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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Conservative Anniversary

Regardless of politics our people will extend a cordial welcome to the Hon. George A. Drew, national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party and leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition in Parliament.

Mr. Drew has been touring Canada and everywhere has been cordially received. This is due in part to his responsible position, but also to his own personal qualities of integrity and sincerity.

Another outstanding Canadian is Premier Fleming, who succeeded Hon. J. B. MacNair as government leader in New Brunswick in 1952 and has shown marked ability both as a speaker and administrator.

The occasion is one at which to recall Conservative achievements of the past, and from them to gather inspiration for the future. Numerically the party representation is small at Ottawa, but it has always commanded a large popular vote and recent by-election results indicate that it is making a vigorous comeback.

And, of course, Mr. Drew and his colleagues are here at this time on something more than a sentimental journey. They would be remiss in their duty if they did not look aggressively to the future, preaching the political faith that is in them with all the power and persuasiveness at their command.

Antarctic Invasion Nears

Antarctica, earth's coldest, emptiest, most unlivable continent, will spring to life in some months as the greatest invasion in its history ends its isolation, perhaps forever.

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Thus during the next four years—perhaps permanently, Admiral Byrd hopes—the United States will have manned bases in the Antarctic. Ships will come and go. Supply planes will cross 15,000-foot mountain ranges to the polar plateau.

Last year's reconnaissance by the United States icebreaker Atka showed Admiral Byrd's historic Little America base on the Bay of Wales sheared off by grinding ice masses. Thus a new landing base, perhaps at Kainan Bay some 30 miles east, is the first objective.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Buy a Poppy.

Evidently General Franco is working his way back into the good graces of the Western democracies. The United States, with reported British backing, is going to recommend Spain's admission to the United Nations, a privilege denied that country hitherto.

A court in Buenos Aires has barred former President Peron from ever again wearing the military uniform of Argentina. Well, so long as he continues in his present exile status, which has every indication of being permanent, he won't have much use for it.

There is a report that, in the event of war with Israel, Egypt would not honour her obligation to readmit British forces to Suez Canal bases. However, should the war spread, Egypt might find that British forces would occupy the bases anyway, with or without Premier Nasser's consent.

Speaking in Seoul, Korea, a United States business man reminded his listeners that, since Japan is a country of 80 millions, she must be considered a natural leader of friendly Asian states. Proving that he knew something about diplomacy as well as business he added quickly: "Of course South Korea is a leader, too." That afterthought did him a good turn.

As Health Minister Martin has stated, this year's low incidence of polio cannot be attributed entirely to the Salk vaccine, since only about one-fifth of the country's children under 16 have been immunized up to the present. There is no doubt, however, that Mr. Martin is on safe ground in asserting that the vaccine has had considerable effect, especially in preventing paralysis, which apparently is the field of its greatest usefulness.

Some time ago Mr. M. J. Coldwell, leader of the C.C.F. referred with gratitude to the courteous treatment he has been receiving from newspapers on his present Canadian tour. Now, he has stood up for the press in its reasonable opposition to increased newsprint prices. In a recent statement he called the increase "one of the most unvarnished pieces of sheer profiteering in Canada since prices were decontrolled."



TWO TO EMBARK ON A SECOND CENTURY

Things That Matter Most

Many unforgettable photographs have been taken of members of the Royal Family. They linger in the memory, and may be called up before the mind's eye, clear and vivid. Perhaps two are the most striking of all.

One of these showed King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (now the Queen Mother) walking amidst the wreck and ruin of a London street. It was just after the bombers of the enemy had left. The dust of the shattered mortar was still white, marking the footprints of those who walked.

People were surging about the King and Queen. They were people who had just lost all they possessed and cherished in its own strange way that was a triumphal procession—that moving through the ruins. It was grander even than a procession in state panoply. The King and Queen and their people were sharing, with a sad but unshattered pride, "the heart-break in the heart of things."

Another photograph comes back to mind. It is the photograph of a plane at an English airport. Young Queen Elizabeth II is coming down the steps. Prime Minister Churchill and Mr. Clement Attlee, standing shoulder to shoulder, are waiting to receive her. The long hard role as Elizabeth II had begun.

ROUND-WORLD DIARY

Land Of The Headhunters. In swamps of New Guinea's Sepik River live tribesmen who once proclaimed "a man who has no head is nothing."

Westerners seldom venture into the dangerous fever-plagued land of former head-hunters, whose dying culture remains one of mankind's most interesting curiosities. Last year ornithologist E. Thomas Gilliard, associate curator of birds, American Museum of Natural History, and his wife stayed three months among the tribesmen.

Their experiences are related in a 50-page color-illustrated article entitled "To the Land of the Headhunters" in the current issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

STRANGE SIGHTS, SOUNDS

Before the expedition ended with a bag of 220 different species of birds — some extremely rare — frights, hardships and surprises piled up. One night a crocodile crawled to within 20 feet of Mr. Gilliard's bed. Often the jungle resounded to the laughing and snorting of other animals.

On one restless night "a flash of heat lightning revealed, just a few feet from our tent, a man with an ax on his shoulder." Mr. Gilliard writes, "I yelled, flicked on my torch, and he was gone like a ghost. It happened again on another night."

"Sometimes it was the thing we couldn't fathom which worried us most—vague undercurrents of bitterness and hatred that rippled along the river, mutterings of an itinerant boatman, tense rumblings of the silt gongs."

With those ancient hardwood drums, some shaped with stone adzes and axes, Sepik Valley villagers maintain a communications system linking some 350 persons. The loudest silt gongs can be "read" five miles away.

Curious folkways bind the villagers' lives. Tribal law is enforced with bizarre ghost shows. Husbands buy their wives. Virtually everyone gets married in the middle Sepik Valley. A man cannot manage his affairs without a wife, and prefers three or four if he can afford them. At home, however, even a feared tribal chieftain is just another husband. One such reprimanded his nagging wife for stealing wood. She threw a yam at his head and broke his chin shield.

SUPERSTITIOUS RAMPANT

Carvings embody both art and superstition. Encountering huge carved faces and doll-like images called marsals, Mr. Gilliard had a special name and represented the dreaded spirit of a particular whirl-

Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

DIETING? DRINK WATER. Drink plenty of water while reducing. Many of you, I know, will think this strange advice.

You believe that water is fattening and that you can cut your weight by drinking less water.

Without enough water, some of these waste materials will remain in your body.

Not only will they menace your appearance, but they'll destroy your health as well.

Maybe you'll understand the importance of water when I tell you that three-fourths of your body weight is made up of water.

You need other liquids, too, of course. Milk is prominently featured in many reducing diets.

Coffee and tea are also okay for adults. It's best for reducing teenagers to avoid both coffee and tea.

QUESTION AND ANSWER. R. M.: I have a spur on my heel bone which causes severe pain in walking. What would you advise me to do?

Answer: If the spur cause sufficient pain and discomfort, it may be removed surgically.

Mark Of Merit

(Moncton Transcript). Toronto's Board of Trade Journal comments that in industrial design, Canada is coming of age.

At exhibitions in Milan, Italy, and Paris, France, Canadian products have recently won awards for design.

The Journal points out that in the last half dozen years Canada has come a long way in the field. It was only in 1948 that the National Design Committee, main arm of which is "to promote a greater use of Canadian talent in the designing of all types of consumer goods," was formed.

In 1953 the Committee was expanded, now includes members from all over Canada, including manufacturers, retailers, researchers, educationalists, designers and consumer representatives.

The group now awards certificates for products selected as the most outstanding designs in their particular fields for the year. Manufacturers who win the certificates are allowed to use "Design Award" labels on their shopping would do well to watch for such labels. They are a real mark of merit.

A \$33,000 Cape

(London Calling). What is probably one of the most expensive garments ever to change hands was recently bought by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

It is a cope—an elaborately decorated church vestment somewhat in the shape of a cloak. It was made in England about 600 years ago and for the past 400 or so it has been in the hands of the same family, the only cope of its kind known to be still in private hands.

When there was talk of selling it an offer was made by the Metropolitan Museum of New York, but it was decided that the cope should be kept in Britain. The purchase price of \$3,000 pounds was raised with the help of various donors.

The cope consists of a great half-circle of bright crimson velvet. The design has been worked with the needle in threads of gold and silver, with details in pearls and colored silk.

of Paradise on its nest—first such photograph on record. The picture in color appears with Mr. Gilliard's article.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A U.S. farmer returning from a visit from Russia says that everything over there is too big for efficiency. And those smiles on their big shots too big for sincerity.

Reading about blackmarkets in automobiles, we foresee that some rewriting of the dictionary is going to be necessary. Originally, something was sold on the black-market because it was scarce and the seller could get an illegally long price for it.

Indications that the site of Canada's oldest incorporated city was the scene of at least a temporary human habitation at the time of Christ, about 2,000 years ago, have been uncovered by last Summer's excavations at Portland Point in Saint John.

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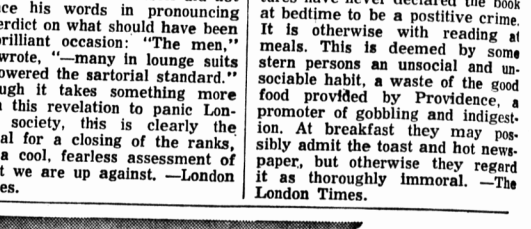
The present system of automatic license renewal permits persons suffering from physical or mental disabilities to continue to drive year after year. It is true that a special committee weeds out some of these, but only after they have been involved in an accident.

Some people feel lost without something to read in bed, and have even been known in their despair to fall back on the newspapers lying the chest of drawers. Others utterly eschew reading in bed and presumably compose themselves with one long happy sigh as their heads touch the pillow.

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