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

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The Senate's Rights

No one will deny that in passing over to a committee for study a piece of legislation conveyed to it by the Commons the Senate was within its constitutional rights.

The Senate is an independent body. So long as it is in existence it must be allowed to respect its own rules and abide by its own judgement. It was never intended to be a rubber stamp for the Government or the Commons.

Critics of the Senate, however—and their number appears to be increasing all the time—will wonder if perhaps its action on the legislation in question was an indication of the Liberal majority's intention to hold up Commons-approved legislation in an attempt to embarrass the Government.

Brand New Idea

Great Britain is one of the few large nations of the world which confine their executive power to one central Government and Parliament.

Recently, however, Clement Davies, former Liberal Party leader, proposed that Parliament surrender some of its powers to regional legislatures.

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Extensive Explorations

It is encouraging to note that the Imperial Oil Company has decided to drill for oil in the Wellington area.

ed further expenditure of large sums of money. We will just have to wait and see and hope that the drilling will turn out to be successful.

Meanwhile, reports from Ottawa indicate that last year was an important one for oil exploration in Canada, especially in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.

An idea of what is going on may be found in the following statistics: In the Yukon on April 1, 1957, 32 permits for oil exploration had been issued, covering a total of 1 1/2 million acres.

Mining exploration, too, came in for much attention in 1957. The most important discovery was that of large deposits of iron on the South coast of Baffin Island.

This year the Federal Government plans to spend about \$6 1/2 million for the purpose of photographing the Canadian Arctic for detailed mapping.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A British physicist reports that hydrogen bomb tests have caused a 750 per cent increase in radioactive "strontium 90" in Britain since 1954.

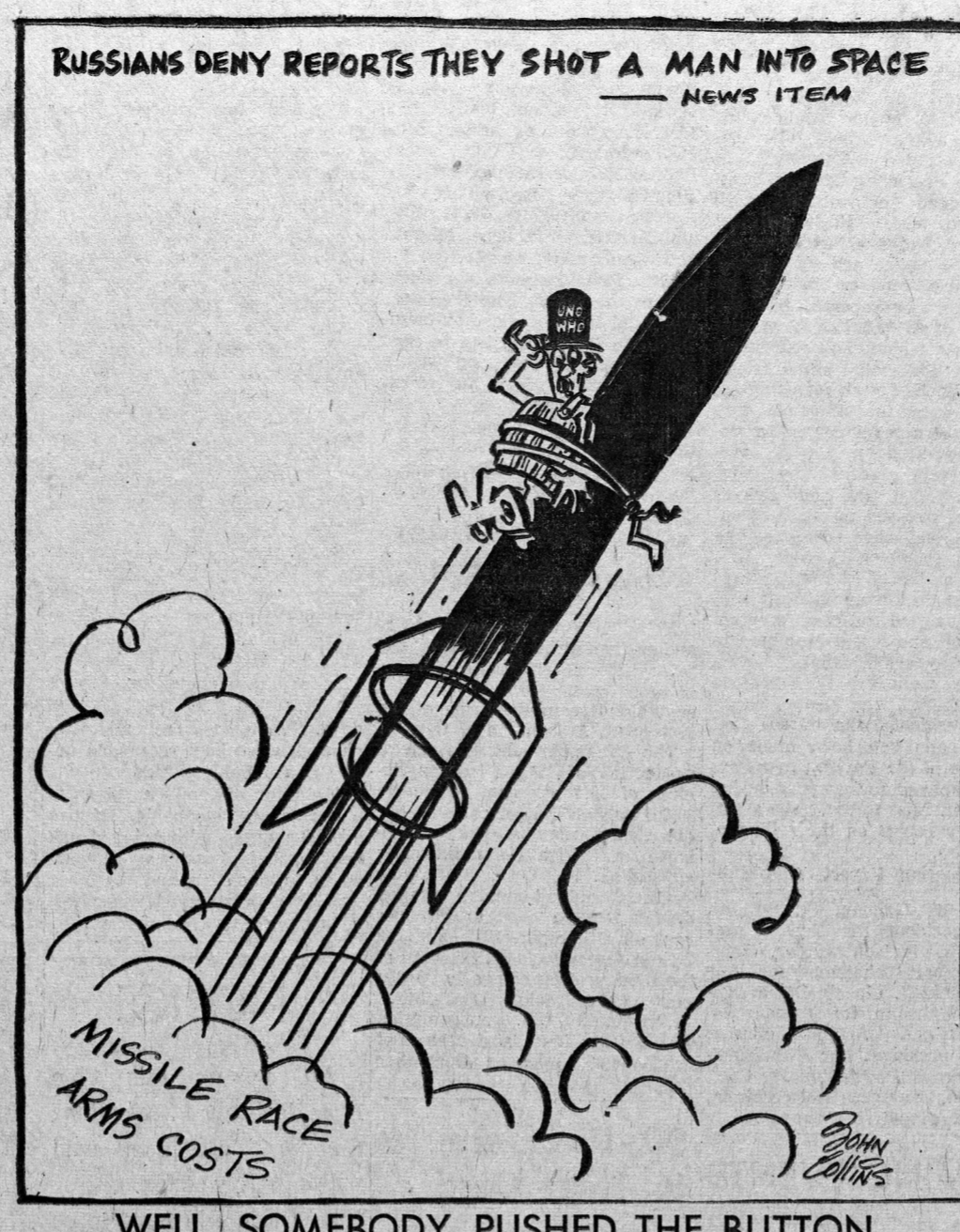
Walter P. Reuther, head of the automobile workers union, says that "spokesmen for the automobile industry either don't understand his profit sharing and customer-rebate proposals or they tried wilfully to distort them."

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Mrs. Margaret Mooney of Newfoundland died a few days ago at the age of 108. The claim that Mrs. Mooney was the oldest person in Newfoundland will hardly be contested.



WELL, SOMEBODY PUSHED THE BUTTON

OTTAWA REPORT

Expanding Old Age Pensions

Special Correspondent for The Guardian By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: Canada's first prime minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, gained the trust and support of voters with his "national policy."

Last year another Conservative leader outlined "A New National Policy." "Unity requires it, Freedom demands it, Vision will ensure it," declared John Diefenbaker, in the opening speech of his election campaign in Toronto on 25th April.

This new national programme was outlined in Mr. Diefenbaker's campaign literature. The last item on the last page contains this promise:

"A Progressive Conservative Government will consider expanding the present old age pension system by the addition of an insurance system similar to that in the United States. The United States plan of old age and survivor insurance provides average monthly benefits on retirement of \$76.00 for single workers, \$128 for aged married couples without dependents and \$65 for aged widows. The average contribution per person is \$27.08 (per year), not much more than the average contribution by Canadians of \$22.70 for the Old Age Pension. A Conservative Government will consider implementing such a plan 'in addition to' the present pension system. The United States plan is worthy of the highest commendation. PROMISE TO BE MET With his announcement in Par-

liament last week that Professor Gordon Huxon, of the University of Western Ontario, had been commissioned to report on the applicability of the U.S. plan to Canada, Prime Minister John Diefenbaker has begun to implement yet another of his election promises.

"Window dressing," yelled ex-Fisheries Minister Jimmy Sinclair. But was it really a sharp economic brain which prompted those words? Or was it a sour-grape political tongue of a prominent Liberal?

For the fact is, bitter as it must be to a man of Sinclair's ability and acumen, that the United States Social Security Act was passed by Congress on 14th August, 1935. So it was spread out in full detail for the new Liberal Government to study when it won office at the general election exactly 2 months later.

The U.S. plan was then in operation, setting an example which made Canadian oldsters green with envy. But in the ensuing 21 years and eight months, the Liberals made no attempt to copy it, and give Canadians the benefit of such wonderful low-cost insurance and pension protection. The best they could do, after a lapse of no less than sixteen and a half years, was to produce the costly and much less effective Old Age Pensions of \$40 a month, in January, 1952.

It's really too bad that Jimmy Sinclair and his colleagues did not think of dressing up their bare windows—too bad for every Canadian man of 65, and for every widow and fatherless child, who all through those years missed what Americans in their condition were enjoying.

Solving Snow Mysteries

National Geographic Society

Scientists have created miniature snow storms in their laboratories to unravel the mysteries of one of nature's greatest beauties.

No one has ever found two crystals of snow exactly alike, although thousands have been photographed. The six-sided crystals, as delicate as the finest lace, are copied by designers seeking exquisite patterns for dresses, china, and other objects.

Federal Aid To Education

Ottawa Citizen

Although President Eisenhower has been unable to persuade Congress to adopt his school construction grants plan, he may not find it difficult to win approval of the Administration's latest billion-dollar four-year aid-to-education measure.

Taking Care Of Baby's Eyes

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. A slight case of cross-eye may cause more trouble than a severe one, because it is apt to go unnoticed. Nothing is done to correct the situation until it is too late.

The same holds true for any visual error affecting only one eye. In many such cases, the performance of the normal eye prevents detection of the short-comings of the other.

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TEN YEARS AGO

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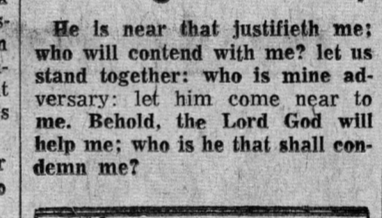
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QUESTION AND ANSWER T.W.: Is it necessary to be immunized against diphtheria? Answer: Definitely yes. One of the reasons why diphtheria is not as prevalent as it was formerly is the fact people are now being immunized against it, thus preventing the spread of the disease.

The Age Old Story

He will contend with me? Let us stand together who is mine adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me?



The Poet's Corner

KEEP WINTER BLAST Keep winter blast from out the glacial North, You send a storm shrill howling through my mind; No prophecy outlasts your rushing forth— Abridging peace and space through space confined; Yet in your clamor lives our hope and prayer, For something clean is born to outlive I— Something stronger than the sun's glare, Stronger than thought's new-planting of the earth: Drift, snow, and icy stream congeal your voice; Moccasined prowling slow and cease, let light Knife through the mist and make immortal choice; Blow on great wind and sanitize the night; Shout through the acts of men your cleansing storm; Proclaim from mountain peaks your chaste reform. —Gullen Jones. In the New York Times.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Jan. 20, 1933) The Island directors returned to Summerville last night from the 13th annual meeting of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association which was held Tuesday in Toronto. The

MORE HONORS

TORONTO (CP) — Lester B. Pearson, a First World War pilot, has accepted an honorary membership in the International Society of Aviation Writers, the society's secretary announced Friday. Ross Willmot of Toronto said: "By his untiring efforts in the field of diplomacy, Mr. Pearson has carried out the idea of furthering international friendship with which ISAW was founded."

COLORED PASSPORTS

OTTAWA (CP)—There is nothing in Canadian regulations to prevent the use of color photographs in passports if they do not fade, an official of the external affairs department's passport and visa section said Friday. He was commenting on a report that United States citizens will be allowed to have their photographs in color in their passports starting Feb. 1.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Japanese golfer has defeated Sam Snead. That should erase any American complacency left after the spunkies. —Edmonton Journal Comradeship in the House of Commons is eloquently expressed by Mr. Pickersgill who addressed Dr. Smith "as one egghead to another." —Ottawa Journal

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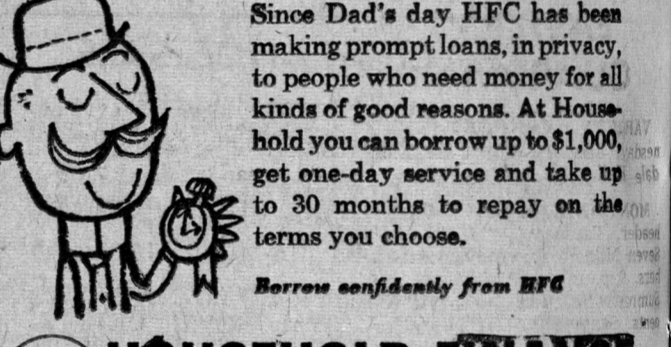
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