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

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Pure Claptrap

It is common knowledge that the former Liberal Government's attitude at the time of the Suez crisis helped to bring about its defeat last year.

The most disturbing thing about the whole affair was not so much the Government's refusal to support Britain and France in their trouble with Egypt as the angry, cavalier manner in which it spoke out against the two countries, virtually calling them aggressors and, in effect, equating their action in Egypt with Russia's brutality in Hungary.

In the current campaign Mr. Pearson is going out of his way to try and persuade the electorate that the Government of which he was an influential member acted the way it did because of "threats" from India, Pakistan and Ceylon to leave the Commonwealth. "That breach," he told university students at Winnipeg, "has now been healed. India, Pakistan and Ceylon are now strong partners". Presumably, what he meant was that by turning angrily against Britain and France the Liberal Government saved the Commonwealth from disruption—a flimsy argument, to say the best of it.

Everybody knows that India, Pakistan and Ceylon are in the Commonwealth for no other reason than that of commercial interest. Their Governments have intimated time and time again that in the event of war between the Soviet Union and the West they would not lift a finger to help other members of the Commonwealth who might be involved. India, especially, is as often on the side of the Soviet Union as on that of the free world in cold war controversies. That, no doubt, is India's right; but it does not by any stretch of the imagination betoken "strong partnership in the Commonwealth."

As for Canada's official attitude in Nov. 1956, it appears to have been dictated wholly and solely by American policy or, more accurately, by U. S. Secretary of State Dulles who hoped—unsuccessfully as it turned out—to make friends with the Arabs by turning his wrath on the United States' most loyal allies. It is a sorry page in our diplomatic history. And if Mr. Pearson is wise when he visits this Province on Tuesday he will leave it severely alone.

140,000 Study Abroad

More than 75,000 international scholarships and fellowships for study in 83 nations are listed in the latest edition of "Study Abroad." This is a handbook published by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). When the first edition of this handbook was published 10 years ago, only 15,000 such offerings were listed.

The United States reads among countries offering study grants, with 21,000. France offers 8,000 and Britain 2,500. The 1958 handbook lists offerings for the first time from Bulgaria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Paraguay, Rumania, Saudi Arabia and Soviet Russia.

UNESCO reports that there were 140,744 youths studying outside their own countries in 1955-'56. The United States was the No. 1 host with 36,494 foreign students. France was second with 16,877. Russia, which is feverishly trying to lure students from satellite and neutral nations, was in third place with 12,300 foreign students. Britain, West Germany, Austria, Egypt, Japan and Australia trailed.

For the ambitious youth anxious to study in foreign lands, opportunities have never been greater than today. This intermingling of young people should also pay off in improved international understanding and amity.

A Garbled Request

A news dispatch from London says that the Public Trustee of Britain has offered a prize of 500 pounds for the best design of an alphabet of at least 40 letters as described in the last will and testament of the late George Bernard Shaw, noted Irish dramatist.

duced in the advertisement which appeared in British newspapers: "It is implicit in the will and in Mr. Shaw's writings that the design and adoption of the proposed alphabet should have as their main objects the saving of labour; but, although the proposed alphabet is intended to produce a means of writing and printing the English language which will be more economical to the writer's time, of the paper and ink of the printer, and although the form in which the design is prescribed need not be typographically perfected, the practical problems of typography will be taken into account in adjudicating the designs submitted. Designs of short-hand notes for verbatim reporting and designs for reforming the present alphabet by the addition of analogous letters will be disqualified."

The Public Trustee must have been trying to frighten away all would-be contestants. How the great man would fume if he knew how a very simple request was garbled almost, if not quite, beyond recognition! We don't think we'll bother to try for the 500 pounds.

Example To Be Shunned

In a speech at St. Catherine's, Ont., Trade Minister Gordon Churchill declared that the Liberal Party is in "its decline and fall". He based his opinion on the fact that none of the nine Liberal cabinet ministers defeated in the last election is running this time.

This is the sort of nonsense that could be easily dispensed with without detracting from the interest of the campaign. It is the sort of thing which the Liberals were saying about the Conservatives for many years. Indeed, there were times when the Conservative Party seemed much nearer to extinction than the Liberal Party does now. What is there decadent about a party which even in defeat held 103 of the 265 seats in Parliament, only a handful less than the dominant party itself?

Mr. Churchill and others who profess to see in the Liberal Party a debilitating process should be given to understand that one election victory does not by any means grant a party immunity from further defeats; and it certainly does not give them the right to assume that from now the destiny of Canada will necessarily be in their hands. Arrogance was one of the reasons—perhaps the principal reason—for the defeat of the Liberals last June. Let the Conservatives take care that they do not fall into a similar trap.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We can only pay our debt to the past by putting the future in debt to ourselves. — Lord Tweedsmuir.

In a speech in Montreal Mr. Pearson said he was not impressed by Prime Minister Diefenbaker's \$1,100,000,000 works program to relieve unemployment. That of course is not news. The news would be if the Liberal leader had conceded that he was greatly impressed.

According to a report in the March issue of The American Review of Tuberculosis and Pulmonary Disease, scientists at Northwestern University Medical School have reported an experimental blood test for the detection of active t.b. Tests of 52 patients and 38 well persons showed a high degree of reliability, the report says.

If anyone happens to have a stamp issued by the Newfoundland Government in 1927 to commemorate the flight by Marchese Francesco de Pinedo from St. John's to Rome he should take good care of it. Four such stamps were sold in New York to a London dealer the other day for \$17,000.

Premier Joseph Smallwood of Newfoundland has been doing some campaigning for the Liberals in Nova Scotia. The Conservatives are said to be quite calm about it. They recall that Mr. Smallwood carried out a similar assignment at the time of the last Provincial election without damaging their prospects very much.

The many friends of Island-born Lieutenant Governor Bowlen of Alberta will appreciate the following tribute paid to him in the Lethbridge Herald: "It was characteristic of Lieutenant-Governor Bowlen that he should have kept quiet about the death of his only son until after he had read the speech from the throne at the opening of the Alberta Legislature. The people of Alberta have unbounded respect for a viceroys who puts his public duty before his personal feelings. And they join in sympathy for him in his great loss."



UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Maybe The Weather

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

It could, of course, be the weather. Two of the Labor Party's most prominent members are becoming more Right than Left in their views. Both were extremists ten or twenty years ago.

Easing up on the vitriol is "elder statesman" "Manny" Shinwell, a Scot who fought with no gloves on in the Twenties or Thirties. Since Attlee went into the House of Lords he is the most respected member of the Labor Party—outside the Party—and is now old enough not to covet public office when the Labor Party get back into power.

Now he supports the Tory Party in their guided missile policy, and joins them in welcoming the bases for the 1500-mile-range intermediate range missiles which the British, with extensive American aid, is to set up later this year.

Most of his party either do not want the weapons at all, alleging that acceptance of them would put British independence in lock, or want them to be delayed until after summit conference.

Another Celt—this time a Welshman—also supports the missile set-up, and has adopted the use of the H-bomb. He is Aneurin Bevan, ten years ago the "enfant terrible" of the Labor Party.

Bsuan, too, has mellowed. One of the main reasons: when the Laborites get in, he is earmarked for Foreign Secretary. And by that time the H-bomb setup will have jelled, and whether he likes it or not he will be stuck with the situation.

There is no obvious split—yet—in the Labor Party. But a small group calling themselves "Victory for Socialism" has been set up within the Parliamentary Labor Party, and it may grow. Whether it does or not, the very existence of the group is an indication that the ranks are beginning to waver. The time left to close them is running out.

It was left to the House of Lords to provide the only real case of agreement between parties. They were overwhelmingly hostile to "A.I.D."—artificial insemination by a donor—which came into a debate recently. A few weeks back a judge in the Scottish Court of Session said in a divorce case that A.I.D. did not constitute adultery.

The Lords think otherwise. A Government inquiry is promised and the whole idea of artificial insemination is becoming a talking point. It has come as a shock to the British that so far there are close on 8,000 "A.I.D." children in the country. And they were relieved by the news that an inquiry, and not a Royal Commission, is being set up on the subject. Findings on the inquiry stand a better chance of leading to action than the recommendations of a Royal Commission.

Uneasy Lies The Head

By Patrick Nicholson Special Correspondent for The Guardian

London, England: One quickly learns here that life on an American unsinkable aircraft carrier is uneasy and rancorous. Britons have only recently been told that hydrogen bombs are being flown over their hostspots, by foreign bombers, manned by foreign crews and controlled by a foreign government, on standing patrol.

The roar of the take-offs and landings of the bombers can be heard around their airfields 50 and 100 miles from their capital city, away on the east coast. In this city the high-flying bombers can be detected only by an occasional vapour trail high in the sky. But always, there is uneasiness. Suppose an H-bomber should have an accident, and crash. Would its powerful bomb turn

Discoveries Mark Advance

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

THE advances that are made continually in medicine are really quite amazing, even to a doctor. That's why I like to keep you informed, once each month, about what is new in the medical field.

Scientists have now developed a multiple dose jet injector which permits speedy administration of Salk polio vaccine in mass inoculation programs.

NEW INSTRUMENT

The new instrument, which has no needle, can inoculate patients as quickly as one every four to six seconds. The jet injection is relatively safe, although slight bleeding does occur in at least 10 per cent of those inoculated with the instrument.

It does away with the fear many patients have of a needle, and no sterilization is necessary.

LACK OF APPETITE

Parents who are worried about their children's lack of appetite will find the new drug, Somatovite, valuable. By combining a low dose of reserpine with vitamins B1 and B12, the new drug produces the best results in children who are high strung, nervous and irritable.

The calming effect of reserpine permits such youngsters to have a relaxed meal. Investigators say Somatovite has produced "striking" gains in weight and appetite improvement.

A new use has been found for the drug chlorothiazide which is itself a relatively new compound. First used for relieving edema, or waterlogging of tissues in patients with congestive heart failure, the drug has also been found helpful in treating high blood pressure.

In tests on patients taking only chlorothiazide, a drop in blood pressure of about 16 per cent was noted. When this drug was used in conjunction with others, the total reduction by the combined therapy averaged 27 per cent.

TREATING BURNS

A British physician reports success with a completely "open" method of treating burns. After being cleaned with cetrimide, the burned surface is exposed to the air to dry.

In hot, dry climates, it is reported, this occurs within one to two hours. There is no loss of plasma or electrolytes. The patient reportedly suffers from no shock and there is no infection, since the surface is dry.

A word of caution: Medicines should be given only on the advice of the doctor.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

D. G.: Is multiple sclerosis inherited? Answer: There is sometimes a tendency for several cases of multiple sclerosis to occur in the same family. However, it is not usually hereditary.

back," that statement would not be so. Announced his plan to open the Canadian North, "some" Liberals referred to it as the "free-way for the Eskimos." My answer to that is, "Pardon me, but your ignorance is showing!" Canada's vast North is the envy of the entire world, so rich is it in mineral wealth. Is it not then, imperative that we should uncover this priceless heritage of ours and let it benefit every Canadian? This writer would like to see many "Kittimaits" strung along our northern frontier. So let us give Mr. Diefenbaker an overwhelming mandate to do that, along with a great many other things, and make this Canada of ours a Nation among nations.

I am Sir, etc., MRS. SONIA D. MacRAE, Charlottetown.

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JOIN WITH JOHN

NOTES BY THE WAY

A driver trying to get his sedan out of a parking space banged into the car ahead, then into the car behind and finally, pulling into the street, struck a passing delivery truck. A policeman who had been watching approached him. "Let's see your licence," he demanded. "Don't be silly, officer," the man said. "Who'd give me a licence?"—Ottawa Journal

An excited report came to the New Brunswick Museum in Saint John one day from the Moncton area. Excavations in a gravel pit had brought to light "the antlers of an unusual deer," probably centuries old. When the find was sent to the museum for examination, it turned out to be not quite so starting; it was the fossil remains of one of the giant trees of the "coal period" of 500,000,000 years ago.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

It might be supposed that paper clips exist to clip paper, but an investigation carried out by a bank staff association's journal produced the following fascinating figures—out of some unspecified number 14,163 were twisted or broken during boring telephone conversations (might not the casualty rate have been ever higher had the conversation been exasperating?), 19,413 served as stakes for card games, 7,200 stood in as makeshift hooks on suspender belts and brassiers, 5,434 became toothpicks or ear scratchers, 5,308 were used as nail cleaners and 3,196 as pipe cleaners.—London Times

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 8, 1933)

Merchandizing by the common people, co-operative banking by groups, co-operative marketing of produce and the establishing of co-operative industrial groups in rural communities were the four ways out for the people from economic ills outlined by Rev. M. M. Coady, Ph. D., of St. Francis Xavier University in an address at Prince of Wales College last evening.

The P. E. I. Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association yesterday decided to seek a working arrangement with the Maritime Co-operative Egg and Poultry Exchange. The consensus of opinion at the meeting was opposed to any agreement which would mean a financial union with the larger Association.

TEN YEARS AGO (March 8, 1948)

The new City Council at its first meeting last night gave the Mayor and City Clerk authority to sign an agreement with the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for the erection of twenty-nine houses on the former Saunders and Palmer estates on Orlebar, Gerald and Birchwood streets.

The Island Intermediate hockey title went back to Summerside last night after an absence of several years, when "Windy" Steele's All Stars, playing a semi-defensive brand of hockey, skated to a convincing 8-5 victory over the Abbies in the second game of a total goal series to win the round 17-11.

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