to point up the paradox of peace-loving India. Had any other country except India made such a move on Goa the shock would have been less. India is deep in the fabric of the UN, a maker of principle, a prime contributor to the UN force in the Congo, a supporter of the UN emergency force in the Middle East, one of the key countries in the solution of the Suez crisis that rocked the Commonwealth.

Whatever the merits of the Kashmir dispute, it appears Pakistan felt this was a ripe moment to make India a defendant at the United Nations.

Shortly before the Goa incident, Nehru addressed the UN general assembly and proposed an international year of co-operation.

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I let the shining minutes slip Between my fingers . . . watch them drip To glowing hours, yet cannot measure The value of this priceless leisure. —George Starbuck Galbraith in the Christian Science Monitor

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