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

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Mr. Pearson & The Soviets

Why did Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson go out of his way in a recent speech to assure his listeners that he had never been "soft" towards Communism? The only occasion on which his name was mentioned in that way—and then only in an indirect fashion—was at the time of the lamented death of Ambassador Norman in Cairo.

No Canadian has the slightest doubt of Mr. Pearson's loyalty to the democratic way of life; and there is no reason at all why he should feel called upon to defend his record in this respect.

Mr. Pearson's suggestion that the West should work for a "split" between Russian imperialism and national Communism is another matter. Frankly, we are a little surprised that he mentioned this. As everyone knows, he was an influential figure in the United Nations when the Hungarians, buoyed up by Western urgings to throw off the yoke of Russian imperialism, took the risk, with consequences which were cruelly shattering to themselves and shameful to the free world which, when the chips were down, covered before Soviet threats.

Mr. Pearson knows as well as anyone that no country now under Soviet domination has the slightest chance of "deciding its own fate". He knows, too, that nothing that he or anyone else may say will encourage any Russian satellite to follow Hungary's example.

Different Opinions

President Eisenhower believes that the down-trend in the economy, by whatever name it may be called, will come to an end late in March and that from then on figures on employment and other barometers of economic weather can be expected to improve.

Support for the President's view comes from the President of Bethlehem Steel Corporation who said in an interview with Time Magazine: "Sizing up all the factors, I've felt better about things the last week. We see some signs already that means we will be at a better rate soon."

There are other economists, however, who are not quite as optimistic. Six of them told a Congressional Committee that "the possibility of a serious recession appears to be much greater now than in 1949 or 1953-54". Others are said to feel that the upswing will get under way in earnest in early summer.

In this country, the general election campaign is a complicating factor in all discussions relating to the economic situation. The Liberals, no doubt, are exaggerating the unemployment problem, hoping thereby to reap political benefit; while it is possible that the Conservatives are playing down the problem for a similar reason. But the consensus among Canadian economists—and this is more weighty than political appraisals—seems to be that the worst is over, although another "boom" period such as the country experienced for several years may

At all events, the sooner the throwing of political bricksbats, charges and counter charges, can be dispensed with, the better it will be for all concerned. Even in an election campaign, all parties have a responsibility to look at economic problems objectively, without on the one hand exaggerating them out of all proportion or, on the other, treating them with indifference or levity.

A Magnificent Try

To have come within such close range of winning the Canadian School Curling Championship, as our Prince of Wales College boys did yesterday in a strenuous series of contests at the Charlottetown Sports Arena this week, is really something to crow about. Matched against the best rinks in the Dominion, they came through to win nationwide acclaim for their skill and perseverance. It would have been grand to have won the curling crown, but there are compensating rewards for having made such a magnificent try.

It was quite an achievement to have brought this big junior bonspiel here for the first time. Thousands of our citizens watched the colorful parade on Monday which preceded the opening of the championship and large crowds were in attendance at the ice. Lieutenant Governor Prowse, himself an ardent curler, opened the proceedings and was among the most enthusiastic rooters for the home team.

Curling has been popular here for over half a century, but never has local interest been so keenly shown. New fans for the sport have undoubtedly been won by the bonspiel, and this is not the least among the rewarding consequences of its success. For the participants, it has been an experience long to remember. New friendships will have been made through fraternizing with other players, and the glow of achievement will carry over into other activities as well.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Although few Parliaments have lasted the full five years, this will be the first time that two election have occurred in less than 10 months. The last election was June 10, 1957.

Dr. Clara Dennis, who died recently in Halifax, was one of Canada's distinguished authors. Her works, most of which dealt with Nova Scotia, her native province, were widely read.

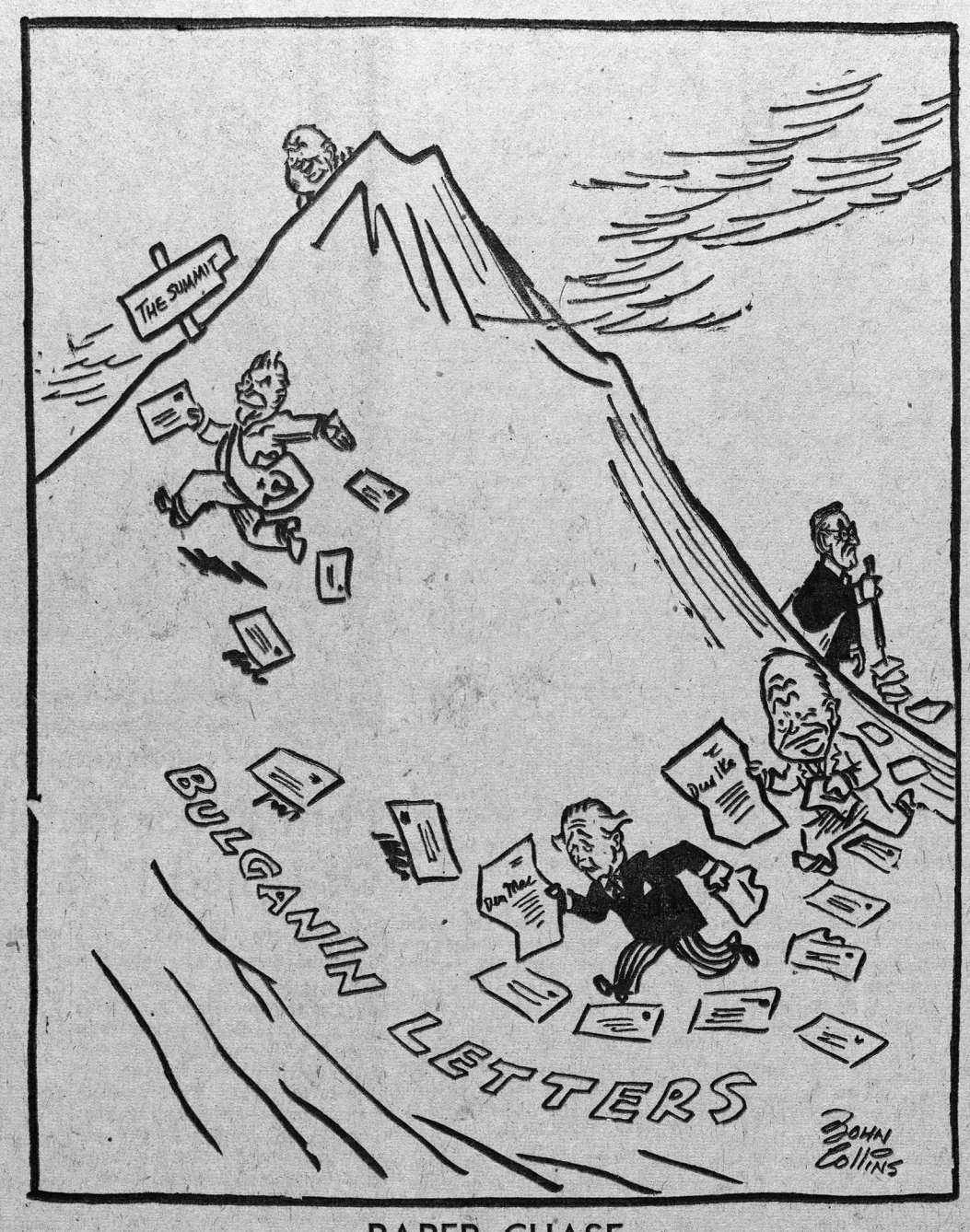
The whole world is anxiously awaiting further reassuring news from the bedside of Sir Winston Churchill. No other man in modern history has so captivated the admiration and respect of so many people.

Despite the fact that Parliament was dissolved on Feb. 1, all Commons members continue to receive their \$10,000 annual pay up to March 30. Winners in the election will start to receive their pay immediately.

For what it is worth, the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion (Gallop poll) says its latest survey shows 60 per cent of those interviewed approve of the way John Diefenbaker is handling his job as Prime Minister. 10 per cent disapproved and 30 per cent had no opinion.

No one will find fault with the decision of the Provincial Loan Board to make a further grant to James Oliver Gallant of Souris for the purchase of a 65-foot fishing boat. Mr. Gallant has the distinction of being the first beneficiary under the fund to pay off a former debt. What is more, he knows how to bring in the fish. He is, therefore, entitled to every possible consideration.

In congratulating the Queen's Country Conservative candidates on their re-nomination Thursday, we neglected to include Lt. Col. J. A. Macdonald, who was re-nominated in Kings. Last evening the Conservative slate was completed with the re-nomination of Dr. Orville Phillips in Prince. This is admittedly one of the strongest teams of candidates in many years. All comparatively young men, they proved energetic representatives during the last Parliament and they should be able to answer for themselves effectively on the hustings.



PAPER CHASE

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

IRON CURTAIN AT BORDEN

Sir,—During the past years we have heard a great deal about Russia and the dreaded iron curtain, but at the same time a great many Island people do not seem to know or realize that we have a very real iron curtain on the Island at the Borden weigh scales. Most Island truck drivers and mainland ones as well, approach this dreaded place with fear and misgivings, as well as the usual remarks—How far is the mercury down today? Who is on duty today? If the right man is here we might get by.

We keep a two and a half ton truck for our own business. I believe it to be the first closed-in van on the Island and although we pay a registration fee that is five times too high, we still use it but I hope not for long. On January 27th I had occasion to haul a load from St. John, so the day being fine and the mercury well down I set out at an early hour in order to catch the 7 o'clock boat. My truck was empty and the ground quite firm so I decided I could do no harm to the roads. However, I was very much mistaken for on arrival at the weigh scales a loud voice boomed over the still morning air "Where did you come from?" it demanded. At first I thought by some freak of nature that I had landed on Mars, but no, it was Borden alright—then I realized I was behind the Iron Curtain.

My truck was weighed at once and a kindly voice informed me that my early morning ride on the hard-frozen road would cost me \$23.60. But what shamed me most as an Islander was what befell the next innocent victim, a man I believe from the Summerside area, with a truck loaded with grain who was required to pay \$126.00. Now, I know if he happened to be a poor man I am sure this could change his way of living for quite some time. It could also quite easily change the way he votes.

Now all this happened in some twenty minutes; so if this can be any medium to go by, you can well imagine what the truckers have gone through in the past two months. My trip to St. John was without further incident but when I arrived back to the Iron Curtain the same money business started again. I trailed another truck, to the scales, which was well loaded and weighed in the vicinity of 2 tons, more than my empty truck did the past morning. However, this driver was neither questioned nor detained but given the high sign to proceed on his way. I had to leave my 5-ton load and truck there and get home as best I could in quite a snow storm as well. Next day I had to, unload with the use of a half ton truck, which I believe would do no more harm than the larger tired vehicles.

I don't know how all this is going to end, for on the Island today it seems our people need and want trucks; and let's face it we have no roads to use them on. Our Canada highway is breaking off fast and costs a lot of borrowed money too. Now if we plan on using trucks of the present proportions, we must also plan on building roads costing twice as much as our present roads, and we can't do that with about a thirty million debt hanging over us. Shall we go back to the railroad? Well we may have to. Remember, heavy loads do much damage in summer too, especially during wet seasons.

Now I think you will agree that the answers to our problems are very simple indeed. We have plenty finance companies. We have plenty trucks—on the other hand we have no roads and no money. No, I don't want any money

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Enter Jack McLann

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

In a few days' time a burly, genial-looking engineer called Jack McLann will fall in — for all the world like a new recruit — being marched before his commanding officer — between a couple of other men and stride forward into the chamber of Britain's Houses of Parliament. His escort will look as genial as he does. But when you analyse the situation, not one of the three will have all that much to be general about.

McLann will be taking his bow as Britain's newest member of Parliament. He was the Labor Party (the main Opposition) candidate at the Rochdale by-election here which I talked about last week. As I reported them, it was a three — cornered contest — McLann, a Tory (Government) candidate, and a Liberal. McLann gave the Government its second by-election defeat in a Government — held constituency since the present administration came into power. Why, then, should McLann feel some trepidation as he takes his seat in the House of Commons?

The third man, the Liberal, supplies the answer. Close on 50,000 people voted. Over 22,000 said that McLann was their man. Instead of getting 26,000 votes, as his predecessor grabbed, the Tory got under 10,000. And the Third Man, the Liberal, got 17,000. And that is the significant figure. True, if no Liberal stood in the election the Labor majority would have been bigger — it was always a 90 per cent that local man McLann would get in — but the Liberals' slice of the votes has astounded political observers here.

Rochdale, famous up to now for its cotton industry — and for the fact that it is the birthplace of world — known entertainer Gracie Fields — has staked a fresh claim to prominence in the political field of the 1950s. It gives a sign to the rest of Britain that the philosophy of most voters since the war has been more than a little off the beam. "I'd vote Liberal," is an expression I've heard scores of times here in recent months, "but they just don't stand a chance of getting in."

The cotton spinners and engineers of Rochdale — and their wives — have proved that from now on it would be worth while to vote Liberal in future. Superficially, it can be said that the hefty support the Liberal candidate got in Rochdale cost the Tory Government a few thousand votes. But going beyond that you can bet that at the next General Election it will prove to be tens of thousands of votes. Rochdale has

Bombs Across A Border

Winnipeg Free Press

The French bombs that tore apart a Tunisian village on Saturday blasted a new rift in the Western alliance. This is a case in which the immediate reactions of people in the foreign offices may be less important than the revulsion of public feeling in all the democracies. There has been much sympathy for France in her African troubles; an awareness that France has a great stake in Algeria that cannot lightly be thrown away; a strong disposition to believe the assurances from Paris that France is working persistently and sincerely to achieve a fair and reasonable settlement. It must now be said that for the sake of narrow military logic those who determine French policy are apparently prepared to spurn public opinion and to cast away this fund of credit and goodwill. It has long been the French contention that rebel bands, driven from their Algerian strongholds, were finding sanctuary across the Tunisian border. This is by no means surprising. The border country is wild, the Arabs on one side feel themselves kin to the Arabs on the other; the young Tunisian Government is in no position (it lacks even the arms) to police the frontiers properly. To French generals, this situation was intolerable. They persuaded the French Government last September to assert a right of pursuit; the right of French troops to track down and destroy Algerian rebels on the territory of Tunisia, a sovereign state and member of the United Nations.

What Happens While You Sleep

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D. ABOUT one-third of your life is spent sleeping. Like to know what goes on during that time? Well, I can tell you some of the things that happen, but I can't tell you what sleep is. The truth is, we don't exactly know. ENERGY RESTORED The important point, however, is that your energy is restored while you sleep.

Here is what happens: By the fourth hour of sleep, your blood pressure has dropped slightly, your heart beats slower and the pulse rate has slowed to 10-10 beats. Your rectal temperature drops a fraction of a degree, the plasma and urine volume are reduced, but the secretion of the sweat glands increases. METABOLIC RATE Your metabolic rate (the rate of transferring energy) drops 10-15 per cent below the basal level. Digestion, assimilation and circulation continue, of course, but at a slower rate.

Respiration (breathing) also is slowed and the muscle tone—the degree of vigor and tension—is at a minimum, although complete muscle relaxation is never achieved. PUPILS CONTRACT The pupils of the eye are contracted and your eyeballs turn upwards and outwards. But your brain is never idle, even during sleep. While the pattern of the brain waves may change and slow up, they do

Nations. INDIGNANT PROTESTS This announcement was greeted in Britain and in North America with incredulous and indignant protests. It was generally recognized that the French problem was real and difficult but it was by no means without precedent. The British and Americans had faced it in Greece in a much more serious form. The Greek Communist rebels were not only given sanctuary by friends across the border; they were actively aided, abetted and re-equipped by the Bulgarian and Yugoslav Governments. But neither in the Balkans nor later in Korea did the Western powers take the fateful step of disregarding international borders.

In Tunisia the French had the advantage at first that they were dealing with a Government which, despite its sympathy with the Algerians, was most anxious to work with the West. They have alienated Premier Bourguiba by their own bullying tactics. The climax is the attack on Sakiet-Sidi Youssef. It is plain from French statements that this was an unfortunate accident but a well-planned raid, preceded according to the French account by a warning to the local population. ARABS INFLAMED It is probably that upwards of a hundred rebels were killed or wounded on Saturday. It is certain that Arab opinion has been inflamed against France and not against France alone. "One thing is clear," wrote a Tunisian editor. "To be respected in 1958 one cannot remain a friend of the West. To be treated with consideration and courtesy one has to be a Nehru, Tito or Nasser."

What has been done cannot be undone. Nor can, it be glossed over by official statements about "border incidents." France has lost through her present military policy. The policy should be changed before matters go from bad to worse. In the interest of Western unity, Premier Gaillard should abandon the doctrine of pursuit.

"The Times" may think that it is doing a public service. What is apparent to Fleet Street is that it is doing a disservice to journalism as a whole by allowing general, and not specific, accusations to appear and to mislead. And it all boils down to the chicken — and — egg poser. Does the public create the Press, it wants, or does the Press mould the public of its way of thinking? The only way to hit at the sensational Press is through its circulation. And it is a healthy sign, with latest figures showing that the more responsible papers are increasing sales while the jazzier papers are slacking off a little, that some of the public at least over here are beginning to realize the fact. BACK TO FORMALITY I climbed — reluctantly as always — into a dinner jacket suit this week to attend a movie premiere in London's West End. My Press ticket came with a chit: "H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh requests that evening dress (dinner jacket) be worn." Next month, the Duke is to attend another premiere. And on that occasion it is the lot — white tie, tails, decorations.

It seems as if the Duke, usually informal, is favouring a return to dressing — up — in — the — evening for males. I think I'll stay home.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The stock market is about as nervous these days as a rabbit's nose.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record The expression "guns instead of butter" has become passe. It should be superseded by "missiles instead of meat."—Kitchener-Waterloo Record Venezuela's new president plans to pattern his life after Abraham Lincoln. If he hasn't done so already, he should immediately arrange to be born in a log cabin.—Windsor Star New York State motorists are to have "permanent" licence plates in 1960. The plates will be treated against rust and are expected to have a minimum life of five years. They will save motorists the chore of annual changeovers and permit economy by the state on the yearly output of plates.—St. Catharines Standard not stop. You probably will twist frequently into new positions. And most likely you will make faces and perhaps, at times, even mumble or talk in your sleep. PATTERN OF SLEEP During dreams, the metabolic pattern of sleep is disturbed. Respiration increases and blood pressure rises, sometimes to above the normal level during wakeful hours. From the medical point of view, dreams signify that mental activity has not been sufficiently dulled or that isolated parts of the higher cerebral brain functions remain abnormally active. APPROACHES THE END As your sleeping period approaches its end, your temperature, pulse, respiration and blood pressure gradually return to daytime levels. Once half awake, you grow restless and may yawn and stretch. Then you open your eyes, refreshed from a good night's sleep ready to greet a new day. QUESTION AND ANSWER T. F.: My 3-year-old son has the habit of drooling. I can't seem to make him stop. A. Answer: Drooling may be due to an excessive amount of saliva or to some weakness of the muscles in the mouth.

Western intelligence experts doubt Russia actually has a satellite capable of knocking out major U.S. cities. Just the same, to scare the pants off 'em.—The Star More money spent on education can buy time. Time for a general training in both arts and science, and that precious time year or two at the university in order to pay for defence. It makes the coming generation more realize almost in infancy, we are being left with little work to do.—Dr. Kurt Mendelssohn, the BBC For some years Saskatchewan has been naming lakes for the explorers, pioneers and services of the supply of which still are large. Ghana Lake, however, presents an excursion to nonwealth relations. Its appearance by Ottawa has brought a sage of appreciation from Ghana's Prime Minister who is gratified by the special and coming "interest" of Canadians in his country.—Ottawa Citizen

The Russian foothold in the Middle East is so new, and so raises so many dangers for Western interests, that the idea of walking it over with Russia's attractions. "Never refuse a talk" is a useful diplomatic maxim. Yet there has first to be a basis for talk. There has to be a common language. At the present neither the basis nor the common language exists. The Times, London

The Age Old Story It is good neither to eat drink nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Feb. 22, 1933) Details of the work done by the City Fire Department were given in reports of the Chairman of the Fire Committee, Councillor Fred H. Trainor, and fire chief, Mr. Angus Macfarlane. Councillor Trainor said that the work of the firemen was always of a high caliber and that they had always given full operation to the Council.

A course in Biology for Year students at Prince of Wales College opened yesterday. The subject, the study of which is required in pre-medical work, is being taught by Mr. Warren, chemist of the P.W.C. teaching staff. TEN YEARS AGO (Feb. 22, 1948) "With its relative freedom poultry disease it should be comparatively simple to establish a disease free or restricted area with respect to poultry of the provincial Agricultural Canada." "Should such regulations be established," says the report, "it would be important to export chicks, hatching eggs and breeding stock. Captain K. F. Adams, R.C.M. Deputy Chief of Naval Personnel and Director of Naval Personnel will carry out an inspection tour of four of Canada's naval depots during the coming week. February 25th Captain Adams will visit H. M. C. S. "Queen Charlotte" Charlottetown.

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