

The British public will react in any such manner. Stabbing the government in the back, while it is engaged in carrying out the very policy the Laborites claim to have been urging, will not appeal to the British sense of fair play. The Labor Party has betrayed the interests of Britain and her colleagues in this instance, and demonstrated pretty conclusively its incapacity for responsible leadership.

Trans-Atlantic Cable

The new \$40,000,000 trans-Atlantic cable is a far cry from its first flimsy predecessor which, by coincidence, took shape exactly a hundred years ago this year. The company that laid the first cable was formed in that year and the first attempt was made in 1857. The cable broke on August 11 during laying.

The second attempt in 1858 was successful but the cable completed on August 5 broke down after 732 messages had been passed through it. The third cable was laid in 1865 and was again lost in August of that year, but in 1866 final success was attained and the 1865 cable was also recovered and completed.

When those early efforts at cable-laying were being pressed, the men responsible could hardly have contemplated such a development as a submarine cable that would have 36 separate circuits, carrying in addition to the human voice such later-day communications refinements as radio broadcasts, photo transmissions and teletype messages. Yet all these are encompassed in the new trans-Atlantic cable.

The cost of telephoning across the Atlantic is to remain the same as it was for a radio-telephone message—\$12 for three minutes. But it is reasonable to assume the price will come down in the future as the service expands. In any case, a caller is now virtually assured of getting through with little difficulty and what is just as important, of hearing every word.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The late Sergeant Allan McInnis, retired city police officer, was noted for his conscientiousness and court-ney at all times. His death yesterday will be regretted by a host of friends.

An American aeronautical expert says that "man should be able to fly 7000 miles an hour by now". Perhaps one of these days we will explain the need for such fast travelling.

A Sorry Spectacle

With foreign ministers of Egypt, Russia, Britain and France heading for New York for the United Nations Security Council debate on the Suez Canal issue, the British Labour Party has struck a treacherous blow at British prestige. The Council debate opens on Friday, and the British Labour Party has chosen this critical time for passing an "emergency resolution" condemning the Eden Government for retaliatory threats against Egypt. It claims the government has "destroyed national unity by the policy of imposing a solution of force" and in its dealings with Nasser has frittered away Britain's "moral leadership, reputation for justice and fund of goodwill."

What a windfall of propaganda these statements—endorsed by 1300 sheering delegates of the British Labor Party—will provide the Egyptian dictator and his Communist backers in the Security Council discussions! This marks the first official appearance of the Party's new leader, Mr. Gaitskill, and it is ominous in its implications. One cannot conceive of the former Labor leader, Lord Attlee, being a party to such a demonstration at this time. He would have put the nation's interests first and done his best to strengthen Britain's case before the United Nations, reserving what criticism of the Eden Government he had for another occasion.

According to a press report, the Labor delegates arrived at their convention in Blackpool "in an optimistic mood... They apparently feel that Labor's stand on the Suez crisis—which many of them claim forced the government to take the issue to the United Nations—has heightened its prestige and will help to shorten the life of the Conservative Government." It is not likely that

Mr. St. Laurent is quoted as saying "the Suez crisis and the trouble between Israel and the Arab nations are two different things". No one will dispute that. At the same time, it would be unrealistic to suggest that there is no relationship between them. Both are potential causes of large scale war in the Middle East; and no one seriously believes that if Colonel Nasser is permitted to have his way over the Suez he will, on that account, behave peaceably towards Israel.



NOW TO LOOK OVER THE FEET

OTTAWA REPORT

No Urgency About Vacancies?

By Patrick Nicholson

OTTAWA. The taxpayers of Canada pay out well over one billion dollars a year to fill the pay pockets of Crown servants. Prime Minister St. Laurent has just made the implication that a lot of this expenditure of our money is unnecessary.

The upper crust of the Crown employees on the taxpayer's payroll consists of the showcase in the actual field of government of the country, namely the appointed and elected federal politicians. These range from the titular head of government, the Governor-General—paid \$48,000 per year tax free plus substantial expenses—through the Prime Minister—paid \$37,000 per year plus living expenses—down to the back bench Senator and M.P.—paid \$10,000 per year.

There are, and in some cases long have been, vacancies among these highly paid upper crust jobs for the top people supposed to be governing this country.

For example, Cabinet Minister Cole fell ill over a year ago and died. He has never been replaced. His job as Postmaster General has been taken on as an extra chore by the Minister for Veterans Affairs, Mr. Lapointe.

Then there is a vacancy for a Parliamentary Assistant to a Cabinet Minister. This one Minister, unlike most of his colleagues, has no M.P. to assist him in Parliament.

THAT SENATE AGAIN
 Vacancies for no less than 16 Senators have been caused by death. Yet the work of the Senate is carried on, apparently effectively, by the 86 Senators and Senators-elect.

The 26,000 active voters of Vancouver-Burrard have not had a representative in Parliament since the regretted death of Jack Macdougall. Likewise the 33,000 active voters of Toronto's York South district have lacked an M.P. since Joe Noseworthy died.

Presumably all these posts are essential to the good government of the country. Else why were they established at such high cost to the taxpayer? Yet when asked recently how he proposed to act to fill these vacancies, Prime Minister St. Laurent brushed off such inquisitiveness with the reply that "There are no vacancies that are urgent."

This was a most significant admission which deserves careful study by every taxpayer and every voter.

If the appointment of a new Cabinet Minister to fill the vacancy is not urgent, then perhaps we do not urgently need the services of all the present 19 Cabinet Ministers, at \$27,000 per year each. Or, if Hughes Lapointe can adequately fill two Cabinet posts, then what are his 18 colleagues doing today idling along with one job only? Why does not the Prime Minister sack half of them and tell the remainder to do double work. Finance Minister Harris, who implores private citizens to reduce expenditure to combat inflation, would be happy and impressed by the spectacle of the Prime Minister doubling in the role of say Minister of Immigration.

SENATE SALARIES
 If it is not urgent to fill 16 Senate vacancies, some of which have been empty for several years, perhaps we could even close the whole Chamber, and save the taxpayers over \$1,000,000 a year in Senators' salaries alone.

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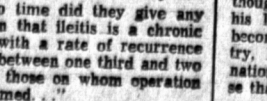
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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sudness, M. D.
NEW DRUG FOUND HELPFUL IN MAKING CHILDREN EAT
 If your youngster fails to grow or gains weight because he is a "finicky" eater, you'll probably be interested in a new drug called Somatovite.

Dr. Louis S. Goldstein, director of pediatrics at Yonkers Professional Hospital, Yonkers, N. Y., used the drug in treating 35 infants and young children who suffered from loss of appetite, failure to gain weight and mild symptoms of behavior problems.

Usually, he says, such children are difficult to bring to the table at appointed hours. They fidget and merely pick at their food and they are impatient to leave the table before finishing their meal. Recognize the symptoms?

Using one Somatovite tablet three times daily for an average period of 12 weeks, he reports getting excellent results. Within one month, he says, there was a marked increase in appetite in 33 of the 35 kids.

SYNTHETIC HORMONE
 Another development in our monthly review of medicine today is a new synthetic hormone which has no known usefulness in human therapy at the present time. Yet this new hormone is considered a vital clue in the quest for a hormone to effectively control such inflammations as rheumatoid arthritis and allergies without any undesirable side effects.

Not produced in the body, the new chemical is more effective in laboratory tests than any other known substance in stimulating the body's retention of salt. This is a key indication of its power to influence adrenal gland activity.

ANOTHER DISCOVERY
 There's another interesting advancement in the quest for a better treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

Scientists for the first time recently produced a crippling disease in pigs by exposing them to bacteria causing swine erysipelas.

This might well aid research in seeking the cause and cure of this terrible crippling

QUESTION AND ANSWER
 S. K.: What causes night sweats?
 Answer: There are many causes for night sweats. The most common one, of course, is sleeping with too many covers.

This condition is often due to the presence of a chronic infection in the body. Tuberculosis is a common cause, but the other symptoms of this disease are more pronounced, such as loss of weight, coughing and fever.

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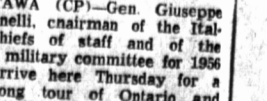
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NOTES BY THE WAY

Another of our ambitious in life is to become so successful that we dare to carry a cane.—Brandon Sun

It is short-sighted panning to spend millions on material developments while short-changing the education of the people who will use them.—Vancouver Province

Why can't they tag motorists or driving while their abilities are impaired by rage? Drinkers are a menace on the road, but had temper has probably caused more smash-ups than a train-load of whisky.—Sherbrooke Record

Canada may soon be a country without a horse. Where the equine population in the Dominion was 3,432,000 in 1941, dobbin numbered just 851,000 on June 1, 1956.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

In preparation for the glory of Fall we pass on the word that leaves change color when roots of a tree slow down the intake of water and minerals. The green chlorophyll ceases to be dominant and the red, orange and yellow pigments have their first chance to show.—Ottawa Journal

There was a time when business was called private and some owners believed that what they did was nobody else's concern. That day is gone forever. Today business everywhere needs friends—and you can't make friends by hiding behind a brick wall. You've got to come out front and say hello to the neighbors and mean it.—Chamber of Commerce

Most cities—especially the small ones—put up "Welcome" signs at the entrance. But some of them obviously don't mean it. Blank surly faces in the stores make a traveller wish he had stopped somewhere else. Apparently the man who put up the "Welcome" sign has moved out of town, and the rest of the people don't know it is there.—Sherbrooke Record

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The women's pages are full of ideas on what to do with leftovers. The experience of most households is that, after they've been left over long enough, they make wonderful garbage.—Hamilton Spectator

You never call tell, A Quebec baby weighed only three pounds at birth, and as there were no incubators then, had to be kept in a kitchen oven for weeks. Recently she celebrated her 102nd birthday by saying she hopes to live to be 130.—Oshawa Times-Gazette

Somebody got the auctioneer's goat at a stock sale in Kimberley, South Africa. Offering a pen-full of goats, the auctioneer felt frequent tugs at his jacket. He concluded that the tugs indicated a buyer pulling at his coat to signal a higher bid. As other buyers upped their bids the tugging continued. Up went the price until the unidentified buyer pulled the auctioneer turned to get the buyer's name and found that he had sold the lot of goats to another old goat who had been quietly chewing his coal.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Your Brain Has Hidden Powers

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