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For The Retarded

Of the 13 projects supported by the recently launched National Crusade for the Mentally Retarded the Prince Edward Island program is possibly one of the most exciting...

Briefly, this province's Community Service Pilot Program seeks to demonstrate that comprehensive, non-institutional services within the community can adequately meet the needs of the majority of the retarded.

Emphasis throughout the program is on keeping the retardate functioning within a framework which is as close as possible to the normal community living.

Prince Edward Island was chosen for this pilot project because it provides a well-defined geographic area. The province's relatively well-developed community services offer the framework upon which the integrated system of facilities and programs contemplated throughout the country can be built.

A program, surely, which merits the full support and cooperation of all our citizens.

Two Big Sweeps

National governments in two different parts of the world have been returned to power during the past few days, each with a resounding mandate for the next five years.

One of the paradoxes of the campaign, indeed, was the devotion with which Labor defended the parity of the pound. This was given first place in the party's election manifesto.

The other election this week, which promises nothing in the way of advancement of free world interests, brought Premier Hendrik Verwoerd

and his ruling National party back with the biggest parliamentary majority in South African history. Only white voters choose the all-white House of Assembly there, and the basic issue in Wednesday's contest was how the government could best ensure that the 3 million whites continue to dominate the nation with its 14 million blacks.

To his supporters, Verwoerd stands out as one of the last great defenders of a privileged place for the white man in the African sun. He regards any obstacle to white supremacy as treasonable and subversive.

The bulk of the white population apparently approves. They said so this week and set the ship of state more firmly than ever on a course which will take it—where, one wonders, in the troubled years that lie ahead?

Other Opinions

"A cynical act which belies the federal government's pretense that the Atlantic economy is to be raised by federal policy to a fair sharing with the rest of Canada." This is how the Frederickton Gleaner comments on the setting back, under the Sharp budget, of the Prince Edward Island causeway project.

Commenting on the same theme, the St. John Telegraph Journal points out that the causeway is the area's biggest public works undertaking in the ordinary course of events.

The Journal notes the claim now being made at Ottawa that despite the proposed holdup the entire project will be finished on schedule.

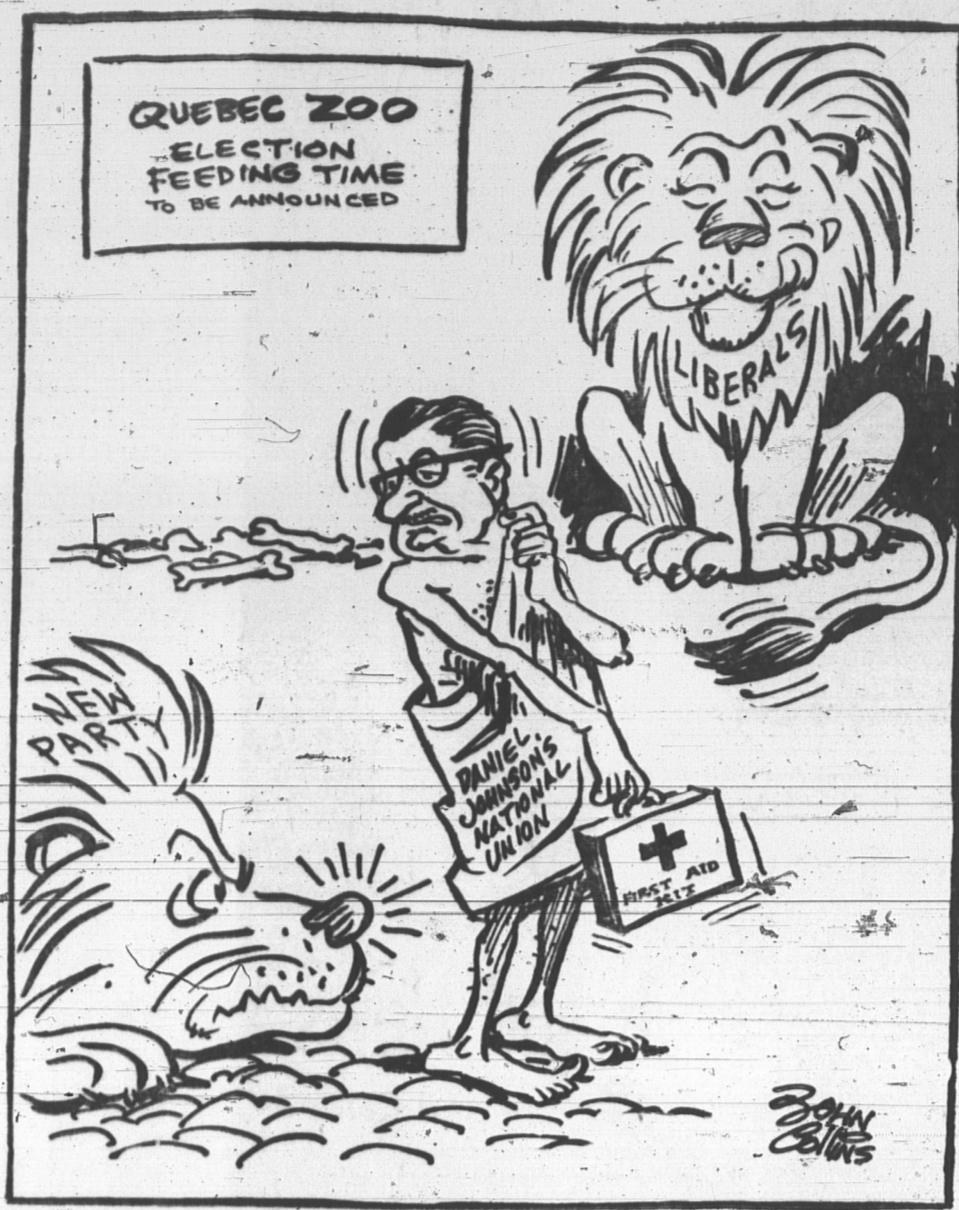
Difficult indeed. Especially when, as Federal Works Minister McLraith pointed out before the election, winter is the worst time of the year for making a start on this end of the job!

EDITORIAL NOTES

Many measurements are preserved at controlled temperatures. That mightn't work out, however, says an exchange, in the case of the yard. Quits so, since originally it was the distance from the tip of Henry I's nose to the end of his thumb and there's no way to make a remeasurement.

If you're a middleweight and have a yen for space-ship flight to Mars or Venus in 2001, your round-trip ticket may cost about \$1,600. Fatties probably will pay more, thinies less, according to a scientist of the National Aeronautics and Space Council.

"One of the greatest menaces to traffic safety is the egotist, a psychological misfit in the traffic scene," declares Philip J. Farmer, assistant executive director of the Canadian Highway Safety Council.



DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN

OTTAWA REPORT, By Patrik Nicholson

Like Blondin On A Swaying Tightrope

The widespread criticism of one Prime Minister's helmsmanship, let's pay tribute to him for having steered the ship of state between the Scylla and Charybdis which are the various Liberal and Conservative scandals, without actually sinking ground on those man-made rocks.

This has been the greatest exhibition of breath-holding bravado seen in Canada since Blondin trundled the heir to the Crown across Niagara Falls in a wheelbarrow—and, like Mike Pearson's later feat, also on a swaying tightrope.

The Prime Minister leads a minority government supported in the House of Commons by 131 votes. Of these, 50 are French-Canadians from Quebec; five others are representatives of Quebec constituencies; and nine others are French-Canadians representing constituencies outside Quebec.

Lengthening Days New York Times The March full moon has emphasized the lengthening daylight most of the past week; but it is the day-end glow, not the moonlight that now tells the true time of year.

Jail The Punchers Vancouver Province Magistrates are concerned over the frequency with which police officers are assaulted by men they are seeking to question or arrest.

Let's Keep To It! Ottawa Journal We cringe at the news that the Ontario Hog Producers Association came within 10 votes of changing its name to the 'Pork Producers Association' after hearing a lot of talk about 'hog' being an unpleasant word.

Our Yesterdays (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 2, 1941) Survivors of the Italian cruisers Fiume and Zara and the destroyer Alfieri sailed on arrival at Athens, Greece, that British warships had destroyed their crafts in last week's naval battle.

came, but should have the prior approval of other provinces concerned. One old parliamentary hand high in the Liberal party has deplored that the Pearson government is hampered by the huge Quebec bloc on its back; these, he asserts, are interested only in Quebec affairs, not Canada, and they give too little help in taking part in debates.

MIKE MAY WELL MOAN But think for a moment of the hidden problems which face the Prime Minister on that tightrope. The tension is such that even minor events become major crises, fraught with explosive danger.

Lengthening Days (Continued) Even the blustery winds of March tend to fall away at sunset. The winter night's darkness is somewhat dulled. The earth's long sleep is not yet ended, but the slow awakening has begun.

Flat Top Or Roll Top Christian Science Monitor We wonder if the era of the flat-top desk is passing. For many years now, since it succeeded the old roll-top, it has dominated the office scene.

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Origins Of Hives

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen Most people with hives (urticaria) are healthy. Their welts are innocent, but miserable and the victim wants to know the cause when they fail to disappear.

Wheat, eggs, and milk are reputed to be the most common culprits in producing chronic urticaria. Foods containing molds, such as cheese or soy sauce, are definite offenders. Inhalants such as dust, wool, feathers, animal dander, and airborne molds cause hives as well as asthma and hay fever.

Temporary relief can be obtained with the antihistamines or one of the steroids such as cortisone or prednisolone. These are taken internally or applied locally in a salve or ointment. Calcium is used occasionally and cultured buttermilk should be tried when the bowel is upset.

SPIDER VEINS Mrs. T.G. writes: Are spiders a positive indication of cirrhosis of the liver?

REPLY Possibly, if you refer to spider veins. These dilated vessels have been noted occasionally on the abdomen and palms in liver disorders but their presence is not conclusive evidence that cirrhosis exists.

WHAT'S YOURS? M.R. writes: What is a person allergic to when he has a corn drink in the line of alcoholic beverages?

REPLY Beer usually is made from barley malt, rum from cane juice and wine from grapes. In addition, there are alcoholic beverages such as kummel, aquavit, and anise that do not contain the grains mentioned.

LEG CLOTS F.E. writes: What can be done for phlebitis of the right and thrombosis of the left leg?

REPLY This call for individual study by a physician. Lesions of this type usually are treated with bed rest and anti-coagulant drugs.

DANCING IS WORK P.A. writes: Why do my legs get sore after dancing?

REPLY Dancing, especially the samba or watusi, is strenuous exercise for those who are unaccustomed to it.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—Insufficiency of protein retards growth in children. (NOTE: All correspondence to Dr. Theodore Van Dellen, c/o Chicago Tribune, Chicago, Illinois.)

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NOTES BY THE WAY

"It seems to me, Bridget, that it is the worst mistress who gets the best cooks." Bridget: "Oh, go on with your blarney now." — Financial Post. The child psychologists warn that parents should not upset the child when he is being corrected, but how are you going to get at the part that needs attention? — Elkhorn Independent.

The Carbonic Ice Co. Ltd. of Auckland, N.Z., ships ice-making machinery to Alaska. And we suppose the Alaskans sell the ice to the Eskimos. — Guelph Mercury.

An enterprising U.S. airline paints its planes different pastel colors. The other day in Dallas one of its shocking pink ones raged the control tower for clearance and received the following reply: "Okay, dearie, take off." — Hamilton-Spectator.

As if we didn't have enough troubles, a scientist in Russia has discovered that the world is slowing down. Because the Earth is revolving more slowly the length of the average day has increased 1.6 milliseconds in two years. However the scientist reassured laymen that since a millisecond is only a thousandth of a second there is no need to worry about the Earth's lack of vigor. — Dallas Morning News.

NATO'S Survival Problem

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

President de Gaulle continues to indicate he knows precisely how to go about pulling France from NATO's integrated military structure. The last date on his latest calendar of events is April 1, 1967, when Canadian and American military personnel are expected to be out of France.

Meanwhile, there is growing awareness here of a lack of any firm plan by the other 14 member countries of NATO to meet the situation caused by France. "The problem is not really what to do about an obsolete useless military bureaucracy," says a foreign diplomat here.

"It is a whole series of questions as fundamental as whether the alliance really should be concerned about a genuine European settlement with the Soviet Union on nuclear arms spread and a reunified Germany. Is there, for example, a cold war any more?" The U.S. at current talks in Paris has raised the view that France should pay compensation for forcing the transfer of military bases and troops. This cost is estimated anywhere from \$750,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 but the U.S. hasn't so far found much backing.

Quebec Spends More

Vancouver Province Ten years ago Quebec's per capita provincial revenues and expenditures were among the lowest in Canada. Now they are the highest.

A survey by the Canadian Tax Foundation outlines Quebec's vastly improved situation. Since 1956 Quebec revenues have increased by 278 per cent, the greatest increase shown by any province. Part of this is due to opting out arrangements. Personal income tax receipts have risen by 870 per cent; retail sales tax revenue is up \$281 million.

In addition Quebec will receive an equalization payment from Ottawa this year of \$168 million and a compensation payment of \$44 million. In 1956 Quebec received nothing under federal provincial tax rental agreements.

Ontario shows the next largest increase in revenue—241 per cent. The percentage increases in revenues of other provinces over the 10-year period were: Manitoba, 218 per cent; Newfoundland, 209 per cent; Prince Edward Island, 184 per cent; Nova Scotia, 168 per cent; Saskatchewan, 139 per cent; New Brunswick, 136 per cent; British Columbia, 118 per cent. The figures show that Quebec can no longer claim to be a poor province, and thus entitled to special financial consideration from the rest of the country.

Hot Water advertisement for Esso Power Water Heater. Features a picture of the heater and text: 'Hot water at the turn of a tap—300 gallons of hot water in just 15 minutes. Esso Power WATER HEATER Palmer Electric Ltd. Fitzroy St. Dial 4-8543'

Make Time to Attend Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics Confederation Centre Charlottetown advertisement. Text: 'Make Time to Attend Red Cross Blood Donor Clinics Confederation Centre Charlottetown (Box Office Entrance—Queen St.) MONDAY, APRIL 4th—8-10 P.M. TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, April 5-6 9-11 a.m.; 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. "SHARE YOUR GOOD HEALTH" BE ONE OF THE 1110 DONORS URGENTLY NEEDED.'

Pancake Perfect advertisement. Features a picture of a pancake and text: 'Pancake Perfect SILVER SEAL EXTRA FANCY PURE MOLASSES'. Includes a small Esso logo.