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Unseemly Haste

Why all the hurry in adjourning the Legislature? Why should the business this year, involving the voting of over sixteen million dollars in expenditures, be rushed through with such unseemly haste in the last few days?

With the biggest budget this year in the history of the Province, it was expected that the debate would be participated in by every minister of the Crown.

Election Act Revision

There has apparently been no evidence of padded voters' lists in the March 31 federal election as was the case in the election last June; but there was some of the usual confusion that can be found at the polling booths.

As an exchange points out, revision of the Canada Elections Act would be a worth-while undertaking for the new government under Prime Minister Diefenbaker.

are ahead of them. But President Eisenhower says he "may" come to a different decision after the impending tests have been completed and "provided the scientists say that they have all the information they need".

So it will go on—a vicious circle in madness. Meanwhile, the world is being poisoned by atomic radiation. That is one thing on which the scientists appear to agree, while they differ regarding the rapidity of the process.

Perennial Question

The President of the Federation of Agriculture has referred to Daylight Saving Time as a "curse" to the farmers of Prince Edward Island. With due respect to Mr. Waugh we are inclined to think that the word is a little out of place in the discussion of such a simple matter.

This question of a uniform time system is a perennial debating point for members of the Legislature. It may have its use as a little diversion from financial problems (which, thanks to a Conservative Government at Ottawa are not quite as irritating this year as they were in other years); but we cannot see that it serves any good purpose.

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For our part, we do not believe that either time system acts, or would act, as a grievous hardship on anybody. But, since the Government can only act in accordance with the majority will of the Legislature, Standard Time it is and will remain.

EDITORIAL NOTES

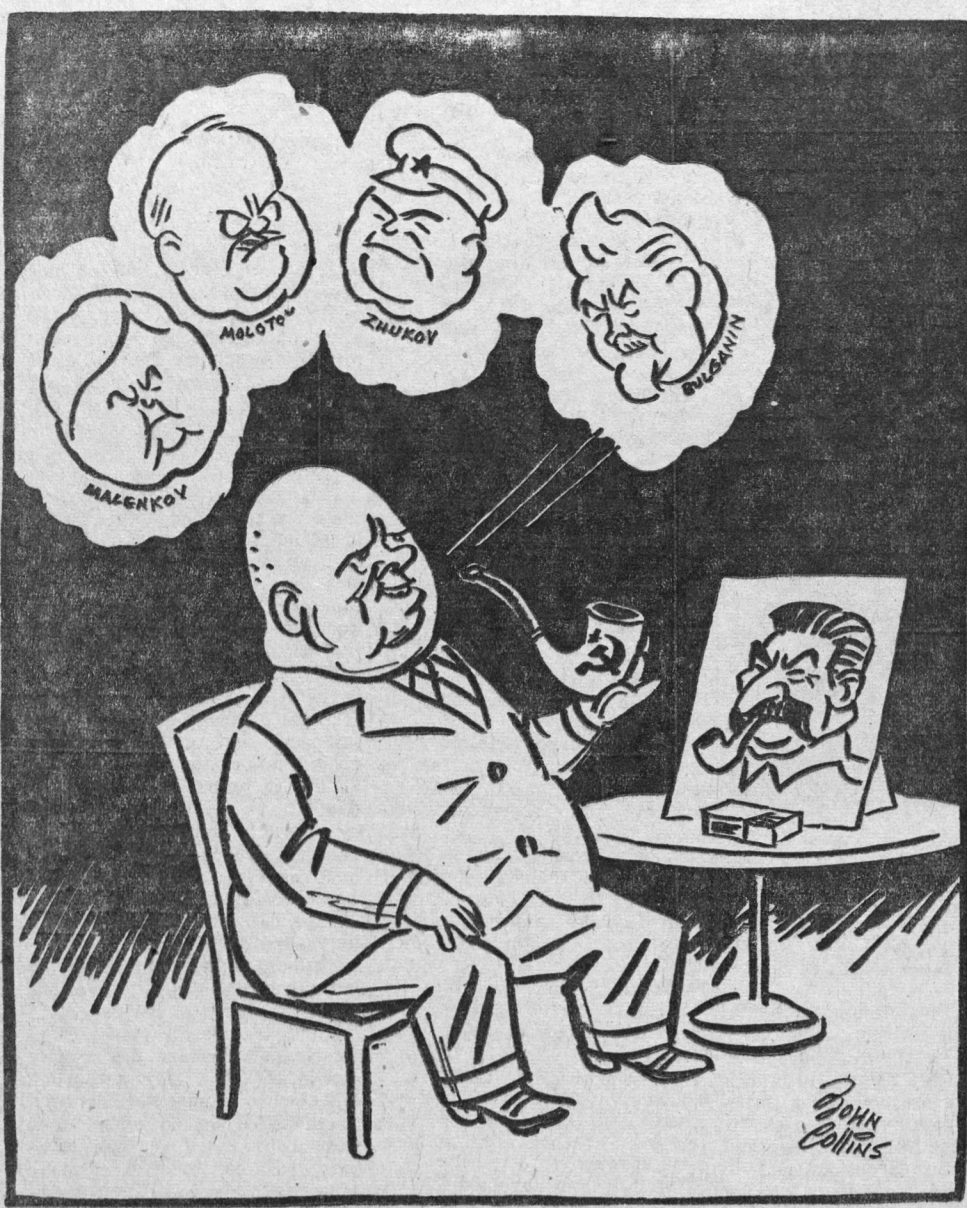
Cecil Warburton of Granchester, Eng. evidently doesn't believe in governing his affairs cautiously. Recently he renewed a 7-year subscription to the local United Nations Association. He is 104 years old.

Malta has sent the State of Maine a gift of lace. This is in return for a chest of seafood sent to Malta last spring. These little things help to build up understanding and goodwill.

President Eisenhower says he would like to put a "psychological war expert" in the State Department. Mr. Dulles, who runs that particular show, says he doesn't want or need any psychologists around. It is safe to say that Mr. Eisenhower's psychological expert will have to be satisfied with a lesser post.

38 former members of Parliament, defeated in the March election, are eligible for annual pensions of \$3000. 26 of these were Liberals, 5 CCFers, 6 Social Creditors and 1 Independent. The way things were going Conservatives couldn't even find one prospective pensioner in their ranks.

The director of the United States Information Agency says that Americans should "grow up" and not get too excited about reports that the United States is losing the propaganda war. Yes, and officials of the agency should get busy and make sure that the United States does not lose it.



SMOKE RINGS

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Diefenbaker's Victory

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

Political observers over here are finding a parallel between Diefenbaker's victory and the win scored by the British Conservative party here half a dozen years back. Like Diefenbaker's Conservatives the British Conservatives—then under Sir Winston Churchill—came into power in 1950 on a slim margin.

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The "electors," goes on the Telegraph, have preferred Mr. Diefenbaker's programme of public works, with its imaginative emphasis on the development of Canada's vast untapped resources, to the "tax holiday" by which Mr. Pearson proposed to release the spending-power so as to stimulate employment.

LIBERAL CONGRATULATIONS The more popular but unwavering Liberal newspaper congratulates Canada and Diefenbaker.

They read the situation in Canada in recent years as one in which the Liberal administration had permitted the Canadian economy to fall under American financial domination.

But their compliment towards Diefenbaker the man is just a little back-handed. Looking back on the factors, its Ottawa correspondent, John Bird, reported:

"There was also the emergence of a popular leader, John Diefenbaker, a colourful evangelist with an appeal like a political Billy Graham."

It's too bad, but the British always look harder at anyone who, past middle age, stubbornly retains hair, teeth, or waistline.

"The Scotsman," too, is cautious. "The Canadian people," it comments, "has now liberated Diefenbaker from the frustrating position (of minority government)." But it adds:

"But they may have overdone it, for experience here suggests that it is not good for a Government to have too great a majority. They tend to become slack while the Opposition loses heart. There is everything to be said for a working majority but an overwhelming victory like this almost eliminates criticism which has normally an important function in democracy."

But it might be best to sign off with a comment from "The Times." They know it as "Auntie Times" in the newspaper parish of London's Fleet Street.

Canada's Far North

The Milwaukee Journal

A branch bank was opened recently at "The Place of the Brown Bear." This is Aklavik (Eskimo name) on the Mackenzie River, 120 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Canada's Northwest Territories.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce (Toronto) opened this northernmost bank on the continent to meet growing needs of the area. Five years ago Aklavik was a sleepy village sinking into the muskeg. Now it is a base for oil exploration, a center of reindeer herding and fur trading, outpost of the DEW radar defense line and administrative center of the western Arctic.

Fabulous things are taking place in Canada's awakening north these days. Aklavik is a symbol. Tremendous natural resources are being discovered. Men and machines are pouring in to work them.

UNTOLD WEALTH No one knows what wealth is hidden in Canada's land of infinite variety—this enormous territory encompassing the most massive range on the continent, a desert a million square miles in size, two fresh water seas such as big as Holland, an island larger than Sweden, a river 2,600 miles long and more lakes than all the rest of the world put together.

Uranium, cobalt and silver have been found at Great Bear Lake, gold at Yellowknife, more uranium at Athabaska, nickel at Rankin inlet, copper at Chibougamau, iron at Ungava. It is believed that the world's largest untapped body of lead and zinc lies along Great Slave lake, and the world's largest untapped source of iron ore at Ungava Bay. What may be the greatest untapped source of oil lies mingled with the mysterious tar sands of Athabaska—enough, some experts claim, to supply global needs for a century.

STRENUOUS EFFORTS The Canadian government is trying furiously to keep up with

Following Korea's Example

National Geographic Society

China's recent adoption of a phonetic alphabet follows by more than 500 years a similar reform in Korea.

But ancient cultures fade slowly. Korea's ingenious alphabet, which is considered to be one of the most perfect phonetic systems ever devised, has gained widespread use only since the end of World War II.

And China has no intention of abandoning its poetic, precise, incredibly complex system of ideographs or characters. However, the use of a Latin alphabet will enable the translation of those thousands of characters into 26 letters known and accepted all over the world.

Chinese authorities apparently have concluded, as did a great Korean king of old, that character writing retards mass education. It also runs counter to the demands of modern communication. Telegraphing in China, for instance, requires putting each character into code.

factor that the unknown genius of the Syro-Palestinian Semites who first conceived alphabet writing, the National Geographic Society says. All true alphabets—Greek, Latin, Runic, Hebrew, Arabic, Cyrillic (Slavic), Brahmī, and Korean—descend from it.

Korea's 24-letter alphabet is a striking cultural achievement in its own right. It is especially versatile and easily romanized. The word "football," for example, can be transliterated precisely into Korean. It would come out futobol in Japanese.

Development of the alphabet did not happen overnight. The early Koreans had borrowed character writing from China, though it was difficult to learn and ill-suited for denoting sounds of the dissimilar Korean language. Only scholars had time to master the ideographs. Several attempts were made from the 7th to the 15th centuries to contrive a simple script.

King Sejong, a wise ruler who fostered the idea of mova-

Once they called it "The Thunderer." But it just doesn't seem to thunder much any more. The paper's editorial sums up the main effect likely to be felt over here:

"The voice of Canada," it remarks, "will again be raised with authority in international councils. It may be expected to call for and support every policy that, while maintaining the Western cause, offers any hope of reducing the hostility of east and west."

HOPES Easter broke here crisp and clear. The cockeyed weather of the year's first three months—snow and dampness coming spasmodically—went slowly, and when, for instance, I took a train ride to England's West Country earlier this week I could help recalling the poet Browning's gushing words "Oh to be in England now that April's here."

Britain's politicians have just over a week away from the Houses of Parliament over Easter-time, and as I reported a couple of weeks back when they do return they will be plunged into the Budget.

There are hopes growing for a fair budget over here, especially as it has just been reported that Britain's gold and dollar reserves jumped by over \$221 million during March. It is the sixth month running that Britain's balance sheet has shown an addition instead of a subtraction, and the balance is now greater than at any time since 1954.

But the more moderate-minded are insisting that it takes more than this particular swallow to make a summer. They go half-way to optimism, though, by thinking that the Budget due in a few days will be an "as you were" affair and that perhaps in six months time another Budget will be introduced to give a few concessions. Could be...

developments. To complete topographic and geological mapping, it has turned to survey by helicopter. New airports are being built, rail and water facilities extended and improved. There is a talk of a second trans-Canada highway, far to the north of the one now being built. A network of northern roads would be built around this.

It is a fascinating era that is ahead in Canada. The mood and tempo are reminiscent of the thrilling days when the United States was conquering its west. Americans would be wise to watch, encourage and help this development. What benefits our good friends and neighbors will also benefit us.

Finally he gathered Korea's brightest scholars, selected a building for them to work in, and set them the task of inventing a simple alphabet. After three years of intense labor, their alphabet—Onmun—was officially introduced to the Korean people October 9, 1446.

A HYBRID ALPHABET Originally it included 11 vowels—one is seldom used today—taken from the simplest strokes of ancient Chinese seals. The 14 consonants were simplifications of Tibetan consonants of Sanskrit derivation.

A Korean encyclopedia of 1770 said of the letters: "The average person can learn them in a few hours, and there is no limit to the variety of use: the sound of the wind, the cackling of fowls and the barking of dogs—all can be expressed."

Korea's upper classes, however, did not approve of the new system. They regarded Onmun as vulgar and refused to use it.

Nevertheless Onmun kept stubbornly alive. Simple tales, folklore, and songs were written in the easy alphabet. When Christian missionaries started coming to Korea after 1822, the Bible was

Should Be Under Competent Care

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. MOST babies these days are born in hospitals, where the latest medical advances are available to insure the safety of both mother and child.

But mothers-to-be should take advantage of our present medical knowledge long before it's time for the baby to check in. Every expectant mother should be under the care of a competent physician.

Regular examination by a doctor may prevent serious disappointments for you future mothers.

For one thing, by examining cervical mucus smears we can often tell when a patient is likely to abort. Two successive negative smears are usually an indication of a perfectly normal pregnancy.

While positive smears in themselves don't always mean an impending abortion, they do mean that the expectant mother should be watched closely by her physician.

DEFINITE ACTION NEEDED If a positive smear is coupled with a history of previous abortions, psychoneurosis, or a poor fetal or obstetric history, then it is usually advisable to take definite action to save the baby.

In many, many cases, the use of progesterone helps to save babies who otherwise probably would never be born. In a study of the effectiveness of this type of therapy, only one abortion occurred in a group of 22 women treated with progesterone.

In this particular study, the patients were started on 100 mg. per day of oral progesterone. This dosage was continued through the 28th week of pregnancy if the weekly smears became negative.

DOSSAGE INCREASED If the smears continued to be positive, the dosage was increased by 25 mg. per day until the proper daily dosage was determined. If, by the fourth week of treatment, the smears were still positive, 100 mg. of intramuscular progesterone in oil was given twice weekly in addition to the oral dosage.

All of the women took three capsules of a special vitamin preparation four times a day in addition to their regular vitamins until birth of the babies. The capsules contain a specific type of bioflavonoid and 100 mg. of ascorbic acid.

ABORTION AVOIDED Through careful medical supervision, these women were able to prevent expected abortions. In all probability, they would have lost their babies if they had not been under the care of their doctors.

See what we can do to help you? QUESTION AND ANSWER Q.A.: Will the excessive heat used to make skimmed milk damage the protein content of the milk?

Answer: It has been found that with modern processing of skimmed milk, the proteins do not undergo any change. This milk can be used very well for reducing.

However, it is not advisable for children to drink skimmed milk, for they need the butter fat in their milk.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (April 12, 1933)

Informative addresses on subjects of interest to teachers were delivered at the sessions of the P.E.I. Teachers' Federation, the annual meeting of which opened in the Prince of Wales College Hall yesterday. Following the Presidential address, Mr. H. H. Shaw, Superintendent of Education, addressed the meeting on the teacher supply with respect to the prevailing depression.

Mr. George Callbeck, President of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association, returned on Saturday from London, England, where he had been attending the Fur Auction Sales in London and Paris. Mr. Callbeck stated that some 45,000 skins had been offered but that the market was not in a position to absorb them.

TEN YEARS AGO (April 12, 1948) Under existing highway plans, it would appear that Prince Edward Island can justly lay claim to the stretch between Charlottetown and Borden as an integral part of the Trans-Canada Highway. It would also be essential for P.E.I. in co-operation with New Brunswick to have the stretch of highway from Tormentine to Sackville declared part of the same highway.

Concern was expressed as to who would interest themselves in the work that the Children's Aid Society is doing if that organization ceased to function, at the regular meeting of the Society last evening. It was brought to the attention of the meeting that the annual grant from the Provincial Government had not yet been received and the question arose as to why it had not been forthcoming.

translated into Onmun. phabet. When Christian missionaries started coming to Korea after 1822, the Bible was translated into Onmun.

The Japanese, during long years of occupation in the 20th century, failed to eradicate the Korean alphabet. At the end of World War II, it was successfully adopted in schools and became a symbol of Korea's nationalist aspirations.

STILL SERVING MUGGINGTON, Eng. (CP)—The 14th-century Anglican church in this Derbyshire village, last used 400 years ago, has been restored and rededicated.

NOTES BY THE WAY

We always feel sorry for the person who has a heart of gold, if relatives find out about it. —London Free Press

A theological seminary gets \$500,000 from the estate of Angus Hibbard, the inventor of the telephone busy signal. Assuming the estate receives a royalty on every busy signal, let's all be glad, when we get one that we are helping a worthy cause.—Winnipeg Tribune

The editor of a Pennsylvania newspaper suggests we ease tension by having everybody whittle wood for an hour a day. But then we might have to worry over a shortage of penknives and whittling wood.—St. Catharines Standard

Basically, the trouble is that Mr. Dulles does not believe in negotiating with the Soviets. . . . There is an old rule of administration that when you want to get something done, you have it done by somebody who believes in it. —St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Perhaps the foreigners with their bows and their embraces, first over one shoulder, then over the other are not merely effeminate, or coldly formal. Perhaps they have been through mass handshaking and have learned from their mistakes. —Kingston Whig-Standard.

An unusual case occurred near Anchoage when an Indian shot and killed another Indian whom he said he mistook for a moose. Although the manslaughter charges were not pressed, the Indian was convicted of hunting moose during the closed season and was sentenced to 90 days in jail.—Case and Comment

Periodically, newspaper editorials campaign for "elimination" of railway crossings, and the expenditure of more money for underpasses and overpasses. Ontario alone has 7,926 grade crossings, and grade separations are costly—\$800,000 in Metropolitan Toronto down to perhaps a quarter as much in areas where property damages are negligible. "Elimination" of level crossings, even on main roads, is not going to be achieved in this generation.—The Printed Word

And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up you, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

The Poet's Corner TIME AND THE SEA The sea has long defied the cruel hand Of Time that ages all we know on land; So on the days that I arise and go To walk beside the ocean's rhythmic flow I listen to the songs the waves have sung Since that dim era when the Earth was young, And that unending music of the sea Awakes the bravery of youth in me, And as the billows near me leap or climb I, too, defy the cruel hand of Time.

—John Van Brakle in the New York Times.

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