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

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The Civic Election

As anticipated, yesterday's civic election was keenly contested. The interest centered particularly on the Mayoralty contest, where the battle was between two veteran Councillors, Messrs. Johnstone and McCormac. Mr. Johnstone emerged as the winner, and is to be warmly congratulated upon this indorsation of his energetic policies as finance chairman under the Stewart regime. There is no question but that he will discharge his duties as chief magistrate with the same conscientiousness and ability. Congratulations are also due to Mr. McCormac for the vigorous competition he offered, as well as to the candidates for other offices who made the election so interesting. It speaks highly for the outgoing administration's record that all the former Councillors in the field, as well as the Water Commissioners, were returned.

The new Council gets away to a good start, with a revenue surplus of some \$69,359 last year and a system of tax collections which seems to be working more efficiently than ever before. The overall debt, however, is increasing and there is urgent need for more revenue in the near future. It is to be hoped that an equitable share of federal revenue under the tax sharing agreements and new adjustment grant will be obtainable, as well as increase from taxes on federal property in the City.

We are on the eve of a new municipal era with the amalgamation of Spring Park and Charlottetown. We have no doubt but that the problems involved will be worked out satisfactorily, and that the merger will prove beneficial to the whole community. The prospects also seem to be brighter for obtaining the long-awaited civic airport runway extension, which will mean a great improvement in modern transportation facilities.

It is hoped and expected that the Council will work harmoniously as well as energetically, for it is only in this way that concrete results can be achieved.

Rise In Strontium

While the governments of the Great Powers argue back and forth on the issue of nuclear tests, strontium-90, the most deadly substance in radioactive fall-out, is slowly but surely threatening the human race. For the year ended June 30, 1957, nuclear explosions caused a 33 per cent increase in the concentration of the poison.

This was the principal finding reported by a team of scientists working under the direction of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The study, which took in all parts of the world except the Soviet Union and covered more than 1000 human bone samples, showed that the concentration had risen much more rapidly in the bones of children than in adults. In children up to 4 years of age, it was ten times that found in adults of 20 and older. It is still only about 1-150th of the "maximum permissible concentration" established by scientific authorities. However, the report noted that "even if bomb tests were halted now the levels would rise to about 1-75th of the maximum by the 1970's. By the year 2000 it will have risen to 1-5th, provided, of course, tests are kept to the present levels".

For some unexplained reason, conditions are worse on the North American Continent than in any other area covered by the survey. In this connection the report states: "It is noted that in 1956-57 the highest values (a curious term for such a dangerous substance!) were found in North America, while values in South America and Africa and Australia were about half this, with those in Europe in between". Another interesting fact is that the concentration is 15 per cent higher in the average female than in the average male. "We do not think", the report concludes, "that the find-

ings of the bone study can be passed off as not worth worrying about, but we do not think either than the situation is critical at the present time."

What the report does not mention is that, according to leading scientific opinion, the main bulk of radioactive substance from nuclear explosions goes into the upper atmosphere where it may stay for many years. Eventually, however, it will come to earth to poison everything it touches. And, as the distinguished editor of the Saturday Review pointed out in a recent article on the subject, "you can't wash the skies".

Deficit Financing

One thing regarding the federal election can be said with certainty: whichever party wins it will be obliged to budget for a sizable deficit in the next fiscal year.

The Conservatives have already embarked on a \$250 million dollar public works program. This, added to the tax reduction and other commitments authorized at the last session of Parliament, will do away with any hope of a surplus. Indeed, Finance Minister Fleming has stated publicly that if the Government must choose between budgeting for a deficit and prolonged large scale unemployment it will choose the former. Incidentally, it may be noted that the United States Government has adopted a similar stand, despite a very large increase in defence spending.

The Liberals, according to a statement made by Mr. Pearson a day or two ago, are prepared to go even further and cut taxes right and left. A \$400 million deficit may be in their calculations. Evidently, gone are the days when "balancing the budget" was regarded as the sine qua non of good government. Shall we hear before the election is over that one party or the other has committed itself to a policy of no taxation at all and much spending?

There is, of course, every justification for tax reductions in times like the present. Anything that helps to stimulate business and relieve unemployment is valuable. The little disturbing note about the present situation is that the election promises to be fought on a single issue: which party can promise the biggest tax reduction and at the same time undertake to spend the most money on public services? The Conservatives, of course, have the advantage, since they have already done a good deal in both fields, while the Liberals' main strength is in promises.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A research organization in the United States is trying to find out why people save money. Evidently, they haven't heard of the "rainy-day" theory.

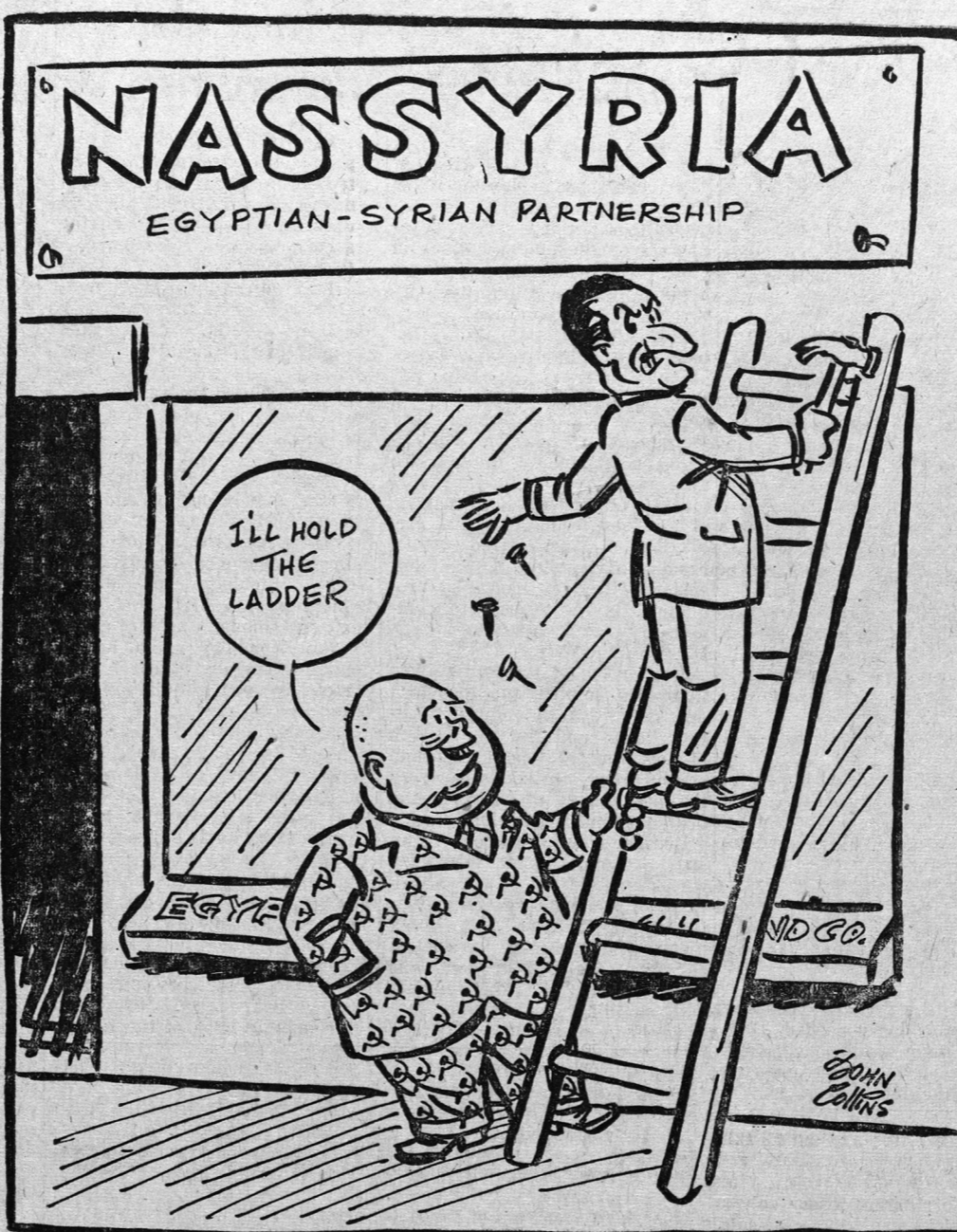
They do their voting leisurely in Communist China. A report from Peiping says that the election to fill 1200 seats in the People's Congress will begin early in May and continue until late July.

Japanese scientists have announced that they have achieved thermonuclear fusion for "one-millionth of a second". Breaking seconds up into millionths is almost as great an achievement as bringing about thermonuclear fusion.

The French will find it very difficult to justify the bombing of a Tunisian town on the pretext that it harboured Algerian rebels. The net result will be a further lowering of Western prestige in Africa and Asia. The unfortunate incident has given the propaganda of the Communists a great lift.

In last week's municipal elections in Poland, according to a Warsaw newspaper, the electors had "freedom of choice". It turns out that this "freedom" meant only that voters could cross out the names of candidates whom they did not favour. The ballot was still a one-party affair.

475,000 babies were born in Canada last year, an increase of 24,300 from 1956. On a percentage basis, the year's rate was slightly below that of 1947, the record year. The greatest number of births was in Ontario, with 153,773. Quebec took second place, with 142,299. All Provinces except Saskatchewan reported an increase.



ONLY TOO READY

OTTAWA REPORT

First Indian Senator

By Patrick Nicholson
Special Correspondent for The Guardian

Ottawa: Prime Minister John Diefenbaker made a unanimously applauded move when he appointed the first Indian to our Senate, choosing Akay-Na-Mika for this honour.

"Many Guns", to use the translation of his Blackfoot Indian name, alias Jim Gladstone, is the 70 year old Chief of the Blood Indian band in Alberta. We have seen many honorary Indian chiefs in Parliament—Mr. Diefenbaker is one himself—but Mr. Gladstone is the first real Indian to sit in our federal parliament.

The choice of this first representative of the first Canadians was no doubt a hard one. The Indians of Alberta have a colourful and proud history, but in terms of present Indian population, Alberta now ranks only sixth of our provinces. Its 15,715 Indians exceed only the Indian population of each of our Atlantic Provinces.

Ontario is the home of more Indians than live in any other province. Had there been a vacancy for an Ontarian in the Senate, it is very likely that the Prime Minister would have bestowed that honour upon the man who is world-famous as Canada's ranking authority on mining research and development. That is Dr. Gilbert Monture, who attracted widely known as "Slim", who

was born a full-blooded Incoquois on the Six Nations Reserve sixty years ago.

ECHO FROM HISTORY
Slim Monture is a great, great grandson of the famous Joseph Brant, chief of the Mohawks and leader of the Six Nations, who brought his loyal redmen to Canada at the time when the whitemen United Empire Loyalists also fled from the American revolution.

Brant built the first Protestant church in Ontario; the city of Brantford is named for him; and he even visited England to plead the cause of the welfare of Canadian Indians before the King. Four generations later, Slim Monture interested himself not only in the cause of Indian welfare, but also in Canadian welfare, and especially in the welfare of our already immense but, he believes, potentially more immense mineral riches.

A veteran of World War I, Slim Monture graduated from Queens as a mining engineer. He then joined the federal department of Mines. He worked there for more than 30 years, ending as Chief of the Mineral Resources Division. His immense knowledge and ability in the mineral field was valuable to his country and to its allies during World War II.

The Sphinx Gets A Facial

National Geographic Society

There's nothing inscrutable about the Sphinx's present smile. The 4,500-year-old lady is getting a facial. Egyptian Department of Antiquities recently began cleaning and restoring the magnificent monument—an object of speculation, admiration, and mutilation since prehistoric times.

This is not the first time that the mysterious guardian of the pyramids has needed urgent care. King Tutmosis IV ordered repairs some 3,500 years ago. It has received beauty treatments several times in the 19th and 20th centuries.

By and large, however, the colossus with a human head and lion's body has admirably weathered the erosion of old age and sand.

RIDDLE OF THE SPHINX
Secrets are locked behind the Sphinx's mask of serene authority. When was it sculptured? By whom? And what does it represent? All of these questions are part of the so-called Riddle of the Sphinx.

The recumbent figure—66 feet high and 240 feet long—gazes across the Nile Valley from a niche in a rock plateau near the Pyramids at Giza. It is possible that workers, in quarrying blocks for the Great Pyramid, left a core of rock that inspired an unknown artist to create the Sphinx.

Though the Sphinx is referred to as "she," it is believed to be a stone portrait of King Khafre (26th century B.C.), the builder of the Second Pyramid.

It was a work of genius. The huge eyes, the broad sensitive mouth, and high cheekbones impart a strange, wise charm that has awed poets and writers throughout the ages. Sophocles wrote of the "Sphinx with her enigma." Emerson said, "She broods upon the world."
"He who created it," wrote novelist Robert Hitchens, "looked beyond Egypt, beyond the life of man. He grasped the conception of Eternity, and realized the nothingness of Time, and he rendered it in stone."

The face was carefully carved and framed in a stylized wig. But the lion's body, which connoted royal guardianship, was a crudely blocked out. Evidence indicates it was overlaid with plaster and painted.
The Sphinx's probable purpose as a royal portrait was finally forgotten. In the time of the New

Kingdom, beginning 1570 B.C., it was identified with the sun god and worshipped as "Horus in the Horizon."

ENGULFED BY SAND
As centuries passed, waves of desert sand piled against the Sphinx. A red granite slab between its paws tells a legend of the XVIIIth dynasty. On a hot day before Thutmose became King, he supposedly rested in the shade of the partly engulfed form. The Sphinx spoke to him, saying, "I shall make thee Pharaoh if thou wilt dig me out of the sand."

In addition to excavating, Thutmose probably mended portions of the damaged form with blocks of limestone. Other repairs were made in the Ptolemaic and Roman periods.
Centuries of wind-blown sand ravaged the giant figure. It suffered drastically at the hands of fanatic Moslems who abhorred images in any form. The Mamelukes took practice pot-shots at the Sphinx, to the eternal detriment of its complexion.
With modern plastic surgery, however, the Sphinx seems fit for many more centuries.



TREES IN WINTER

The leaves have fled,
The leaves have fled,
But the embroidered branches of
the trees
Are etched with beauty,
And one sees
The sunset softly red;
And far-off shining wastes.
Where the big red ball descends,
As the short-lived daylight ends
In deepening shadows,
Not "bare ruined choirs,"
But twigs of frosted silver
Like muted lyres.

—Dorothy Sproule in the Montreal Star.

The Age Old Story

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

For Buerger's Disease Victims

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
WHILE we doctors absolutely forbid a victim of Buerger's disease to smoke at all, this doesn't mean we deny him all pleasures. In most instances, we urge him to take one or two highballs or cocktails each day, preferably before the evening meal.

INFLAMMATORY PROCESS
Buerger's disease is an inflammatory process in the blood vessels with clots which eventually may lead to complete closing of the vessels.
While smoking constricts the blood vessels, alcohol dilates them. Therefore, alcohol generally should be used according to your doctor's recommendations during the acute pain produced by the disease and highballs are advised after the acute stage has passed. The sedative effect of alcohol is very striking.

VARIOUS EXERCISES
There are also various exercises you can perform to increase circulation. I've told you about them in previous columns. But even while resting, you can aid circulation in the affected limb.

When resting in a chair or when lying down, place the affected leg or arm comfortably on a level about four or five inches below the level of the heart.

This gives gravity a chance to help the blood through the arteries. At the same time, your affected limb is not low enough to hamper return of the blood through the involved veins.

NO HEAT
As a rule, the doctor usually advises against using heat lamps, hot water bags and the like to apply heat to the limb. The heat from these cannot be diffused adequately since the blood in affected arms and legs flows much too slowly. Therefore, such heat applications may produce a serious burn.

It's highly important for a victim of Buerger's disease to avoid any type of injury to the limb that is giving him trouble.

OSCILLATING BED
An oscillating bed might be helpful. And your doctor has a variety of drugs at his disposal which probably will give relief.

Symplectomy, an operation to cut certain nerves to reduce blood vessel spasms, might be performed.

But whatever treatment is required, the real hero in conquering any case of Buerger's disease is not the doctor, but the victim himself. He has to give up smoking.

FEWER AMPUTATIONS
With our present medical knowledge, we have to amputate in only about five per cent

when he was appointed Canadian executive officer to the combined Resources and Production Board in Washington. That tongue-twisting title means that his job was to represent Canada in the allocation of strategic minerals.

U.N. AND WORLD FAME
In recent years, he has represented Canada or worked for the United Nations or for World Organizations on numerous boards and missions dealing with mineral development.

Now, honoured as an Officer of the British Empire by the government, as an honorary Doctor of Science by the University of Western Ontario, he has retired from the civil service, and is working for the United Nations.

Canada's mining industry has lacked an able and influential friend in Parliament since Rodney Adamson, the Conservative M.P. from Toronto, was killed in the Moose Jaw air disaster three years ago. The appointment of Dr. Monture to the Senate would fill that void as well as pay tribute to his race. Even more, it would bring the whole mining industry confidently behind spectacular program of northern development which is shaping up as the keystone of the Diefenbaker Government's national plan of Canadian riches for Canadians.

OUR YESTERDAYS

(From The Guardian Files)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(Feb. 13, 1933)
A committee was appointed at the regular meeting of the City Council last evening to interview the local Government with a view to gaining permission to aid the unemployed by providing labour, wages for which would be paid in money now used for direct relief. It was reported that \$9,403.45 had been paid out in direct relief during the past six months.

TEN YEARS AGO
(Feb. 13, 1943)
The Provincial Government has purchased the old Y.M.C.A. building on Richmond Street, it was learned last evening. The building, temporarily occupied by the local offices of Veterans' Affairs, will be renovated to provide accommodation for several Provincial Government offices which have not sufficient room in their present quarters.

St. Dunstan's College won its third consecutive intercollegiate debate last night by defeating St. Mary's College, Halifax. The debate was held in the Queen Sq., Auditorium before a large audience. The Judges were A. Walden Gaudet, Arthur Peake, and D.F. Tierney.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Evening at Home Can Be Profitable—headline. But not near by as profitable as dining with the neighbors. —Lethbridge Herald
How many young women today can bake a satisfactory pie or cake but know next to nothing about the selection and cooking of meat, for instance? How many know more than one way to prepare potatoes for the table? In this lunch-box age it is important to young wives to know how to put up a good box lunch day after day and week after week. It is satisfying variety that brings appetizing to a husband's mind and stomach.—Sudbury Star

The removal is promised for one of the ugliest sights of central London. This is the corrugated iron building which disfigures the Temple area, the Embankment, and which was improvised by the Admiralty during the war as a gunnery school. After the war it was handed over to the Inner Temple and used to store 30,000 books from the bombed library of that institution.—London Times
A collie dog named Patsy lives in England, saved her master from a bull pinner when a bull pinned a fence, fly nipped at the bull's heels and nose and backed off, releasing the master, Tom Powell, in London. The National Association of Biscuit Manufacturers is having a banquet in honor of Fry, who received a silver cup for his services and a new collar and a dog biscuit, said to be the largest.—New York Herald Tribune

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