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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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The P. C. Convention

Prince Edward Island Progressive Conservatives are to be congratulated on securing such a distinguished "key-note" speaker for their special convention on Sept. 17 in the person of the Hon. John Diefenbaker.

The convention itself will be of more than usual interest, in that a new Provincial leader will be selected. This, too, is a matter of public concern, since the person selected must be considered a potential Premier of the Province; though, of course, even the most optimistic Conservative would not go so far as to state categorically that the next Provincial Government will be a Progressive Conservative one.

The only thing that seems certain at this juncture is that when election time rolls round the present Government and the Liberal Party will have a real fight on their hands.

A third name, that of Philip Matheson, is being added to those of Walter Shaw and Dr. L. G. Dewar as a potential candidate.

Potato Producers

Several points raised at the recent meeting of the Potato Producers are entitled to earnest consideration and the fullest possible publicity:

1. The matter of quality. Whether or not central grading, as advocated by a visiting specialist some time ago, is practical—the consensus seemed to be against it—the fact is that more attention needs to be paid to improving the quality of potatoes going to outside markets.

2. The need for at least one modern starch factory. This, surely, is a reasonable suggestion. If New Brunswick can keep three or four plants going, the industry here ought to be able to support one.

3. The Producers' Association is not supported as it might be. Obviously, with a membership of less

than 500 out of the 7,000 producers which are on the Island, the association is working under avoidable difficulties. How has this condition come about? What is the reason for it? What can be done to improve it? These are questions which require study with a view to strengthening a very important branch of our Provincial economy.

The Bright Side

There would be no point in treating lightly recent events in Syria. Whether they mean that that country is now for all practical purposes a satellite of the Soviet Union or only that the first step has been taken to that end, it is a fact that for the first time the Russians have a foothold, and an important one, on the Eastern Mediterranean and will from now on have to be seriously considered in the politics of the whole Middle East area.

There is, however, a bright as well as a dark side to the picture. In fact, from a long range point of view, what has happened in Syria could turn out to be a very good thing. Most of the Arab countries, especially Iraq and Saudi Arabia, the two stronger ones, are more opposed to Soviet influence than to Western influence, however much they may denounce the latter, for the simple reason that they know what has happened to the small states which have come under Soviet control.

It is possible that Egypt, too, will have to reappraise its position. The time when Colonel Nasser could blackmail the West with threats of "starting a war" with Soviet backing is just about over. He has been made to understand that Syria is more important to Soviet designs than he. He must, therefore, either consent to play second fiddle with his neighbor or seek other and more reliable friends.

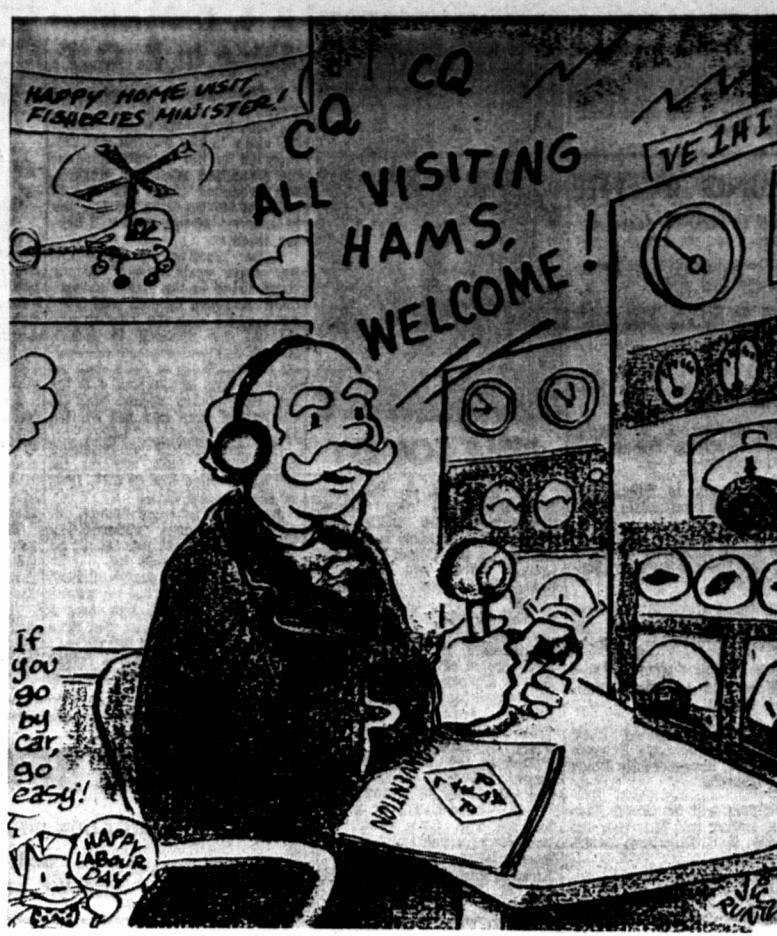
EDITORIAL NOTES

Japanese scientists are on an expedition to South East Asia to determine, if they can, the origins of their race. That's what democracy did for them. In the old days all Japanese were sure that their ancestors were gods.

This old Province has a good share of youthful Members of Parliament. The Young Conservative Association set up a display at the C.N.E. featuring pictures of the 35 of the 115 Progressive-Conservatives returned at the last Federal general election. Two of them are from Prince Edward Island, Heath Macquarrie and Dr. Orville Phillips. The other two Island Members, although veterans, are not too much over the 40 mark either.

A number of British and American admirers of the late George Bernard Shaw have joined hands in a legal campaign to save the alphabet reform which the great man mentioned in his will. They may as well save their time and money. The clause dealing with the alphabet was of such a complicated nature that it took lawyers six years to discover that it didn't mean anything. Apparently, it was intended as a posthumous joke.

Dr. Ernest Rouleau, professor of systematic botany at the University of Montreal, is in Newfoundland to continue his study of the flora of the Province, a task which he says will take at least another five years. He has been in the Province every summer since 1948 and, so far, has collected 5,000 specimens. His most interesting discovery was an Arctic fleabane, a low plant of the dandelion family which is very rare in Eastern America. In only two localities east of the Rocky Mountains is it known to exist, one in Quebec and another on Baffin Island. It is abundant in the Rockies.



NEVER A DULL MOMENT

OTTAWA REPORT

A Model Prime Minister

By Patrick Nicholson

"Mr. Diefenbaker's expression reflects tremendous sincerity, he may be a very wonderful person."

That is the impression of a distinguished English artist, before whom our Prime Minister has just posed for his portrait in oils.

Artists often paint a representation of what they see in their subjects' expression and manner and personally, rather than a photographic duplication of that subject's physical appearance.

The Prime Minister as seen by this artist, and as represented on canvas in this new portrait, has a warm friendly personality as shown in his expression, a determination as shown in the attitude of his hands, and a reliable stolidity as shown in the body which fills out the neat grey double-breasted suit.

When Mr. Diefenbaker invited me to his East Block office to see this portrait being created, I went along expecting to see a middle-aged man, wearing a shaggy beard stained with nicotine, and wiping his brushes on the paint-flecked sleeve of an old flannel shirt.

But instead of this traditional type of artist, working in the Saturday-empy office, I found a young woman, dressed in a neatly-pressed beige smock over a smart beige dress, brushing onto canvas a striking likeness of the Prime Minister who sat relaxed in his office chair before her.

FAMED BRITISH GIRL. Brenda Bury, a daughter of the Yorkshire dales in old England, is only 25 years old. A mop of unruly red hair and penetrating big blue eyes give her a very unusual colour combination and highlight a glamour which is misleading. For this artist is no unskilled beginner. She has painted many of England's notables for fees of \$300 each and more; she has also painted many of England's unknowns, especially children, whenever she has seen a face which especially interested her.

Travelling extensively in Europe, she has been commissioned to paint Spanish Grandees and the not-so-grand riff-raff in fashionable Mediterranean resorts.

Asked her opinions of Mr. Diefenbaker as a subject to paint, she replied with enthusiasm. "He is absolutely superb — he cooperates. He sat in the chair at his big desk, and started to talk to me. Suddenly I knew that

was just the pose I wanted to paint, relaxed and conversational. He sat still and in a few minutes I threw his head onto the canvas. One can feel the interest he shows in whatever he is thinking about, so his expression never went dead."

Brenda Bury has a rather startled expression, suggesting a nervousness which belies the daring strategy which led her to painting the first portrait of Mr. Diefenbaker since he became Prime Minister.

"I saw him on television in England and was captivated by the unusual strength of his expression. I said to myself: 'That is the man I want to paint,'" she told me.

GATE-CRASHING P.M. "So you came to Canada especially to paint him?" I asked. Yes, she admitted. The usual price she had practically gate-crashed the East Block, popping her red head into each office in turn, and asking if the Prime Minister's secretary was there. There is no record of the number of staid civil service offices which she left with a negative answer, but trailing a disturbing aura of teming charm.

Somewhere along her road to Ottawa, Brenda Bury painted Newfoundland's Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Leonard Outerbridge, in his impressive gubernatorial uniform — a job of work for cash to enable her to buy food and transport on the balance of her travels to Ottawa. For English tourists are not permitted to bring more than \$100 into Britain, and Brenda Bury is on so tight a budget that she shampoos her hair with Dettol, which she bought in a giant economy-sized packet.

She has been so captivated by Canada that she wants to stay here much longer, perhaps for ever. So she is hoping to make a name for herself as an artist, and get commissions to paint many Canadians or their children. As some of her portraits have already been honoured by being exhibited in Britain's Royal Academy, it is likely that her painting of our famous Prime Minister will in future years become one of Canada's most famous paintings. The unusual feature of this portrait is that the artist knew she had to bow in the full timetable of a very busy man, so she completed the job in one hard-driving sitting of ninety minutes.

Malaya Comes Of Age

Ed Simon, Canadian Press

As recently as Seven years ago, the correspondent of a London newspaper wrote that Malaya would be unable to govern themselves for another generation.

At the time, virtually no Englishman and only the most idealistic Malayan would have quarrelled with the statement. But on Aug. 31, a fast-growing new generation of Malayans will take their country into the Commonwealth as an independent member.

In 1956, the 50,000-square-mile peninsula had been freed from the Japanese conquest of the Second World War only to be wracked by Communist insurrection. The rebels were ill-armed and never exceeded 8,000 in number but they menaced travellers within a few miles of the biggest cities.

A full division of British troops and 50,000 police were combing the jungle in a long, frustrating campaign to flush the rebels out of their hideouts. It was a bloody game of hide-and-seek with the quarry enjoying most of the advantages.

Meanwhile there were discussions about Malaya's political future. Most Malayans doubted that

Clement Attlee's Labir government would live up to its anti-colonial sentiments and most Britons, if they thought of Malaya at all, were more interested in ending the jungle fighting than in constitutional change.

The uphill assignment of convincing both parties that the talks should be more than hypothetical fell to Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's commissioner-general for Southeast Asia.

MacDonald went to Malaya in 1946 and soon became convinced that Communist influence in Malaya could be dealt with most effectively by going ahead with plans for independence without waiting for the fighting to end.

By the time MacDonald left for the high commissioner's post in New Delhi in 1955, Labor and Conservative governments at Whitehall and Malayan political leaders had acknowledged the worth of his views. The rebels, unable to replenish their numbers from the increasingly unsympathetic population, withdrew to the jungle, emerging only for sporadic nuisance raids.

Meanwhile, Malaya's move to ward independence progressed past the talking stage. A constitutional amendment in 1954 pro-

The Poets Corn

FIFTH DIMENSION

The atomic weight of anguish is not known. No book describes the arc of disbelief. Or calculates a formula for grief. That turns the spirit gradually to stone.

There are no soundings plotted on a chart. To show the depths and currents of distress. No scientific tables to assess. The grim equations of the human heart.

We measure stars, their distance energy. The age of oceans, pressures of the air. All elements of earth, we ever dare. To solve the quotient of eternity.

And yet when loss is ours cannot explain. The inverse ratio of love to pain. —Ruth Douglas Keener in the New York Times.

H. M. And Stalin

Reuters, Moscow

King George VI expressed a desire to meet Stalin in Berlin during the Potsdam conference in 1945.

But the proposal was dropped after Stalin replied that the meeting "is not foreseen in my plans."

Sir Winston Churchill, then prime minister, had written Stalin in June 15 that the King was being an inspection of troops in France and Germany July 15 and "would very much like to have a chance to meet you and some of the Soviet generals." The letter went on:

"Therefore he would like to travel to Berlin on one of the days when we shall all be there together" (meaning Stalin, Churchill and Truman). "He will of course not partake in the business work of the conference."

The letter suggested that Stalin invite the King to lunch and the King invite Stalin to dinner.

AWARD DECORATIONS. "No doubt the King would wish to award British decorations to the British, Russian and American commanders," it added.

Churchill said he was informing Truman about the suggestion as the King would invite him with Stalin. On June 22, Churchill wrote:

"I talked with the King again yesterday and he was of the opinion that it would perhaps be better if he arrives in Berlin on an agreed day and simply gives a lunch for you and President Truman. It seems to me this might be more convenient for you. Please tell me exactly what you think and be assured that no offence will be taken."

Stalin's reply, dated June 23, read: "I received your message of June 22 about a visit to Berlin by the King as well as the preceding message on this question. MEETING NOT FORESEEN. "In my plans a meeting with the king was not foreseen. What was in view was a consultation of

vided for a legislative council with the majority of members chosen by popular vote. Two years later, the Malayan federation took over all government functions except defence and external affairs.

Early this month, the princely rulers of the nine Malay states elected one of their number, Tuanku Abdul Rahman, to serve five-year term as their chief of state and Sir Donald MacGillivray, Britain's last ruling high commissioner, signed the document which will end British control Aug. 31.

Developments In Medicine

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. Push-button first aid is here. This is one of the new medical developments I would like to discuss today in our monthly review of medicine.

Development of a spray-on bandage probably will make it a lot easier to dress certain minor cuts, burns, scrapes and bruises of your youngsters.

STERILE DRESSING. Actually, it is a sterile dressing that dries in a few moments into a protective transparent film. It contains an antibiotic, tyrothricin, which scientists say combats the spread of infection seven times faster than penicillin.

Not only is the spray-on bandage flexible but it rinses off in warm water. That means no more worry about ripping off adhesive tape.

There are two new developments in the cancer picture. EARLY INDICATION. One is the report by two Albany, N.Y., doctors that laboratory examination of sputum frequently can give an early indication of lung cancer.

Cough and expectoration are common in adults as a result of chronic irritation due to smoking, chronic bronchitis, or acute pulmonary infection. It might be a good idea for those of you bothered with such troubles to have your sputum examined for cancer cells.

NEED FOR STUDY. While this test cannot always establish a definite diagnosis, the doctors report that it can indicate the need for further study with more specialized techniques.

The other development involves the ability to destroy the function of a hormone without surgical removal of the gland that manufactures it.

THYROID GROWTH. The hormone studied was TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone), the substance produced by the pituitary which causes thyroid growth and manufacture of thyroid hormone.

Administration of chemically altered acetylated TSH to a few persons with widespread thyroid cancer resulted in a decrease in the cancer size and softening of the cancerous masses.

It's one more step in our never-ending struggle to beat cancer. But at this time, acetylated TSH should not be considered a treatment for cancer.

QUESTION AND ANSWER. P.M.: What causes gallstones? Answer: The exact cause is not known, but infection of the gallbladder, overweight and lack of exercise are factors which may lead to this condition.

OUR YESTERDAYS

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (August 31, 1932) Great interest was shown throughout the city yesterday during the Solar eclipse, which was seen with perfect clearness.

Housetops and other vantage points were lined by sightseers as were the streets and windows facing on the spectacle. From the beginning to the end, the eclipse lasted about two hours with the period of totality lasting only 100 seconds.

Fourteen planes of various types took part in Prince Edward Island's Air Pageant at Upton Airport yesterday when remarkable demonstrations of spectacular flying and stunts were given.

A large crowd was on hand to witness the aerial display, and great credit is due Dr. J. S. Jenkins and his assistants for their efforts to create "air-mindedness."

TEN YEARS AGO (August 31, 1947) On Sunday evening an Eastern Coach Line bus crashed into a freight train at Wilmot, near Murray Harbour. The roof and sides of the bus were torn off and the vehicle was turned around to face in the opposite direction. The freight train was derailed and a large portion of the track was torn up resulting in considerable damage to the train.

The last Afr. Cadet summer camp at the R.C.A.F. Station, Summerside, will conclude today following inspection and ceremonial review on the parade square this afternoon. The reviewing officer will be Group Captain A. Lewis, A.F.C., Commanding officer at Dartmouth and formerly Commanding Officer at Summerside.

The Age Old Story

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

MAXIMS

Whenever nature leaves a hole in a person's mind, she generally plasters it over with self-conceit.

the three, about which you and I and the president have previously exchanged messages. "However if you consider it necessary that I should have this meeting then I have no objections to your plan."

Churchill replied on July 1: "I wish to express my gratitude for your very kind telegram about the proposal that the King should visit Berlin during the conference."

NOTES BY THE WAY

In too many homes the youngsters are required to take no exercise more violent than walking from the refrigerator to the television set. Since the advent of the parent - operable power mower they do not even have to cut the grass.—Vancouver Province

After a number of highly suspicious cases police officers are convinced that some impaired drivers involved in accidents have escaped proper punishment by resorting to low trickery. In a number of cases, they believe, the impaired driver, lacking conscience but not wit, has fled from the accident and then, some hours later, when sobered up, has reported to the police station, claiming to have become "conscience-stricken." —Edmonton Journal

In the 18th century as one learns from reading James Boswell's famous life of Dr. Samuel Johnson, the conversation of even intimate friends, was punctuated with the frequent use of the word "Sir." It was an age of manners more elaborate than now. One doesn't say it was a better age than now, it probably wasn't better, but it was an age in which people had time to become familiar with one another.—Cape Breton Post

The Brooklyn Public Library announces that its Bushwick branch is closing for a while. The immediate reason is vandalism. According to Chief Librarian Francis R. St. John, hoodlums have broken twenty-one windows in the last six months and twice even invaded the library and caused serious damage. There was a ready supply of missiles at the demolition work for the adjoining Bushwick Houses project and the neighborhood vandals had a high time hurling bricks at the old time burning bricks at the library. —New York Herald Tribune

What is alarming in the prediction that the world population will double in the next hundred years is the possibility that the number of automobiles will double also.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle

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