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Don't lose your vote by default

WITH a provincial election expected this fall, it's time to make sure that you and your family are on the voters' list, if you are eligible.

An enumeration has been made of Prince Rupert proper and also of the outlying areas, in an effort to have every eligible voter listed. But the district registrar of voters can only go so far in ensuring that you are able to vote when polling day arrives. The rest is up to you.

Too often people who don't bother to get on the list are the first to complain bitterly when they go to the polls and find that they are unable to exercise their franchise. These, too frequently are also the ones who complain about the type of government they get.

There has been talk of making voting compulsory. Any form of compulsion in a democracy is repugnant. Under our voluntary system, the right of voting carries with it certain responsibilities on the part of the individual and one of these responsibilities is to make certain we have the opportunity of casting our ballot. The other is, having obtained the chance, to use it.

One final reminder. To be entitled to vote a person must be a Canadian citizen or British subject, 19 years of age or over and he or she must have lived in Canada for the past year and in British Columbia for six months.

If you are eligible to vote and haven't received a card telling you that you are on the voters' list, phone the Voters Office at 2121 and tell the registrar. You will be sent a card to fill in and return. That's all the effort required on your part until polling day. Make the effort to ensure that you're ready to vote on election day. It's your right, your privilege and your responsibility.

Sex education in schools

Sex education has become an accepted course in North American high schools. Gone are the days when the facts of life were regarded as a great mystery to be transmitted in whispers.

We have come to understand that young people cannot remain neutral toward sex. If the right people do not give them right ideas and attitudes, they will get information from the wrong sources.

It comes as a surprise, therefore, when a Bathurst Heights Collegiate teacher is reprimanded for giving 17-year-old boys a written examination in a course on sexual behavior. Sometimes a wise teacher can guide the physical and spiritual development of a youth in ways denied parents.

Yet not all teachers have the qualifications for teaching the facts of sex with honesty and good taste. Frankness is essential, but errors in bluntness can be as injurious as prudery and furtiveness. In this important and delicate field, ordinary rules of pedagogy do not always apply.

Fortunate is the student under the influence of a teacher who neither abdicates his role as a mentor nor treats his class as objects instead of people. Such a teacher can provide a young man with the security and sureness necessary for perceiving life's beauty and meaning. —The Toronto Telegram.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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How does a tiny bird, one year old, no bigger than your thumb, weighing less than three pennies, and a mother, know what to feed its babies?

How does this tiny, fragile creature that was born this time last year, but which left here last September, and travelled higgledy-piggledy on wind and rain and autumn gales 2,700 miles to Guatamala as the great big jetliner flies, and then, last month, came back the same 2,700 miles, a stranger, to its homeland, to build its nest for the first time — how does this miraculous little atom of life know what to feed its young? Who tells it? What instruction did it get?

For mark you, it does not feed its babies what it eats itself. The first food poked into those gaping tiny gullets, no bigger than thimbles and equally hollow, must be specially adapted food. It must be the right food. The exactly right food, but quite distinct from what the warbler has been eating hitherto in its first year of life.

Who prescribed the formula for the babies?

And Who imparted the formula to the year-old mother?

Observe, I have started to capitalize the Who, and it is time I did.

I think science is wasting its time fiddling around wth the atom and outer space and similar non-essentials.

What Man wants science to confirm is: Who is back of all the mysteries, fantasies and staggering improbabilities of Nature that we see about us everywhere. And by what processes does He operate? To learn these processes and understand the language in which He imparts the processes, is more important to the salvation of man than to solve the riddle of the universe.

No bluffing matter

Secretary of Defence Gates may be 100 per cent right when he labels as a bluff the Russian threats to hurl missiles at any bases from which planes violate Soviet air space.

The free world would be irresponsibly reckless, however, to gamble on this. There were many who thought that Adolf Hitler's terrible threats of the 30's were bluffs. History proves how in error they were.

More and more Nikita Khrushchev sounds like a person crazed or drunk with power, superconfident of his own position and of Communist invincibility, insultingly scornful of free world strength and opinion.

There should be no need to detail why such an unstable personality, in today's dangerous world, makes for a very precarious situation. —The Milwaukee Journal.

Flattery would do more

The Saskatchewan president of the National Council of Women observed at the annual meeting in Niagara Falls: "We certainly tell the government off."

It is all to the good for groups to offer the government advice, unsolicited or otherwise, because it gives those in power some idea of what the people are thinking.

But giving advice and "telling the government off" are two different matters.

Everybody knows that flattery is one thing that women fall for. They would be wise in trying a little bit of that on thegovernment instead of giving officials the same thing they get at home. —The Windsor Star.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Canada trying to mend disarmament talks rift

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Canada is trying vigorously to avoid any prolonged gap in disarmament talks despite the collapse of East-West negotiations in Geneva and the intransigent attitude of the Communist side.

This is apparent at United Nations headquarters in New York where diplomats say Canada is one of the countries actively promoting the idea of an early meeting of the UN disarmament commission against apathy and opposition by some countries.

The Canadian view all along — as expressed by External Affairs Minister Howard Green and others — has been that the 10-nation committee which foundered in Geneva was a negotiating body which did not remove responsibility from the UN in the surpassing problem and principle of disarmament.

With the breakup at Geneva, the Soviet Union and its satellites called for disarmament discussions to be resumed after the UN General Assembly meets September 20. But Canada, the U.S. and some other countries have been driving for an earlier session of the UN disarmament commission, which includes all 82 members of the assembly.

There has been no surge of enthusiasm for the proposal. And UN Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold said in an unusually forthright statement he fears such a meeting would result merely in a "rehash" of what has gone before.

In the Canadian view responsibility for disarmament rests with the UN and it was given up temporarily to the 10-nation committee only on the understanding the negotiations would continue.

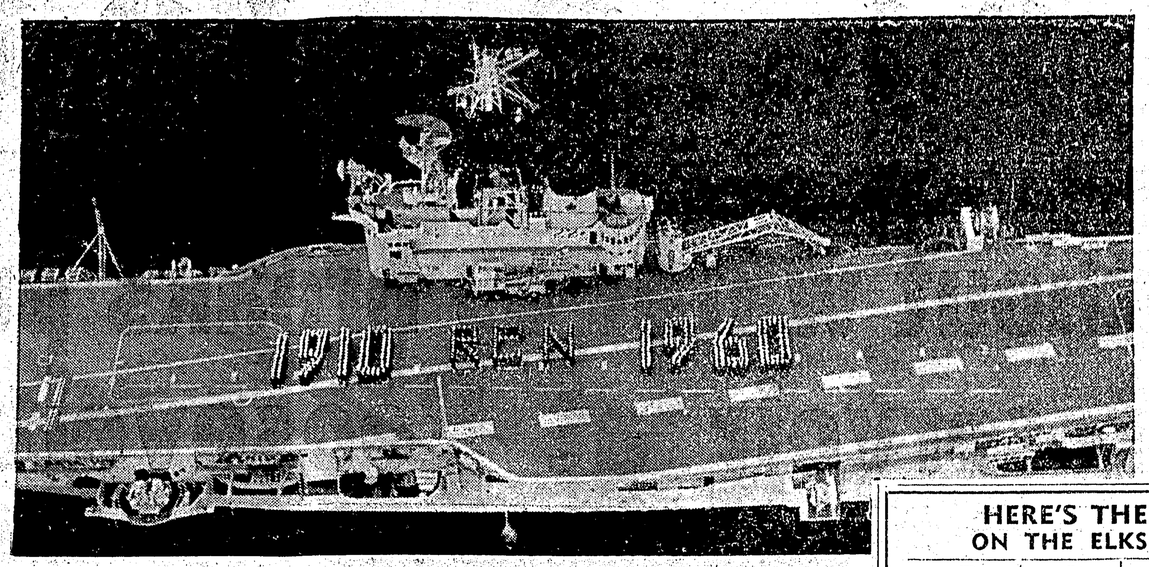
The moment the Geneva talks exploded, disarmament came back to the UN. The subject is too dangerous to be left in abeyance for months. It is hoped that a commission meeting would give encouragement, guidance, suggestions or recommendations for some sort of a resumption in negotiations.

But no one is making overly-optimistic predictions on the chances of winning an early commission get-together.

Old-fashioned idea

If the dairy industry really wants Canadians to drink more milk which is in over-supply, it might try reducing the price. It's an old-fashioned idea, but it might work.

—The Ottawa Journal.



ANNIVERSARY SALUTE — A special salute to the Royal Canadian Navy, this year celebrating its 50th anniversary, is formed on the flight deck of the aircraft carrier Bonaventure, largest ship in the RCN, by some 400 members of her ship's company. —National Defence photo.

OTTAWA REPORT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

At last, at long last we have seen the proposed Bill of Rights. First mentioned some years ago, finally introduced in Parliament two sessions ago, and now re-introduced again, there is a possibility that it will become law soon. How soon is anyone's guess for there is a number of factors which could prevent it from passing this session, not the least of these factors being the attitude of Prime Minister Diefenbaker himself.

Does Mr. Diefenbaker really want the Bill of Rights enacted into law? His past attitude would make one doubt his motives. At one session the Bill of Rights was introduced during the dying days and held over until the next session. The next session it wasn't introduced at all, but was used as a bargaining weapon to shorten the session. Now it has been introduced again during the dying days of a session. Is it to be a Bill of Rights or a thought that will be brought to light occasionally in order to obtain newspaper publicity.

In any event what does the Bill of Rights contain and what does it mean? Quite frankly I'm not too sure. And neither are many other people. For instance, it has no application to the Provinces. Infamous acts like those perpetuated under Quebec's Padlock Law can still take place.

There is a great conflict between the proposed Bill of Rights and federal statutes, one of which has already been passed this session.

The Bill of Rights says "... in Canada there have always existed ... the following human rights and fundamental freedoms, namely, "and the Bill then goes on to say that a person shall not be deprived of property, etc., except by due process of law.

The Fisheries Act, though, states that a fisheries officer can confiscate property, break into premises, search buildings, arrest people and convict them on the spot, if the officer believes that the person was doing something contrary to the law. How does this meet the proposals in the Bill of Rights? I don't know for they are absolutely contrary. The Bill of Rights says that you have certain rights, the Fisheries Act says that you don't.

But, even worse than that is an action of this same government. During this session the government has already introduced and has seen passed the Feeds Act. Under this Act an inspector may enter premises, open packages, copy documents and seize articles, all without due process of law. The Bill of Rights says one thing, the Feeds Act says another. Which is correct?

Perhaps a series of court cases will determine just what the Bill of Rights means, if it becomes law, that is.

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Many Canadian sports teams and Army units, have names from the British Isles.

"As a native son of Scottish descent I'm all for it," writes a Linden Avenue resident.

And no wonder, because the roster of names is heavily weighted on the Celtic side.

"In the Canadian Army we find such regiments as the Toronto Scottish, the Essex Scottish, the Lorne Scots, the Irish Fusiliers of Canada and other Irish-affiliated units, and, no doubt, various Welsh nomenclatures.

"We find the field of athletics swarming with Scottish, Irish, Welsh, Thistles, Shamrocks, Hungarians, Czechs, Sikhs, Canadians (even, in hockey, the Vernon Canadians —there's a dandy example of imaginative originality, since about 80 per cent of all hockey players are Canadian.)

"In our baseball Little Leagues we have the 'New York Yankees.' "

One nation seems to be forgotten: the English.

"We have the Toronto Scottish Regiment. How about the Toronto English Regiment?

"Imgaine the howl that would go up from coast to coast if Canada were represented at the Olympci hockey tournament by, say, 'The Medicine Hat Englishmen.' "

Nelson Dean of Nanaimo is unhappy about automobile insurance.

"I drove into a gas station with a coke machine standing on the corner of the building. I got too close and knocked (the machine) face down, which stopped the works.

"I told the garage man to get the adjuster who in turn got the machine's mechanic. He said it cost $26.50 to repair.

"In the category of damage to the property of others, I had paid a premium of $14 plus. The (next) policy sent to me was marked up from $14 to $40, which was to continue for three years.

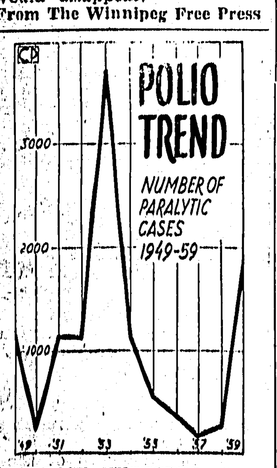
"This (represented) a difference of $26, $78 in three years, which would just about buy the machine.

"I had to pay the $26.50. I quit the insurance company and joined the automobile association, which has a mechanic on the highway, also towing if I get stalled."

The principle that medical expenses beyond a certain level of income constitutes a "disaster" and hence should be at least partly a responsibility of the state is already written into our income tax laws.

If that principle were expanded to make available genuine security against financial distress caused by medical bills, any need for a compulsory state insurance plan would disappear.

From The Winnipeg Free Press



INCREASE EXPECTED—Canadian health officials expect a high number of polio cases this year because a high number always follows an epidemic. The 1,870 cases in 1959 was much higher than the average pre-1955 year and was topped only by the close to 4,000 cases in 1953. Salk vaccine was introduced five years ago and federal health officials say the only reason polio is widespread in any community is that the people aren't vaccinated. —CP Newsmap.

Quote and unquote

Harry S. Truman, in "Mr. Citizen":

"I don't give 'em hell. I just tell the truth—and they think it's hell."

Dr. H. E. Duckworth, chairman of the department of physics, McMaster University:

"The fact that we live in a democracy does not obligate us to pretend that all men are intellectually equal. A rather small number tower above the others, and it is upon the achievements of this small number that the standard of living of all of us ultimately depends."

Nelson Rockefeller:

"The path of great leadership does not lie along the top of the fence."

Lighter side

A young wife preparing to take a role in an amateur theatrical asked her husband, "What do you think people would say if I wore tights?"

He replied: "That I married you for your money."

With the classics

Here, in this little bay,
Full of tumultuous life and great repose,
Where, twice a day,
The purposeless, glad ocean comes and goes,
Under high cliffs, and far from the huge town,
I sit me down.
For want of me the world's course will not fall;
When all its work is done, the lie shall rot;
The truth is great, and shall prevail,
When none cares whether it prevail or not.
—Coventry Kersey.

Some men don't like flattery, but have a number of good points that they are willing to have admired.

HERE'S THE LATEST DRAW ON THE ELKS NEWSPAPER CAR

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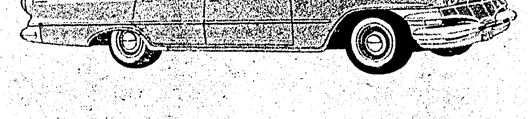

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