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Fair Campaign Practices

As American politicians go about the business of vote-getting they are being watched by a group of citizens known as the Fair Campaign Practices Committee Inc.

The committee circulates a Code of Fair Campaign Practices (based on generally accepted social and business ethics) and asks voters and candidates to endorse it.

The committee, however, has a ways of making its influence felt. When there is a complaint that the code has been violated the candidate is notified that the complaint has been received and invited to comment on it.

The committee's code was endorsed by the chairmen of both Republican and Democratic National Committees. Shortly after the signing these gentlemen got into a furious row over what is fair and what isn't in election campaigns.

Some such committee could find plenty to do in this country during election campaigns — and at least enough to keep it reasonably busy on this island.

War On The Cultural Front

It seems that every now and again the good relations existing between Great Britain and the United States have to be subjected to a severe test. Just as things seemed to be going well, following a series of misunderstandings, appeared Miss Helen Hayes, prominent American actress, to say that her observations while on a visit to London had convinced her that the British theatre had gone to the dogs.

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Cocktail Party in New York and Herman Wouk's masterpiece "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial" in London.

So, there it is—a serious international wrangle on the cultural front. And there's no telling where it will end.

A Welcome Boon

Forest fire fighters have at last come under the patronage of 20th century technology. Hitherto, when they entered the woods on their arduous mission they left behind them all the comforts of civilization including nourishing and well-cooked meals.

There was nothing sparing about the meals, either. They consisted of tomato juice, fried chicken (extra large helpings), mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, peaches and blueberry pie—about 2½ pounds of food in all.

Firefighting is hard, dirty, dangerous work which calls for robust bodies, stout hearts, indomitable wills. Anything that helps to ease the strain and lessen the unpleasantness is a boon to be welcomed; and when it comes in the form of fried chicken and all the trimmings its welcome is doubly assured.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The British High Commissioner to Rhodesia is reported to have refused to put money in parking meters on the grounds of "diplomatic immunity."

A report from Chicago says that although free liquor was available in unlimited quantity at the Democratic Convention, very few delegates went out of their way to sample it.

As good a comment as any on the Republican Convention in San Francisco was that sent to a French newspaper by its on-the-spot reporter. It read: "To tell the truth the Republicans are suffering cruelly from the malady of the personality cult."

At the instance of the Civil Liberties Union certain questions have been removed from census forms in the United States. Among them are: "Do you believe in God?" and "Do you regularly attend church or synagogue?"

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ECLIPSE?

Defense Expenditures

Grant Dexter in the Winnipeg Free Press

OTTAWA: Having decided that our defence policy must concentrate upon defence against the weapons of today rather than of the future, the next question is: What are we getting for \$1,775 millions per year?

We have: In Europe One air division and an army brigade. They are a part of the NATO's forces.

At home: Three army brigades and a mobile striking force.

A navy of 40 fighting ships, with CF 100 jet interceptors. In all, more than 3,000 operational air craft.

Three warning lines across our northern area—the Pine Tree, the Mid-Canada and the DEW.

The Mid-Canada will cost \$170 millions to be paid entirely by Ottawa. The cost of the Pine Tree line (\$450 millions) will be shared with the U.S.

In terms of manpower, there are some 117,000 persons in the permanent armed forces, exclusive of 54,000 civilians. In addition, there are 56,000 in the militia.

THE OBJECTIVE The aim of defence policy is to prevent a world war, and if that fails, to protect Canada.

Second, NATO requires an army in western Germany strong enough to prevent local aggression or act as a "trip-wire."

Once this need is satisfied, there is no use for additional NATO armaments.

CHANGES AT HOME Such a reduction is still a good way ahead—at least a year. Meantime, there will be changes at home.

Beginning at once, an increase will be made in the home-based air force. The objective is to expand the present 9 squadrons to 12 squadrons.

The home army will be given more armor and its air mobility will be increased.

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THE AGE OLD STORY The fear of the Lord tendeth to life; and he that hath it shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.



BRISTLES ON SUMMER

There are bristles on summer, as you will discover. If you gather berries outside of the woods...

QUESTION AND ANSWER T. B.: I had virus pneumonia a year ago. I took antibiotic drugs by mouth. Since that time, I have had an itching and burning when I move my bowels.

POLIO TOLL DOWN OTTAWA (CP) — Twelve new cases of polio, nine of them paralytic, were reported in Canada for the week ending Aug. 18.

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De Lesseps And Macaroni

National Geographic Society

For the Suez Canal, fabulous "ditch in a desert," the world can thank a Frenchman's vision, seas of equal level, and macaroni. The Frenchman was Ferdinand de Lesseps, 19th century promoter and a man who could sell a dream to a Khedive.

Years later, having succeeded his father as Khedive, Mohammed Said attended a marksmanship tourney in which De Lesseps out-shot all his competitors.

OUR YESTERDAYS From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Aug. 29, 1931)

The initial step in the history of aviation on the Island took place Monday morning when the first planes landed at the Upton Airport which has been made possible through the enterprise and initiative of Col. J.S. Jenkins.

TEN YEARS AGO (Aug. 29, 1946) Mr. F.G. Goodspeed, superintendent engineer, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, yesterday made an inspection of the dredging and work going on at Wood Islands.

The R.M.C.S. Micmac and the Token, a Triton class submarine, will visit Charlottetown September 20 to 23; it was loaned by Mayor B. Earle MacDonald in a letter received from the Department of National Defence.

OPEN TO ALL PEOPLES

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EVACUATION

And what about ports? There was an interesting exchange in the defence debate on the plans in the event of war for evacuating the wives and children of Canadian soldiers in Europe.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.

MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION ATTACKING MORE WOMEN RECENT reports seem to indicate that almost as many women as men are suffering from myocardial infarction.

SPERMATOCYTES reported by a large St. Louis hospital are surprising since it had been, and still seems to be, generally believed that for every woman who fell victim, three to seven men suffered from the condition.

SMOKING, for example, usually is left up to the patient himself. While we have only inconclusive evidence that smoking shortens one's life, it must be pointed out that tobacco, obviously, does not do good in such cases.

Excessive smoking, of course, should be halted especially by a patient recovering from myocardial infarction. Frequently, smoking too much indicates undesirable emotional tension which must be eliminated to aid recovery.

It's important for anyone recovering from myocardial infarction to avoid great emotional tension. If a job, for instance, means heavy responsibility, it might be a good idea to seek another one.

It's natural for anyone recovering from a heart condition to be apprehensive. Fear, however, must be eliminated. If it isn't it may only aggravate the ailment.

Answer Newer antibiotic drugs have had at times a tendency to promote the growth of molds or yeast organisms which could in some cases produce the symptoms mentioned.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The doctor quit giving tranquilizing drugs when he found some patients were lulled into forgetfulness of their bill.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

It's been used before, of course, but the bit about the "world little isn't a fly, but a beetle. It has two pairs of wings, the forward pair stiff and useless in flight.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

Names aren't always what they seem. For example, the firefly isn't a fly, but a beetle. It has two pairs of wings, the forward pair stiff and useless in flight.—Stratford Beacon-Herald

It is announced that new methods of controlling the fallout will make hydrogen bombs less deadly. Is it too much to dream that science, if it works hard enough, will eventually produce weapons capable of killing nobody at all?—Winnipeg Tribune

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Inflation has hit the juvenile world, if you can go by the look on the face of a ten-year-old when you hand him a nickel.—Toronto Star

In England a young man goes in for a chemist and becomes a druggist, and he goes in for a druggist and becomes a general store.—Toronto Star

Hon. Paul Martin says he was once introduced as "the minister of wealth and hellfire." Reminds us of the English clergyman who called on a fellow minister, and said to the maid at the door: "I beg your pardon, is the bean dizzy?"—Niagara Falls Review

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Advertisement for 'The Standard' magazine, featuring a picture of a dog and text about chess and local TV station.

Large advertisement for Bank of Montreal, featuring a picture of a man and woman, and text about 'Passport to Better Living' and 'The difference between Second Best... and Best'.