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What Is Canada's Policy?

Will someone please explain what sort of policy the Canadian Government would like the West to adopt in the Middle East?

President Eisenhower's proposal to send American forces into the region, if need be, to keep it from coming under Soviet domination seems to be faring very little better in Ottawa than the British-French policy.

The Maritimes' need is to be treated not as a "depressed" area but as an area which, with national understanding of its problems respecting transportation, access to central markets and difficulties in industrial expansion, could and would develop a sound economic strength.

This is not to suggest that the U.N. is a useless organization. It has rendered useful service on a good many fronts. But it will not and it cannot keep the Middle East or any other troubled area from falling victim to Communist aggression.

"Tributes" To Sir Anthony

It is interesting, though not particularly edifying, to note the comments made in Washington and Ottawa with respect to Prime Minister Eden's resignation.

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Prime Minister St. Laurent spoke of the "serious alteration in the kind of service Sir Anthony can render his fellow citizens."

Minister but might do very well in some post that carries no responsibility or authority—a seat in the Lords, for example. Indeed, the only real tribute we have seen so far in official circles on this side of the Atlantic came from Mr. Low of the Social Credit Party who observed that the resignation "is to be regretted at a time like this."

Welcome Report

A few weeks ago a 15-year-old boy in Seattle died after receiving three injections of Salk vaccine. At the time polio was given as the cause of death.

Fortunately, it has now been revealed that the boy did not die of polio but of "acute disseminated encephalomyelitis" which is described by authorities as "a rare disease that can easily be confused with bulbar polio unless the tissues are examined."

EDITORIAL NOTES

U.N. Secretary-General Hammarskjöld says he still hopes that Britain, France and Egypt will get together for talks on the Suez problem.

Age is no barrier to preferment in the United States Senate. Senator Greene of Rhode Island, who is 89, is the new Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee while Senator Hayden of Arizona, a mere 80, has been elected President pro tem.

A news report from Winnipeg says that 104-year-old John Lorenzo is hoping to fulfil his grandmother's prophecy that he would live to be 130.

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THROUGH TICKET

OTTAWA REPORT

Legislature Program

By Patrick Nicholson

Ottawa: The government's program of legislation for this important pre-election session of Parliament has been greeted with mixed feelings.

As is customary, the government set out its program in the speech prepared for the Governor-General to read when he opened the session last week.

"There are three points I was particularly pleased with in the Throne Speech," Henry Hosking told me. "These are the aid to municipalities; the proposal to set up a Senate committee to consider the Arts; and the grants to universities."

"The Throne speech was empty and bare," declared Erhart Regier. "The first three quarters of it consisted of pious platitudes about world affairs, at the expense of pressing Canadian problems."

George Hahn deplored the government's inactivity in both international and Canadian affairs. In particular, he believes that the rail strike should never have begun, but, having allowed it to start, the government should have direct the end of it.

Halliburton In England

Wilfred Eggleston in the Winnipeg Free Press

It is a hundred years since the famous humorist of Nova Scotia, set sail from Halifax to take up residence in England. He was almost sixty, and the great days lay behind him.

When he said good-bye to Nova Scotia he could look back on a varied career. He had been an ambitious young lawyer at Annapolis, a witty member of the Legislature, so eloquent that report-ers Joseph Howe, leaning over the press gallery, sometimes laid his pencil aside quite entranced by Halliburton's oratory.

As the years went by his views had become more and more Tory and his earlier intimate friendship with Joseph Howe had soured. He had been a judge and a political pamphleteer.

The immediate cause of Halliburton's retreat—if that is the word—from his native land to England seems to have been matrimonial. The first Mrs. Halliburton had died in 1841. Something of his love for Nova Scotia, his

inertia and lack of leadership, and their disregard of the rights of Parliament, are not entitled to the confidence of this House and have lost the confidence of the people of Canada.

To take a cross-section of the opinion of M.P.s about the Legislative program laid down for this session, I spoke to four members from different parties and representing various parts of Canada: Liberal Henry Hosking from Guelph; Conservative Angus MacLean from Prince Edward Island; C. C. Ferriarist Regier from Burnaby, B.C.; and Special Creditor George Hahn from New Westminster.

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Yet on Halliburton's behalf it should be added that his intimate knowledge of the development of British North America was on several occasions on material value in the debates on colonial policy. After the triumphs of his earlier years, it is a melancholy thing to read in Dr. Chittick's admirable biography that his death, in 1861, passed almost without comment in his native province.

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Happily, this eclipse of his name has been succeeded by a more understanding appreciation in Canada of his life and works. Nova Scotians resented some of his sharp sayings and deplored his strong opposition to responsible government. His contemporaries held against him some personal foibles and laws connected with his pension claims against the Nova Scotia Government.

Generations later, all these things had been forgotten or forgiven, and he came back into his own as the creator of one of literature's immortal characters, the saucy and loquacious Sam Slick.

He appeared on the world stage—as a persecutor of the small sect that believed Jesus Christ was the Messiah. He watched, and approved, as St. Stephen was stoned to death for holding that belief.

Known then as Saul, the saint-to-be had great zeal in hounding the followers of Christ. He set off toward Damascus, Syria, where he expected to clap those heretics into chains and drag them to prison.

But on the way, "suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." (Acts 9: 2-5).

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Retracing St. Paul's Travels

National Geographic Society

About 1,900 years ago, St. Paul traveled through the Near East, carrying a message that would change the world.

Today, the National Geographic Society has found, it would be impossible for an apostle to follow St. Paul's 12,000-mile path precisely. National boundaries, many heavily guarded, block the way.

Mr. Boyer began his trip beside St. Stephen's Gate in Arab Jerusalem. There St. Paul first ap-

elimination of firemen would create a hazard.

As for our foreign policy, Mr. Hahn told me that he feels that the government places too much emphasis on the United Nations—which is only one of the international agencies working for peace and prosperity and tends to overlook both the Commonwealth and NATO by comparison.

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To his birthplace, Tarsus in what is now Turkey, St. Paul returned to preach while supporting himself as tentmaker. In Paphos on Cyprus, the Apostle converted the Roman proconsul after dispensing with a heckling sorcerer.

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

POISON IVY VICTIMS NEED INJECTIONS NOW

It's time to start thinking about poison ivy. No kidding.

If you are one of those unfortunate persons who suffers each year with a case of poison ivy—maybe a pruned case—and have little hope of avoiding the offending weed this year, better ask your doctor about desensitization shots now.

Allergic substances from the Rhus plant group, incidentally are identical whether they are from ivy, oak or sumac. Yet persons suffering from acute attacks of poison ivy dermatitis are usually sensitive to that plant alone.

With persons developing chronic weed dermatitis however this is not the case.

The weekly injections should be given in January, February or March at the latest. For best results, they should be continued throughout the summer.

The initial dose is a small one, only 0.02 cc. Unless a reaction occurs, the subsequent doses are progressively doubled.

If there is a reaction, it's usually advisable to repeat the previous dose. Possible reactions include cal inflammation, muscle pain, fever, nausea and vomiting.

It's up to the doctor, of course, to determine whether your allergy is actually due to the Rhus plants or some other weed. Generally this is accomplished through a "patch" test, a specialized procedure which should be performed only by an experienced person.

Once the sensitizing agent has been determined, much of the battle has been won. Simply to avoid the offending plant of weed may be the solution.

If this is impossible, the answer in most cases is desensitization. And for those of you with poison ivy dermatitis, the time for those desensitization injections is here.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

N.B.: Can saccharin be harmful in any way? Answer: No harmful results have been known to result from the use of saccharin. You need have no fear of bad effects.

The Poet's Corner

NEW ENGLAND HOUSE

The house, with one foot nearly in the brook and a small hill peering inquisitive over its shoulder, stood snug and red in the crook of the valley road.

And strip the flame and gold from the dooryard maples and give it bushel baskets of leafy fire to bank the cellar against Tacole winter.

Square and strong, white-trimmed, its plain desire was to be independent and unhelden like any good New Englander.

Tight and glowing, the house proclaimed that storm had never shaken its solid stone foundation in a couple of hundred years, and it would not budge for any wild tativity of sky or nation.

at this late date unless it took a mind to: It might tremble with outrage at atomic shock.

But this was as likely as that the Puritans would go back and unsettle Plymouth Rock.

—Francis Frost, in the Christian Science Monitor.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (January 14, 1932)

"Among other projects of importance, the Board of Trade has continued its policy of urging that the accounting of the car ferry service be eliminated from the Railway accounts as was recommended by the Duncan Commission," stated Mr. George J. Tweedy in his report to the annual meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade last evening.

Mr. J. L. Douglas has returned home from attending the Eastern Canada Fruit and Vegetable Jobbers Association Convention held at Ottawa during the past week. Mr. Douglas reported that the convention was largely attended and highly successful.

TEN YEARS AGO (January 14, 1947) A large general store and a sitting warehouse at Charlottetown burned last night causing loss estimated unofficially at \$20,000.

The January term of the Supreme Court for Queens County will open this morning with Chief Justice Thane A. Campbell presiding. The docket includes three indictments, eight excise appeals, four prohibition appeals and one civil jury case.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The next Dominion-wide holiday does not come until April 19, which is Good Friday (late this year), this giving us all a chance to settle down and do some work.—Ottawa Journal

If you have a big family there is always one child who appreciates a big nickel.—Brandon Sun.

Speaking in Toronto last week, Gordon Booth, United Kingdom trade commissioner, said that there were now 500 British subsidiary plants in Canada. That will be news to a lot of Canadians who have heard so much of the invasion of American capital and industry since the end of the war that they may have forgotten that Britain also has a substantial stake in this matter. And it will be welcome news to Canadians who have given any serious thought to the matter.—Financial Post

"At first she was going to turn him down on the ground that he hadn't a will of his own—then she found he was likely to benefit from his uncle's."—Montreal Star

A standard American bushel, the book says, contains 77,627 pounds of water. An imperial bushel of Great Britain holds 80 pounds of water. The Scotch bushel was one and one-half times the American or Winchester bushel. All of which proves the sanity of the plan to abandon the bushel as an official measurement for grain and to replace it by the hundred-weight—a change which the chief of Canadian grain commissioners says trading organizations have been urging for several months.—Victoria Times

A veteran comedian says it's a strain having to produce material each season that is funnier than the last. But designers of women's hats seem to perform the trick without any trouble.—Hamilton Spectator

The present, "the Canada of which we are proud to be a part," is tremendously indebted to the past. Much of the debt is tangible, the fruits of research for which universities furnished the inspiration and the often-meagre facilities. Much of it is in the influence of broadened and disciplined minds.—Montreal Star

A 60-year-old woman has been appointed sheriff of La Salle County, Illinois. She won the appointment over three male candidates for the office—a police magistrate, a police captain and a former deputy sheriff. Seems that the new sheriff—Mrs. Frances Lambert—is the widow of a former sheriff.—Cape Breton Post

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