

### Speculate On Changes In U. S. Foreign Policy

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All the world will be watching to see how far Republican exuberance over Tuesday's election results will carry them in opposition to current American foreign policy.

Initial statements from the now-much-stronger minority in Congress indicated strong belief that the public had expressed dissatisfaction with results under the Truman-Acheson policy. The bipartisan approach was tottering.

Defeat of Scott Lucas, Senate Democratic leader, in a hot fight in Illinois where the foreign policy he so often sponsored was a key issue, increased this Republican attitude. So did the re-election of Senator Robert Taft in Ohio.

Even before the returns were in Taft had prepared a statement demanding a broad review of foreign policy. He attacked the whole concept of defending Europe against possible Russian aggression.

Taft has always been doubtful about aid to Europe, but went along fairly well while Senator Arthur Vandenberg was active in bipartisan policy. But Taft is a born isolationist who learned only late in life of the inevitable involvement of the U.S. in world affairs. He keeps a wary eye open for the slightest sign that anyone will go beyond the most obvious American interests.

With Vandenberg playing a small role now because of ill health, and Taft's overwhelming ascendancy in the party due to his smashing victory in Ohio, his caution will likely set the Republican pace in both Houses of Congress.

Marshall Plan aid will be threatened and Taft also indicates that plans for the rearmament of Western Europe itself are, indirectly, in danger.

Sniping at State Secretary Dean Acheson can be expected to continue. Administration miscalculation on Korea in the first place, and on Chinese Communist intervention in the second place, will be taken as grounds for questioning his judgment on other situations as they arise.

All of this tends to create a feeling of unease among U.S. Allies.

Yet Taft's record, and that of his party in general during the last few years, suggests strongly that in any given emergency the Republicans will go along, since administration policies have been and are being forced to meet outside forces over which it has no control.

### BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

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PELLETS

Curiously enough, more is known about the food preferences of Owls than of almost any other kind of bird. To the uninitiated, knowing that because of nocturnal habits they are seldom seen, this must sound absurd. However, wherever they live, they scatter their menu lists about. These, though unintelligible to the average man in the street are easily read by scientists.

Mother Nature has supplied these birds of prey with special tools. With their powerful, hooked talons they seized and then hold their victims. Otherwise their sharp, hooked bills are used to tear the flesh into large pieces. But all Owls actually swallow everything: meat, bones, fur, claws, and what not. A Great Horned Owl will even tackle a porcupine. The Canadian naturalist, Dan McCowan, has told the story of a member of this species that was brought down by a rifle bullet. The taxidermist found, buried in its heart, two porcupine quills which the intrepid bird had not been able to dispose of in its ordinary way.

Under every other circumstance, the entire catch goes down to the Owl's stomach. There the nutritious portions are absorbed, while all the indigestible matter is formed into round pellets that are ejected from the mouth. Young Owls are insatiable, eating nightly their own weight in food. The group surrounding their home is literally covered with these disgorged pellets. After examining them, a scientist is able to tell exactly what kind of food parents of such a species bring to their nestlings.

If the ground under the roost of an adult Owl is systematically watched, the scientist not only finds out what that individual has eaten, but can estimate the size and number of its meals. We then have the evidence, which cannot be disputed, and know just what each species of owl prefers to eat, and what it takes under unusual conditions or times of stress. We are assured, for instance that though fully 75 per cent of a Short-eared Owl's diet consists of mice, when there was a plague of voles these little animals were constantly eaten. The Screech Owl feeds extensively on insects, yet enjoys varied meals. About 1-7 of its yearly intake consists of birds, but examination of pellets proves that only necessity causes it to kill birds.

Severe winter weather, or when there is difficulty in finding enough suitable nourishment near by for a young family.

Are House Sparrows Canadians?

### NEW HAVEN W. I.

The annual meeting of the New Haven W. I. was held at the home of Mrs. Charles MacDougall on Nov. 1st.

The meeting opened by singing the "Institute Ode" and repeating the "Creed" in unison. Roll call was answered by nineteen members paying their membership fees. There was one visitor present.

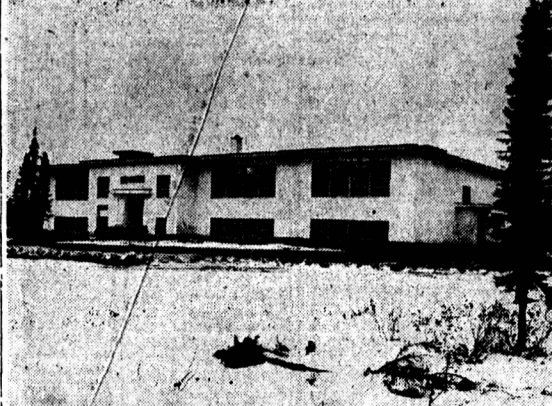
The minutes of the last annual and monthly meeting were read, approved and signed.

The president gave a short report and thanked the members for their co-operation during the year.

The secretary reported that the amount taken in during the year was \$324.01, the expenses were \$256.13 leaving a balance of \$67.88 after all bills were paid. The sick committee sent fruit to two sick in the district.

The correspondence was read and discussed. Two letters were received from England also their W. I. Cook Book. Money was taken

### Modern School Opened At Labrador R.C.A.F. Station



The children of this isolated station have been provided with a beautifully equipped new school at a cost of \$275,000 by the R.C.A.F. This school has been named in honor of Air Marshal Robert Leckie, who officiated at the opening ceremonies, Nov. 10. A staff of eight will teach 172 pupils, ranging from nursery school to grade 12. The school has been built and equipped in accordance with the most modern educational standards, and provides, besides the usual classrooms, a well equipped physics and chemistry laboratory, manual training shop, domestic science room, and a particularly well-stocked library. The building is of concrete construction, and required two years to complete. Constructing such a building at an isolated station was a difficult undertaking as all materials had to be brought in by ship or plane. (National Defence Photo)



Air Marshal Leckie officiated at the opening ceremonies of an ultra-modern school named in his honor at R.C.A.F. Station Goose Bay, Labrador on 10 Nov. The Air Marshal, now retired, flew to Goose Bay to witness an important addition to a station which

he was instrumental in founding in 1941, when he was Chief of the Air Staff. Air Marshal Leckie is shown with two of the pupils, Larry Fletcher and Carol Pamlin, prior to the cutting of the ribbon, which officially opened the new school. (National Defence Photo)

in for cards and capsules. \$26.25 was handed in for the Canteen Fund, the remainder of the collecting to be finished soon.

The sewing club is to be re-organized on Thursday. Miss Boswell intends to come out and give the girls and leaders a talk on the year's work.

It was moved and seconded that the Institute give a prize to the pupil having the highest standing in each grade and also a prize for the best attendance.

Bills amounting to \$3.31 were paid. The election of officers then took place and resulted as follows: President — Mrs. Earl Moore, Vice President — Mrs. Richard MacPhee, Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Lloyd MacKinnon, Directors — Mrs. Hugh MacDonald, Mrs. Duncan Gass, Mrs. Louis Darrach, Auditors — Mrs. Clarence Prizzell, Mrs. Roland Buchanan (Sr.)

Sympathy Cards — Mrs. Gas Tierney, Buying Committee — Mr. Michael Murphy, Mrs. Neil MacKinnon, Sick Committee — Mrs. Thomas Devereaux, Mrs. G. S. Tierney, Press secretary — Mrs. Roland Buchanan (Jr.)

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Alton Newman, roll call was answered by an exchange of Christmas gifts. The collection for the evening was \$1.50. It was decided to bring all donations of clothing etc. for Orphanages to the next meeting.

The meeting closed by singing "God Save The King", after which a social time was spent the occasion being the tenth wedding anniversary of Mrs. Earl Moore.

A short address was read by Mrs. Hugh MacDonald and a lovely gift was presented to her by Mrs. Neil MacKinnon. Mrs. Moore thanked the members for their gift and all joined in singing, "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow". Lunch was served by the hostess assisted by several of the ladies.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, Nov. 17 — (Reuters) — South Africa's greatest plague of locusts in 25 years has settled on a 60,000-square-mile area of Orange Free State and Cape Province. Farmers have been warned that the invasion is likely to spread, though an official announcement from Pretoria says the outbreak cannot be regarded as anything approaching a national menace.

### NEW DISH

Trout smoked over hardwood fires is a new table delicacy developed in Ontario.

GRANBY, Que., Nov. 17 — (CP) — Two young girls lost their lives today when they destroyed the two-story home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Lamarche. The girls, Nicole, 9, and Rolande, 5, were alone in the house.

### W.C.T.U. NOTES

#### WHY NOT THE BLOOD TEST FOR DRIVERS INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS?

1. Is drinking involved as a cause of accidents on the highway?

Forty-five per cent of all major automobile accidents involve either a drunk driver or a drunken pedestrian. Dr. L. Joslyn Rogers, head of the Department of Analytical Chemistry at the University of Toronto and consultant to the Attorney General of Ontario, declared at a Rotary Club luncheon.

2. Is this report on Alcohol as a cause of highway traffic tragedies supported by other Canadian authorities?

Dr. Jan Roussel, Quebec medico-legal expert, has stated that half of all fatal highway accidents are caused by drinking, either on the part of the driver or pedestrian.

3. Is this verdict of the large number of highway accidents caused by drinking supported by other countries overseas?

Before the Medical Society of London, England, this statement by Dr. W. M. Eccles, F. R. C. S., passed unchallenged: In Sweden, Norway and Germany the blood alcohol-content test has established that at least 40 per cent of persons involved in road accidents are under the influence of alcohol.

4. In what way does liquor affect the driver so as to cause an accident?

These are the effects of drinking which in the case of the driver of a motor car lead to accidents — impairment of judgment, concentration of attention, of power to estimate risks, and of clear vision. These effects occur with much smaller doses of alcohol than are necessary to produce obvious drunkenness. A man's judgment is impaired long before his speech. A man becomes an unsafe driver long before he loses the power to walk. Yet the driver himself may think that he has never driven better.

5. How can it be known when a man who occasionally drinks but is an experienced driver is no longer safe to allow on the road?

In 1932 Professor Widmark in Sweden published his experiences with the blood alcohol test, and since then the method has been used widely in many countries. It has been found reliable and is often used as evidence in court.

6. How many were killed on the highways last year? How many of these fatalities were caused by drinking?

There were 1900 killed on Canadian roads. There were 830 killed by highway traffic accidents last



Wife of co-pilot of the Canadian Pilgrim, Mrs. Robert James Henderson of Willowdale, Ont., is shown, left. She has three children. Robert Henderson, right, earned his private pilot's license



in 1936, was also a test pilot, in addition to wartime flying.

As a result of the experience so gained, we know just what significance to attach to the different percentages. If the amount is 0.5 per cent or less, that is good evidence that the subject was not under the influence of alcohol. Between 0.05 per cent and 0.15 per cent he may or may not be under the influence. If the amount is 0.15 or over, he is definitely under the influence of alcohol to such an extent as to make him unsafe as the driver of a motor vehicle. This figure of 0.15 per cent has been accepted by, among others, a House of Lords Committee in England, and by the National Safety Council of America, as well as by the New York State Legislature. This figure of 0.15 per cent or 16 parts in 10,000 is the important one for our purpose. It indicates that the alcohol the man has taken was definitely affecting him and, therefore, in all cases where drivers are under the influence of liquor.

At present there are loopholes in the law so that drinking drivers get off lightly.

8. Has the blood test been proved satisfactory?

In Sweden police have authority to use the blood-alcohol test

at any time, and the accident-rate is now among the lowest in the world — only 43 persons per million population. In Canada the figure is 127 deaths per million population.

Surveys taken in Sweden's second largest city — Gothenburg — show that after the new law came into force, traffic accidents and criminal cases too were cut by 27 (twenty-seven) per cent. (These figures are from Maclean's Magazine.)

If we believe in the need for blood tests for drunken drivers as a means of clearing our highways of the menace of murder on wheels we can write today, with our signatures attached, to our representative at Ottawa.

Such an amendment to our law need not be complicated, as for example:

"Every person seeking a driver's license or renewal of an expiring driver's license, shall, as a condition of the issuance of a new license, sign a statement of consent to the taking of a chemical test of his blood, urine or breath, to determine intoxication in the event that he should be charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated."

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