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Failure, by one vote

Geneva conference on the law of the anything. sea; but as events turned out this week lit did not command enough. To obtain approval of the conference the plan required a two-thirds majority vote; and just one vote of the 82 cast defeat-"ed it. The fact that 54 nations approved the Canadian formula and only 28 disagree suggests that the majority requirement is wholly unrealistic. But it was accepted before the vote was talcen, so that's that.

The outcome of the prolonged de-, bate, with ample recesses for considleration of proposals and for delegates to consult their principals, is of course disappointing to Canada as the sponsor. Far more disheartening than this rebuff, however, is the thought that it ends hope of a workable agreement on territorial and fishing limits being reached in the lifetime of those who have been negotiating at Geneva. Canada's plan, subsequently modified by consent to post application of the "six-"plus-six" limits for a 10-year re-adjustment period, came much closer to ac-

"ANADA'S formula for the delin- ceptance than any other yet suggested; eation of offshore limits of mar- and as far as can be seen from this time nations commanded more sup- distance the conference may as well port than any other presented to the abandon hope now of accomplishing

> So the maritime nations, of the world are back where they started, with different nations proclaiming their jurisdiction over widely differing sea boundaries and taking their own measures against intruders and poachers. Already it has been stated that the fishing "war" between Iceland and the British trawler fleets will soon be on again.

What is the next move to be towards a universal code of maritime jurisdiction? It seems idle for the Geneva meeting to spend any more time on it, so perhaps the Soviet proposal offers the best temporary solution. It is that the whole question of territorial sea law be turned over to the United Nations for the next five years. Three attempts in the past 30 years to devise universal laws have ended in failure, so it might be interesting to see what the UN could do with the issue.

—The Victoria Colonist.

Spring playtime brings added traffic hazards

PRING is a dangerous period for Association.

youngsters often seek their recreation by an enthusiastic but heedless youngin the streets during the busy home---sterward-bound office-rush.

The BCAA points out that a child busy with play seldom is alert to traffic dangers, and it is therefore the responsibility of the motorist to watch out for him.

The auto club reminds motorists of traffic accidents involving playing these tell-tale signs of playing chilchildren, says the B.C. Automobile dren: a ball rolling out from between parked cars, and a dog running across With the longer daylight hours, the street. Both are apt to be followed

> BCAA President Clarke Simpkins also asked parents to instruct their children in sound pedestrian practices, and to urge them to play in supervised.

Police anonymity

Winnipeg's senior police officers seem to be perturbed about the plan to identify some city cruiser cars by painting their front doors white. Only time will tell whether it's worthwhile, but no one should object to the test. One thing is certain. A lot of people, who currently gamble that they won't be caught, will act more cautiously when they can actually see a police car. And it's just as important to prevent crime as it is to catch someone

There's a further consolation for the police. Anyone who really wants to spot a police car can do so already. It's impossible to disguise the familiar black model with its long waving aerial, and the two ram-rod passengers in the front seat.

If the police must have anonymity in their unmarked cars, perhaps they should buy twotone hardtops, and dress the constables in flashy sports clothes. —The Winnipeg Free Press.

after an offence has been committed. INTERPRETING THE NEWS

June 22 Quebec election to be different

By RICHARD DAIGNAULT Canadian Press tSaff Writer

QUEBEC (P)—This election, say Quebec's political observers, will be different. Quebec voters go to the polls June 22 to

and new issues. Premier Antonio Barrette heads the mighty Union Nationale party machine that, under its founder the late Maurice Duplessis, rolled to victories in five of the last six elections.

His main opposition is expected to come from the lately resurgent Liberals under new leader Jean Lesage, who Wednesday welcomed the coming election as "the time for a change"

and "the hour of liberation." At dissolution of the 93-sent legislative assembly, the Union Nationale held 71 seats. the Liberals 17, Independents 3, and two seats were vacant. The 1956 election had returned 72 UN members, 20 Liberals and one Indepen-

The vacant seats were those of two premiers -Mr. Duplessis, and his successor Paul Sauve. premier for only four months before he died

January 2. The strong figure of Mr. Duplessis will be absent for the first election since 1923, when he was defeated in his hometown of Trois-

Premier Barrette, a tall, silver-haired man of 61, rose from the ranks of the working/class and became Quebec's labor minister, a port-

folio he retained. Mr. Lesage, husky 47-year-old lawyer and former sederal cabinet minister, has been preparing for the election since 1958 when he was elected to succood Georges Lapalme.

The Social Democratic party, Quebec's CCF, also has new leadership. A decident Mrs. Therese Casgrain, white-haired ploneer of women's rights in Quebec, has been replaced by Michel Chartrand, flery labor leader.

Leadership has always played an important role in Quebec politics but the dominant factor in the 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956 provincial elections was the Quebec-Ottawa situation.

This now is changed. For the first time, the Union Nationale faces an election with a politically friendly

choose between old parties with new leaders government in power in Ottawa. Mr. Duplessis fully exploited the situation of the Quebec Liberals as a party which had official links with the federal Liberals then

> He aroused fear in many voters that Quebec Liberals would give in to Ottawa Liberals on taxation and provincial rights issues. But the Progressive Conservatives took

power in 1957. Mr. Duplessis continued to affirm during his last year in office that his government's provincial rights policy would not change, regardless of the party in office in Ottawa. Yet the bitterness that had at times marked past Quebec-Ottawa quarrels gradually dis-

With the advent of Mr. Sauve as premier, there was a decided change in the tone of Quebec-Ottawa relations although Mr. Sauve stressed that only the voice was new, not the polley. Much of the cordinlity continued under

Now, in turn, the Liberals are accusing the Union Nationale party of trying to please their Ottawa friends at the expense of the province's

best interests. There is little doubt that Quebec members of the federal Parliament will play an increased

part in this election. Several members of the federal Liberal party, which maintains close contact with the provincial branch, have announced their inten-

tion of taking part in the campaign. Though the relations between the Conservative and Union Nationale parties are not clearly established and though Conservative members are less willing to reveal their plans for participating in the provincial election, it is virtualy certain they will support the Union

Nationale in one way or another, But the Conservatives firmly deny any suggestion of an alliance between Prime Minister Diefenbaker and Premier Barrette.



HITCHING POST—As long as there are "carrozzelle" in Naples, there'll be small boys to hitch a free ride on the horse-drawn buggies. These kids climb aboard behind some unsuspecting tourists making the regular trip around the Bay of Naples.

Time and Place

By WIGGS O'NEIL

MY FIRST TRIP AWAY FROM HOME

daughter were very excited about going gold mining so we arrived right on time. Mr. Hyland got a shovel and three gold pans and off we hit up the bank quite a ways above the river. We followed a wellbeaten trail. If I remember rightly we may have gone a couple of miles before the old gentleman called a halt and announced that we were now at the mines.

He shovelled the pans full of earth out of a big hole and we carried them down a zigzag trail to the river. Mr. Hyland instructed the Captain's wife in the art of using the gold pan. Then he said, "You two kids are the muckers and ore carriers." He had to get back to his store and we car ried pan feed and washed gold until away past supper time we were so excited. When we got back to the store, we were pretty tired and hungry. We kindness before going down to the boat to dig up some grub from the cook. Mr. Hyland told us he had a boy named Johnny, who was at school in San Francisco. The Captain's wife was very proud of herself, she had her pickle bottle full of black sand and we hoped, gold.

We left for Wrangell in the. morning, so were up bright and early in order not to miss anything. When we arrived at the head of the Stikine Canyon, we went through the usual courtesy on river steamers, the same as was always the practice on the Skeena. We blew a long whistle and approached the canyon very gin-

about the middle. Just as we slowly approached the bend, around the corner came smoke followed by the old black nose of the steamer "Alaskan." We The "Alaskan" was the only h other steamer on the river, and of all places to meet herin the middle of the Canyon. We could see old Tackleberry with his white whiskers standing at his wheel; holding his ship close to the right wall of the Canyon as possible. Our Cantain Bonser, with our engines's In reverse, held back all he could; until the bows of the other, then he rang one boll for full speed ahead. The two: at Telegraph Creek. boats shot by each other like the mill tails of Hell. We had only about a foot to spare between our guards but we never touched a thing, Both captains blew three long blasts of the whistle as much as to say,

"Good going, old boy." Thave often thought of that expenience, as one of those things that just happen; On a river 180 miles long, with only two boats on it, and we had to most each other in the middle of the Stkining Canyon, If this had happened the following year of 1898 when there! wore 26 river steamers plying the river, it would have been more understandable. The steamer "Alaskan" was owned by the Colbreath store at Telegraph Crook. After that experionco, the trip was uneventful and in no time we were back at Wrangell tled up at the

We intended to make our,

Hudson's Bay Company, had not arrived yet, and did not put in an appearnce for three days. We kids were overjoyed at the delay as we could see more of Wrangell and meet more of the kids. I have often thought how much better i would be for grown-ups if they had the same knack as a kid has in getting acquainted. It was no time before Viroqua Bonser and I knew all the kids in Wrangell.

remember one afternoon a bunch of us were down on the beach by the wharf, all talking at once, of course. An argument got under way about being brave and just who was They finally picked on a kid named Clyde Caygil. He mainof the bunch. They wanted him to prove it by walking into the salt water up to his neck. Clyde threw off his coat and walked in up to his neck, thanked Mr. Hyland for his pants and all. They finally thought about me. One fellow said, "How about the Englishman, are they brave people." They called me the Englishmn becuse I came from Canada. Another chap said, "Oh, they were never brave. When

America won her independence, they were not brave at all. We beat 'em easy.'' I took a look at poor old Clyde, and decided I didn't want any argument. Besides, the Englishman was hopelessly outnumbered in the "Land of the Free and Home of the Brave," and I was very thankful I was not called on to prove my bravery. What kids won't think of!

I remember some of the names of some of the Wrangell The Stikine Canyon is at kids we met. Besides Clyde, very easy canyon compared our brave boy, there were Mike Lynch and his sister Mary, there is only one bend in it. May Silvester, and a very beautiful blonde young lady named Hildagarde Pandle, who lived with the Customs officer carried by the upstream wind, and his wife. I have often wondered if any of them are still residents of Wrangell. Of backed water to beat the hand. | course, like me, their vintage would be slightly changed by

The ship came in at last and we got our cargo and made our second trip up river to Telegraph Creek. We called on our thanked him for his kindness and said goodbye. back to Wrangell was very fast as the stage of water was Just, right, they said. There was no chance of meeting the old "Alaskan", in the Canyon this time as we left her fied up

After getting clearance from the Customs at Wrangell we headed for home. It was real nice to see a lot of our new friends down on the wharf to see Miss Viroqua and the Eng-Ilshman off on the "Caledonia." When the "Caledonia" finished up her season on the Skeena River and was put away for the winter, the Captain and his family honded south for Victoria, Mrs. Bonser took her pickle bottle full of black sand gold into the Bank of BNA and realized

over \$10 for the gold content.

have often wondered it anyone over the years has tried to hydraulic that river bank above Telegraph Creek. This trip up there was made over 62 years ago. If anyone ever tries to work our old mine they will have to look for new muckers, Although Viroqua is n widow today, sho is still go-

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

ofor a wild animal to show himself at the

edge of human settlement. City-dwellers in their carpeted, glassfronted nests are touchy about wildlife. They

see so little of it. A glimpse of a bear, squirrel, raccoon or bat sends them into a panic. They summon the police, who come thundering into the subdivision with drawn pistols and shoot down

the offending beast. The police feel that they are doing their duty in executing lower creatures for the crime of being alive in a world full of people. They would be wise to think twice. They need not jump to obey the commands of

citizens whose motto is: "It's moving; kill it."

If someone phones to say that his little

It is certain death, in many parts of Canada, boy is actually being carried off by a cougar, that's different. But police should not let themselves be bullied into slaughtering animals for no reason.

Even if some creature is doing harm, is it really the job of the police to interfere? Once police allow themselves to be drafted as everyman's pest control squad, there is no telling what they will be called on to do. Taxpayers will begin asking them to stamp out carpet beetles and earwigs.

A Bible Thought for Joday Behold what manner of love the Father

hath bestowed, that we should be called the children of God. I John 3:1.

Look at it from any Angle...



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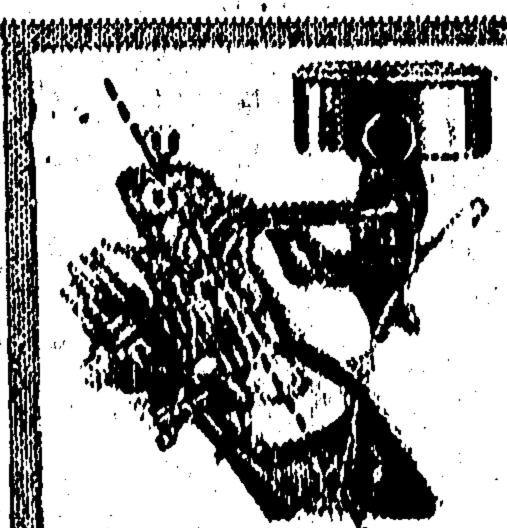


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