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other, having stated a preference to the interviewer, changes its mind at the last minute. Although political attitudes are usually fairly stable, moving in one direction or another like a slow tide, the period immediately prior to an election is often confused and fluid.

So it's our fault that things didn't work out the way the Gallup pollsters assured us they would? We're the ones that should be apologizing, it seems. "The pre-election report for 1965," says Mr. Sanders firmly, "will take its place in our proud record of accuracy as further evidence of achievement in a very difficult area of research."

A statement which deserves to go down with that age-old alibi for achievement in another field of research: "The operation was successful but the patient died."

Mr. Johnston Speaking

A correspondent in today's issue scores as "high-sounding clap-trap" the U.S. Declaration of Independence in view of American disregard of Negro rights, and the hypocrisy of "pontificating at a distance" on the issue of Negro rights in Rhodesia. One point worth noting, however, is that the U.S. government does stand for equal rights to its citizens; the Smith regime in Rhodesia does not. No one is more aware of the failure to reach the American objective than President Johnson; no one has striven more earnestly to remove the roadblocks in its path.

Mr. Johnston raised this subject again last week, in announcing that he is planning for a White House civil-rights conference next spring. He noted that while more than 200,000 Negroes have been registered under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, many hundreds of thousands have not; and he added:

"This is a challenge not only to government, but to Negro leadership. I urge you to work around the clock. Tell those who have been barred from the polls that a new day has come, that at last they may have a voice in shaping their own destinies. That voice will be heard from the sheriff's office to the Congress—but only if it is used."

Again, the President denounced as "a national shame" the way a vast majority of Negro children are schooled, housed and fed. "Millions are trapped in ghettos and shanties—discouraged and hopeless," he said. "They will be as far from sharing in the promise of America as if they inhabited another planet. A guarantee of job is useless to a man who cannot read an application. A college scholarship is useless to a child who drops out of school in the eighth grade. The promise of new schools is useless to a man who doesn't believe in the future. A new classroom is useless to a child who cannot study, or whose eyes cannot recognize what he sees."

The social amenities which go with the conference will contribute to the success we all hope it will achieve. Despite the shortage of time, we trust that these will not have to be unduly curtailed. Without them, indeed, it wouldn't be a Charlottetown conference at all.

Those Proud Pollsters

It will come as a surprise to most Canadians, but according to Byrne Hope Sanders, director of the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion, "any experienced researcher will agree that the Gallup Poll's report on pre-election party standings was a sound one." That flop the pollsters made in predicting a clear Liberal majority, he means? Critic who talk that way, says Mr. Sanders, "reveal their lack of knowledge of the principle and problems involved in this aspect of research."

So there it is. The findings of his organization, this expert explains, were based on interviewing five days before the election. At that time "no evidence" was found for any increase in Conservative strength. Thus what must have been a marginal turn to the Tories in the last few days resulted in an underestimate of their strength, with a corresponding overestimate for the Liberals.

How do we know the sampling wasn't all haywire from the start? Because Mr. Sanders says so. He goes on to explain that "any last-minute turns to one or another of the parties are reflected in the hazards of political pre-election reporting." Political research established five days ahead of the vote can be "very difficult." "The sample reveals attitudes of all eligible voters; yet, normally a about one-quarter of the electorate does not bother to vote. Moreover, in the actual interviewing, although most respondents will report the brand of soap they buy, the car they like best, or the publication they prefer, a significant segment of the electorate is always undecided as to which party it will vote for—often until the final moment of truth in the polling booth."

Still another segment "refuses to state its voting intentions, while an-



RIGHT BACK WHERE WE STARTED FROM THE UNTEACHABLE ART

Aims Of A Truly Liberal Education

Hamilton Spectator
According to Dr. Z.S. Phinister, Ontario's deputy minister of education, if the young people of today are to be happy in the world of tomorrow they will have to be equipped for the art of living and provided with outlets for their idealistic energies. These are worthy objectives, but there is nothing new about them. To live a full and useful life has always been the purpose of rational existence. If now we are turning living into a conscious art and pursuing it, it is because we have been scared by those prophets who predict a computerized world filled with people with nothing to do, either miserable or going on the rampage. A liberal education, which Dr. Phinister sees as an imperative need to balance a dehumanized technology, is the best equipment for practicing the art of living. The educated are seldom bored. The difficulty lies as much in definitions as it does in practice. Even "liberal education" is in danger of becoming a lifeless cliché, and if we are not careful the "art of living" will follow it, joining the weary, empty "gracious living" in utter meaninglessness. The old idea of a liberal education was broad, humane, and free-ranging. We can learn from it. A special kind of neurosis seems to have pervaded modern education and it is producing the exact opposite of the liberal idea. A high school grade means so much in dollar-income in later life; a university degree means a better chance for a "good job". Such talk is common enough, but it is a contradiction of the whole concept of liberal learning. So long as the major part of education is based on routine memory, learning capsule facts by rote, churning over and regurgitating a selection of the thoughts of dead great men, and penalizing originality and imagination, so long will liberal education elude us and the tribute to it be nothing more than lip-service. It is not enough that a person should know from memory the chemical composition of a rose, or be able to recite the numbers of Beethoven's symphonies, he must appreciate their beauties, whether he lives in today's world or tomorrow's. The chief virtue of liberal education is that it provides full opportunity for the expression of originality. Such a thought is frightening in these days of

Old Jealousies Persist

London Free Press
More than half a century ago the neighboring nations of Argentina and Chile settled long-standing border differences on the basis of the arbitration of King Edward VII of Great Britain. Following the settlement in 1902, the two countries joined in erecting a statute on their boundary. The statue was made by melting down cannon belonging to both peoples, and was supposed to be a substantial remembrance of the clause in the agreement which provided for mutual limitation of armaments. It achieved world-wide recognition as the "Christ of the Andes." However, the spirit shown

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THE OTHER SIDE
Sir,—I would like to comment on the editorial appearing in The Guardian of Tuesday, Nov. 16th concerning the Rhodesian crisis, in which the writer compared the Declaration of Independence by the American colonies with Ian Smith's U.D.I. The point of the editorial was that the latter did not include some high-sounding clap-trap to the effect that all men are created equal. Most "Western" states have a definite Church-State separation, and while it is perfectly proper for the former to subscribe to and champion this noble hypothesis, the state is concerned with matters temporal, and here, both physically and mentally, man is created most unequally. For the want of something better to cloak his "Go to Hell everybody" step, Mr. Smith unabashedly copied from the Declaration of Independence. However, no one can accuse him of not being hard-headed, so he took a long hard look at the experiment which this document spawned. Let's see what he saw. Let's take a small segment. Let's look at Mississippi, where blacks are also heavily predominant. Rhodesia has fifteen black members in the legislature, muzzled probably, but there, Mississippi? A black Rhodesian can vote freely if he meets certain low educational standards. In Mississippi it takes the National Guard to escort him to the

Prebyopia Candidates

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen
When a 42-year-old man steps out of a telephone booth with a directory to find a number, he is a candidate for the prebyopia club. He needs glasses to correct a visual defect that occurs with advancing years. The point of focus has receded beyond the distance at which he reads ordinary print (approximately nine inches). The alternative is to hold the book farther away but the arms can be stretched just so far. The eyes can adjust to minor defects to maintain clear vision. The pupils contract, the lenses change and the person squints to shut out the rays of light that distort the image. But the day of reckoning comes because there is a limit to how much strain the eyes can take to focus the rays. Glasses solve the problem by making near vision easier; there is no need to continue holding the hymnal or menu at arm's length to read. Close work becomes a pleasure when vision becomes clear again. Necessity is the mother of invention. This may explain why glasses were invented centuries ago; the craftsman or artist was through at 40 without them. The same applied to women who sewed or knitted socks and sweaters. The individual whose occupation calls for combined close and distant work soon finds ordinary reading specs inadequate. It is annoying to take them off and on to conduct business and herein lies the value of bifocals. These lenses are ground so that the lower part is used for near vision and the upper is clear or refracted for distance. Half glasses also are available. In this way the user need not change glasses when he switches from close to distant vision. Bifocals do not satisfy everyone. The individual can see everything within 20 inches and beyond 50, but not what is between. He requires better visual acuity for this intermediate space, and here is where trifocals come in handy. With a single pair of glasses, the person is able to read the paper, look at the calendar on the wall, and enjoy the picture on the billboard across the street.

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ASPIRIN AND HAIR
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U.S. Mission To Moscow

By Harold Morrison
Canadian Press Staff Writer
The secrecy surrounding the Mike Mansfield mission to Moscow, judged against the virtual collapse of Soviet-Chinese relations, suggests new efforts are afoot to initiate a spirit of Soviet friendship with the West and possibly to help pull the United States out of a war it cannot hope to win.

The U.S. Senate majority leader, and the men with him, are characteristically outward-looking and liberal-minded and, more important, all close friends of President Johnson. It may therefore be easy to conclude that they carried with them a message from the president to Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin.

Kosygin's relations with Johnson have been hurt by the Vietnamese war, a costly exercise in containment that has hurt both the U.S. and North Viet Nam and seems to be dragging on in an exhausting stalemate. And China keeps urging on its Viet Cong friends while condemning Kosygin in most brutal terms for allegedly attempting to bring the war to an end.

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Hail, Hibernia

Financial Post
Everyone knows that Lief Ericsson, the dauntless Viking, found North America about 500 years before Columbus arrived and that other Norsemen did a bit of exploring here during these centuries.

Still, it was tactless of Yale University to announce, the day before Columbus Day, that an early Viking map of this continent had been proved authentic. Americans of Italian descent were deeply aggrieved.

John V. Indsay, the campaigning for New York majority came out for Cristoforo. There are a lot more Italians than Vikings in New York. Naturally, Lindsay was elected.

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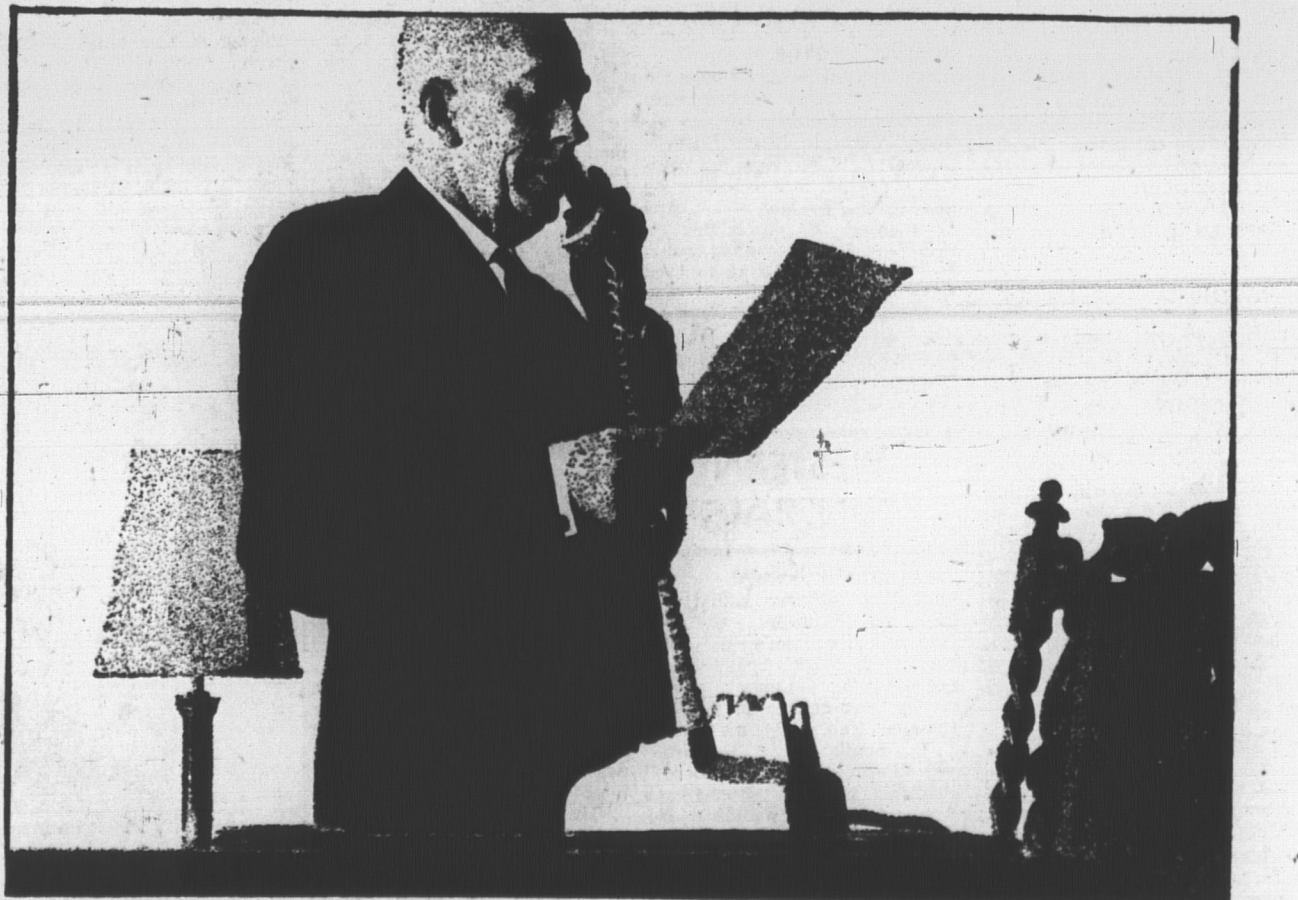
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