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Choosing A Cabinet

One of the many difficult tasks awaiting Prime Minister Diefenbaker is the naming of a Cabinet to share with him the responsibilities of office.

Obviously, not every man can become one of the inner council. There are only so many posts to be filled, and custom as well as political expediency demand that they should be distributed in such a way as to give each region a measure of representation.

At all events, the responsibility is Mr. Diefenbaker's and his alone. He may, and doubtless will, seek the counsel of his close advisers; but in the final summation he must make the decision on the grounds of what he believes to be in the best interests of Canada as a whole.

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The High Cost Of Food

Figures presented to a Committee of the United States Congress recently, suggest that whereas farm prices have declined by 13 per cent during the last ten years, the cost of feeding the average family of four persons in the United States has gone up 35 per cent during the same period.

Commenting on these figures, The Country Guide, Winnipeg, notes that far more than at any time in the past, present-day costs of living include costs for services of many kinds. These are not commodities, the costs of which can be reduced by the introduction of machinery.

The cost of food has risen, and one of the important reasons is that, as our standard of living has risen, the average housewife is not content to buy food that is presented to her in the same way that it was offered by retailers ten or twenty years ago.

otherwise attractively packaged. Many more thousands of women work away from home during the day, and insist on buying food most conveniently prepared for use during the limited time they are at home.

Factual as these various statements may be, they do not offer much hope to the farmer, who faces rising costs, and the danger of declining prices. They do, however, point clearly to one of the underlying reasons for the increasing size of farms, accompanied by substantial increases in capitalization; and to the continuing increase in farm mechanization.

Under Close Scrutiny

Mr. St. Laurent is being commended for not attempting to hold on to office after the defeat of his government by a narrow margin on June 10. The commendation is general. There is, however, considerable criticism of the course taken, immediately after the election, in approving an increase in civil service pay amounting to an average of six per cent.

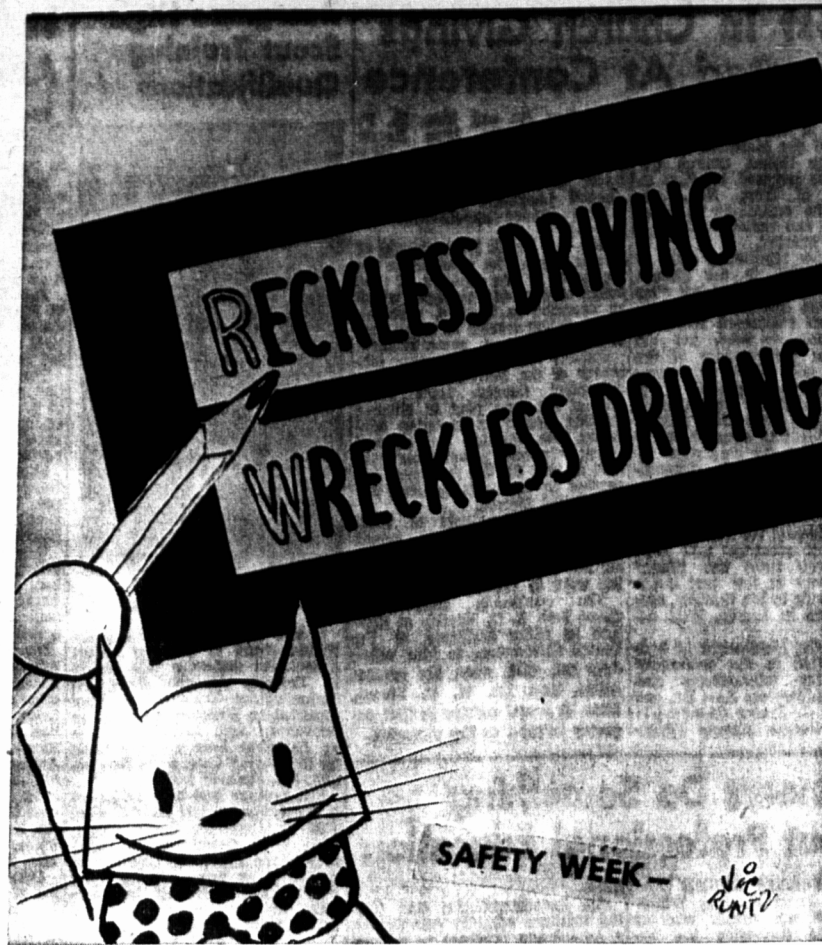
Another criticism of the government is of its discourtesy in not placing a plane at the disposal of Mr. Diefenbaker as soon as his victory at the polls became known. He was left to find his own way from Saskatchewan to Ottawa, while defeated Defence Minister Ralph Campney and Fisheries Minister James Sinclair flew from British Columbia in the plane often used by the Prime Minister.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The President of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Vancouver reports that 20,000 Norwegians will settle in Canada this year. "Canada is much like their own country and they like it," he says. They make good citizens.

Prison officials said they could not explain why an inmate who had been on a month-long hunger strike returned to normal eating. It seems likely that hunger had something to do with it.

Egg producers in Britain have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a marketing board to handle their produce. The Board will decide the price at which it will sell eggs to wholesalers, but the consumer will continue to determine the retail price.



OFTEN IT'S A MATTER OF CHOICE

The Baghdad Pact Meeting

By W. N. Ever United Kingdom Information Service

The outstanding feature of the Karachi meeting of the Council of the Baghdad Pact has, of course, been the acceptance by the United States of the invitation to join the Military Committee.

Nothing dramatic is to be expected at this stage, nothing commensurate with the NATO military organization in Western Europe. But there can now be serious and useful discussion of the strategic and other problems involved in the defence of the area, if need were to arise.

That in itself is important. It has other and equally important implications. The American participation in the pact is not a defensive system, the pact begins to exist as a reality not simply on paper.

This council meeting should have been even more reassuring. Mr. Loy Henderson made it clear that the United States support is to meet any act of Communist aggression against the territories of the member countries, and that it does not regard the Pact Organization as concerned with the internal problems or conflicts of the Middle East.

World's Southernmost City

National Geographic Society

Surprising in the word for Punta Arenas, the world's southernmost and perhaps windiest city. The Antarctic wind is so strong, travelers say, that it parts a dog's hair, and spits gravel in a man's face.

Still, this seaport—nestled in the Strait of Magellan at the toe of South America—is by no means Chile's chilliest city. Winter temperatures average only 1 1/2 degrees colder than those in Washington, D.C., the National Geographic Magazine says.

An icy barrier of Andean peaks and glaciers cuts off Punta Arenas from the mother country. But it is a modern provincial capital. Its population of 48,000 is as cosmopolitan as that of old Ellis Island on the day of a ship's arrival.

MOVIES, GOLF AND CULTURE The remote metropolis has paved streets, sidewalks, hotels, concrete buildings, well-stocked shops, movie houses, daily newspapers, social clubs, a jet air base, a golf course, and a museum.

For years the city has been prosperous. As a present-day gateway to Antarctica and the center of a growing oil industry across the Strait on Tierra del Fuego, its prospects are even brighter. Considering the city's lurid past, however, it is not surprising that a traveler expects to find a muddy frontier town. Punta Arenas got on its feet during a gold rush, and founded its fortunes on the wealth of sheep.

Early voyagers could hardly have envisioned a bustling city at Punta Arenas' site. Magellan first reached the Strait's storms, reaching a quiet haven that he significantly called the Pacific. Sir Francis Drake, who later navigated the Strait and was immediately blown down to Cape Horn, observed that the Atlantic Ocean and South Sea meet in a most large and free scope.

After Drake's voyage, Spain nervously planned an outpost not far from the seaport's present location. The settlement failed to withstand the onslaughts of storms, hunger, disease, and inhospitable Indians.

Chile in 1843 set up a penal colony there. The convicts did not like Punta Arenas. Led by mutinous guards, they wrecked the settlement, and it became a no man's land. Eventually another settlement took form.

MAIN OUTCOME The main outcome of the meeting has been, as I see it, to make it clear that the avowed aims of the Pact are its real aims. Its activities are concerned with defence and security against aggression from without, not with policies or conflicts inside the area. It is an instrument of collective defence.

There are, I know, many critics who disapprove of even this. Asian and African countries far removed from the Soviet Union are, naturally, less apprehensive about possible danger from the north than are Russia's neighbours. The Turks and Iranians, for example, still remember those Soviet aspirations in the direction of the Persian Gulf which Molotov discussed with Ribbentrop.

But these are different issues. What may have emerged from the Karachi meeting is a certain clearing away of the confusions which have grown up around the Baghdad Pact since its beginning two years ago. Whatever one's views on the Pact itself, it is as well it should be seen for what it really is.

er nuisance you are elsewhere liable to be exposed to." Near the end of the century, a gold rush lured prospectors from numerous countries in Yugoslavia, Germany, Spain, Britain, and Scandinavia. There wasn't much gold to be found, so newcomers joined earlier settlers in raising sheep. Punta Arenas, at last, put solid roots in the ground.

On Forming A Cabinet

Ottawa Journal

The pundits are already presenting Mr. Diefenbaker with a cabinet, or, if not doing that assuming that he had a cabinet all cut and dried.

But the business of forming a cabinet is not quite as simple as that. Actually it presents immense difficulties; racial, religious and geographical considerations; the headaches of choice among conflicting ambitions and claims; the need of separating private friendships from political necessities; the stamina to resist demands or importunities from this group or that.

British political history and biography, and Canadian too, are filled with fascinating reading of what such difficulties meant or could mean; of the party captains who waited vainly for a "Call," of the ambitions that were blasted when such a call did not come of the bitterness, rivalries and jealousies that were born after a cabinet was made.

Sir Robert Borden used to tell how when he was forming his cabinet after 1911 one persistent aspirant for a post in it contrived to gain admittance to his home by the door of the kitchen. Charles Murphy would recount with fierce invective how Mr. King, forming one of his later cabinets, visited him to his office to meet William Kennedy—King's way of conveying to Murphy that Kennedy might be his successor as representative of the Irish Catholics (the new cabinet contained both Kennedy and Murphy).

And Prime Ministers, forming a cabinet, are not confined to members of the Commons. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896 went far afield for his "cabinet of all the talents";

Prevention Of Athlete's Foot

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

Tinea Pedis or Epidermophytosis are two villains you're apt to meet up with at any public swimming pool this summer. You'll probably recognize them by another name—athlete's foot.

A fungus infection, athlete's foot can be caused by a number of mold-like organisms that can be found just about anywhere. The favorite spot for these fungi, however, is a moist, warm area, such as found about pools or in shower rooms.

HEALTHFUL ACTIVITIES Swimming and competitive sports are healthful activities. I certainly encourage any of you who are able to take advantage of them. However, just because you like to swim, golf or play basketball, doesn't mean that you have to come down with a bad case of ringworm of the feet.

Don't place all your trust in those shower room and poolside foot baths. They contain fungicidal solutions but generally are not too successful in combating fungus.

LOSE THEIR STRENGTH For one thing, the solutions lose their strength very quickly. For another, they are not strong enough to kill all the fungi, anyway. The best way to prevent acquiring a case of athlete's foot is to follow these simple rules:

1.—Dry your feet well with a towel after every bath or shower. Use a clean, dry, soft cloth to pat—do not rub—the skin between the toes until it is completely dry.

2.—A drying antiseptic powder will help keep your feet dry and healthy. Most persons can use ten percent boric acid in ordinary talcum powder; but occasionally some will become sensitive to it.

3.—Wear a clean pair of socks or stockings every day. And change them during the day if they become wet from moisture or excessive perspiration.

4.—Alternate the wearing of your shoes. Wear one pair one day and another pair the next day. This gives each pair plenty of time to dry out before you don them again.

QUESTION AND ANSWER R.S.M.: What causes the skin on a person's body to become dry?

Answer: The character of the skin varies in different individuals depending somewhat on the amount of secretion from the glands in the glands in the skin.

Disturbances in the glands of internal secretion, such as lack of thyroid secretion, may be contributing causes for dryness of the skin.



FIRST LARK

Up from the grass full of great empty sky, the first Lark thinks his way through song.

He does not trill Or warble but sustains a few notes Within the narrow opportunities of his phrase as he struggles to create

A meadow music of uneven parts. Years ago, practicing "Bird as Free" my hand

Made only bodiless flight without a song. Wrestling with a ghost that was too strong

Now as he tries all ways he can, his voice is dust in his throat or coming through

To purest tone, in shape that exquisite And occasional measure once to me dumb.

I hear that fluency could not make come. —Ida Fasel In the New York Herald Tribune.

The Age Old Story

But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever.

Prince Edward Island Government will agree to the new Pensioners Bill and "put it into force immediately." P.E.I. is one of the three provinces which will have to increase their payments to pensioners since it did not pay pensioners the war supplement of \$5.00 a month.

MAYOR ON TOUR

PARIS (Reuters)—Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto and Mrs. Phillips today visited the Hotel de Ville as guests of the Paris municipal council. They were greeted at the city hall by Pierre Rust, president of the council. Wednesday, the mayor and his wife will place a wreath on the tomb of France's unknown soldier at the Arc de Triomphe.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO June 19, 1932

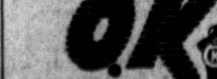
Dr. Robinson, Principal of Horton Academy, and Dr. Archibald Registrar at Wolfville, gave an informal but instructive talk on education before the Summerside School Board last evening. Dr. Robinson spoke on Vocational work and Dr. Archibald spoke on educational standards and entrance requirements.

A resolution objecting to the placing of a span in the Mt. Stewart bridge has been forwarded to the Provincial Government. It was contended that the introduction of the span would permit the tide to flow over valuable marsh land.

TEN YEARS AGO June 19, 1947

The Canadian National Fox Breeders Association concluded their annual meeting at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday morning with a Directors meeting. \$15,000 was voted for advertising purposes to assist in promoting the industry.

Premier J. Walter Jones said yesterday that in his opinion the



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NOTES BY THE WAY

Some day a groom is going to show up at his wedding in sunglasses just so that somebody will notice him.—London Free Press

It is practically impossible to knock down a big concrete bridge with an automobile, but that does not seem to stop people from trying.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

Good news for British Columbia's rapidly-growing army of small boat owners—now estimated at more than 50,000—is the announcement that the recreation department is now investigating 250 possible sites for water-front picnic or camping grounds. These, on various small harbours on islands and mainland, would be primarily for tourists who travel by boat.—Vancouver Province

For the past few decades the use of fertilizers has doubled approximately every 10 years, largely by the urging of agricultural colleges and extension workers teaching better farming. It has built this branch of the chemical industry into a substantial one that promises to grow much bigger as time goes on. It has been of vast importance, in the food-rich North America would already have a hard time to be self-supporting and the rest of the world would likely be seriously clouded by the threat of starvation.—Owen Sound Sun-Times

That ancient sport, kite flying, has made its appearance in Edmonton. The West End resident who made the big red kite we saw the other day muttered something about it belonging to his son, a boy of about eight—but it was significant that the eight-year-old was merely a spectator while his father manipulated the kite aloft. There's something about a kite, swooping overhead against the clouds and blue sky, that brings inner peace to the man who has "a hard day at the office." A Chinese philosopher once recommended kite-flying as a sure cure for mental tension.—Edmonton Journal

People don't get as mad at the fellow who gives them bad advice as they do at the one who gives them good advice they don't take.—Brandon Sun

The new atomic reactor at the Washington Naval Research Laboratory is painted in varying hues, including orange and peach. What-ever because of that good old-fashioned navy blue?—St. Catharines Standard

We had braced ourselves against most of the slings and arrows of modern invention but we are taken unawares by Parisian scientists. They have—O misery!—invented a vaccine which makes ducks change shape, size and color. And what can be done for ducks can be done for humans, in time. In brief if you are white and want to be black the vaccine will do it; and vice versa.—Ottawa Journal

The weight of medical, social and every other kind of evidence certainly points up the need for national encouragement of physical recreation. That we in Canada have become a nation of watchers, rather than participants, is undeniably true. There is no apparent lack of interest in sports and our national games but for the most part it is an interest which begins and ends at the turnstiles of the stadiums.—St. Mary's Journal - Argus

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