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is a general election in the offing, and Tory prospects, under Mr. Macmillan, do not seem bright.

Will he step down, or will he be pushed out by those who believe that new blood is needed to give the kind of leadership the public wants at this time? Young Conservatives are said to be plumping for Reginald Maudling, 46, Chancellor of the Exchequer. Other contenders are Iain Macleod, 49, joint chairman of the party, Edward Heath, 47, who led Britain's team in the abortive negotiations for membership in the European Common Market, and Mr. Butler, acting Government leader, who is 60.

Meanwhile, genuine concern is being felt about the Prime Minister's health. A message sent to him from the convention expressed, along with best wishes for a successful operation, "deep affection and admiration." The party owes him that, at least.

Mr. Macmillan stepped into the breach following Sir Anthony Eden's resignation as Prime Minister, at a time when the government was under heavy criticism. He did a wonderful job of fence mending in the period following the Suez crisis. In late years he has had a number of grievous troubles, it is not likely that a successor would find the going any easier. His illness at this time, indeed, may serve to remind his followers that they could go farther and fare worse in their choice of a leader. It could, on the other hand, influence Mr. Macmillan in deciding, on his own account, to call it a day.

### Older Than The Garter

Ceremonies connected with the old orders of chivalry still provide some colourful pageantry in Britain, as noted in a recent British broadcast. Particular reference was made to the installation of new knights of "The Most Noble Order of the Garter" in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, and to the occasion, recently, when Australia's Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies, was installed as a Knight of the Thistle in St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh.

Although the Garter, founded in 1348 by King Edward III, is Britain's premier order of knighthood, Scotland's Order of the Thistle claims to be even older. Leading experts—including the Lord Lyon King of Arms, present heraldic chief in Scotland and Secretary of the Order—believe its history goes back to 787, and the great victory won that year by Angus McFergus, King of the Picts who routed the English at Athlinton near Edinburgh, having been inspired—according to tradition—by seeing "the white cross of St. Andrew appear on the azure sky."

Again, according to tradition, Angus McFergus after the battle sailed from East Lothian to Fife to meet the boat carrying the bones of St. Andrew from the Mediterranean to Scotland—and so the cult of St. Andrew started in Scotland, and many believe the order itself began.

And it was from the habits and customs of very early times that many of the rules of this famous order were derived. The thistle chapel was formerly at Holyrood Abbey—now a ruin; but since 1911 it has been in the southeast corner of the Cathedral of St. Giles in Edinburgh. On ceremonial occasions the Knights of the Thistle wear a green mantle and ribbon, black bonnets with white plumes, gold collars and the magnificent jewel of the order—a St. Andrew's Cross.

### Mr. Macmillan's Illness

British Prime Minister Macmillan's regrettable illness came on the eve of the convention of the Conservative Party which opened at Blackpool yesterday. The result is that any decision on the question of party leadership, due to be aired at the convention, will be held over until the outcome of Mr. Macmillan's condition is known.

This is the 82nd annual conference of Britain's oldest political party, and it meets at a time of deepening crisis both for its more than 13 million supporters and for its leader. Setbacks at home and abroad have tarnished the Conservative claim to good government. The Profumo scandal has not yet died down. Labor Party ranks have been reformed under the able leadership of Harold Wilson; there



"DISGRACEFUL -- HOW DO I GET SOME?"

### OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

#### Time To Curb Those Parliamentary Antics

The playboys of Parliament Hill are having a wonderful time. During the first three days of their resumption of work, after their two months of holidays with pay, they established nearly as many records as did "The Bums" in the baseball World Series.

#### Hungary And The West

Christian Science Monitor  
Hungary's Foreign Minister, János Pater, has just addressed the United Nations General Assembly for the first time since there were dropped from the organization's agenda the resolutions condemning the savage repression of the 1956 uprising in his country. Significantly, Mr. Pater spoke with apparent sincerity when he called for support of Soviet Premier Khrushchev's policy—as he described it—of "peaceful coexistence" with the West.

#### Our Yesterdays

(From the Guardian Files)  
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO  
October 10, 1838  
Jeff Baldwin who has been successful with his potato crop on P.E.I. is shipping them this week by steamer to Montreal. Mr. Baldwin's crop of Bliss Triumph averaged 350 bushels to the acre. The steamer is now loading at the Marine Wharf, Summerside.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES

For the time being at least, the question of higher pensions for the blind, disabled and needy persons between the ages of 65 and 70 has been shelved by the Pearson Government. It will be discussed, says Health Minister LaMarsh, at the federal-provincial conference in November.

Last week the U.S. Senate provided a public forum for the nation's ex-Presidents. It did so by a simple change of the Senate's rules which stipulates that from now on, any former Presidents—those now living are Herbert Hoover, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Mr. Truman—may talk on the Senate floor after giving appropriate notice to the Senate's presiding officer. But they may not vote.

### Absorbance Is Not Easy

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
Many alcoholics are told the pledge if they surrender fully the reasons why they must stop drinking. Absorbance is not easy but this is what the physician tries to encourage. Absorbance has to be done with patience. Success will not follow threats and exaggerations and nothing is gained by trying to scare an odd boomer by telling him that his liver is getting hard and cirrhosis is on its way.

Treating an alcoholic is a difficult chore and many physicians throw up their hands in disgust, especially when the goal is in sight and the patient suddenly breaks in a border no apparent reason. This is to be expected, according to Dr. Robert A. Moore, because alcohol is the only thing of importance left to the drinker.

The possibility of being cured means the loss of his best pal—alcohol. In addition, many alcoholics are a responsible and immature emotional being who are unable to take their own pleasure and heedless of the pain inflicted on others.

The home situation must be fully understood because the alcoholic is a family member and a problem. All too often its members promote continued drinking by taking an attitude of refusal to recognize that the drinker is sick.

Who should take care of the alcoholic? Alcoholics. A non-anonymus is a help but not all drinkers benefit from the spiritual approach. The family physician can do the job, and in many communities, a psychiatrist is needed when the alcoholic becomes psychotic or when severe emotional upset is bringing on crises.

REFLECTED PANCREAS  
R.M. writes: Can anything beside alcoholic beverages cause pancreatitis?  
REPLY  
Yes, many victims are alcoholics but many more have gall bladder disease, which is a more logical role. The pancreas is a gland which secretes the intestine through a common duct. This connection allows bacteria from the infected gall bladder to travel into the pancreas and induce infection.

SKIN CANCER  
L.W. writes: What causes skin cancer on the face, other than too much sun?  
REPLY  
Other possible causes include irritation from tars, chemicals and friction. The chimney sweeps of old London, for example, developed malignancies traced to this sort of irritation.

ANIMAL BITES  
M.M. writes: Are human bites the most dangerous of all animal bites?  
REPLY  
They are hazardous because the human mouth teems with bacteria. But I would rather be bitten by a human than by an alligator or hippo, which can nip off quite a chunk of flesh.

FINGER BITING  
C.G. writes: Could you get cancer from biting the skin around the nails?  
REPLY  
Probably not. Human bites may be followed by infection that can be serious.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT  
Don't ride double on one bike as it makes balancing more difficult and prevents a clear view.

### NOTES BY THE WAY

The main thing wrong with the younger generation is, a lot of us don't belong to it any more.

The pundits who declare that civilization is a failure, should remember that it has rarely been tried. — Stratford Beacon Herald.

"A woman has the legal right to change her mind," rules a Quebec court. But women know of justice, thereby making a graceful and chivalrous bow to the law. — Oakville Journal-Record.

When a man doesn't laugh at a joke the reason may not be that he doesn't know what it is but that he knows how well it isn't funny. — Ottawa Journal.

New York public school teachers called off a threatened strike and 1,000,000 students started classes on time. Probably never before has any strike had 1,000,000 such ardent supporters. — Windsor Star.

### The Balance In Kenya

By Rod Currie  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
The Kenya Independence movement has been in the London because Prime Minister James Callaghan has been invited to accept a governmental system similar to that in Canada.

The Kenya Independence movement has been in the London because Prime Minister James Callaghan has been invited to accept a governmental system similar to that in Canada. The provisional constitution, drawn up after months of hard bargaining, had in fact included a provision for a government along with seven districts or provincial governments, each with a legislature and president or premier. At the time all parties concerned agreed to this principle.

Now the strongly nationalistic Kenya, its hand strengthened in late 1962, is seeking to change the constitution in favor of a British-style government, with power concentrated in the federal authority and district assemblies reduced virtually to county councils.

The Opposition Kenya African National Union, champion of the smaller, more backward tribes, is violently opposed. The British government, which has played a major part in all these negotiations, is seeking a compromise through which it has always supported the original constitution.

It insists on effective safeguards to establish a balance between the two concepts but is willing to discuss reasonable arguments consistent with this position.

The basic difficulty is the wide variance in regional and tribal attitudes among the native population of the African country, land of the dreaded Mau Mau secret society that

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