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The people's voice has been heard

NO one should be surprised at election results. In fact, really, it isn't safe to cogitate on them at all. It's best to just cast your vote and hope for the best. Then one isn't disappointed. Yesterday, at noon we wouldn't have bet a dime on the outcome of the mayoralty race as all three men had fought a hard, earnest campaign and all three have supporters in this city. That Mayor P. J. Lester should be returned with such a fantastic majority has, however, surprised a great many people, even those who expected him to win.

To the re-elected Mayor Lester we extend the heartiest congratulations. Certainly the vote is an overwhelming endorsation of his stewardship, which was queried so extensively by his two opponents, Alderman George E. Hills and ex-parks commission chairman Arthur Murray. We will not hazard a guess as to the losers' private opinions of the election results, but we will offer our condolences. They fought a good fight, and they know someone has to lose.

We are sure the three veteran aldermanic candidates Ald. Norman Bellis, Darrow Gomez and Michael Krueger, who were elected, will do their best for the city. They have in the past and we are sure they will continue to do so. Alderman Bellis is certainly to be congratulated on his decisive majority.

There is little to say on the second failure of the water supply and distribution bylaw to gain sufficient votes for passage. Possibly we should have quit while we were ahead, since it fell short by an even greater percentage this time, than it did in September. However, we cannot agree with alderman-elect Michael Krueger when he says that the bylaw failed because "those who voted against the bylaw would have voted for it had it been for a gravity system." We are convinced that a great many property owners voted "no" because they didn't want either the pumping system or the gravity system. They just didn't want an increase in taxes and were content to leave matters as they stand.

We pay tribute to the Prince Rupert voters who went to the polls in such record numbers and since they are the ones who "call the shot" they must be content to let council solve the problems that will face it in 1960. That is the way with democracy.

Unfair to beatniks

This story comes from the mother of a Beatnik. She feels her son isn't really a Beatnik, her reason being that he claims to be one, whereas her experience is that real Beats always claim some degree of separateness from the common-herd of Beats. However, her son does dress like one.

On a recent weekend, the mother reports, her odd-looking son had a setback that she hopes may cure him. The father—an anti-intellectual, anti-art office workman — had toiled all weekend getting the garden ready for winter. He hadn't shaved since early Friday morning and he was wearing clothes the soil couldn't hurt. In the scene also was the Beat son's trousery sister, an innocent from the high school brigade, a healthy, non-intellectual, non-arty example of Earle Birney's statement about Canada's being a high-school land.

This family was visited by the sweater-clad Beat son. He stood beside his mother on the lawn and examined his normal father and his normal sister, both looking like the pillage of Samarkand.

"Mother," the boy protested, "they both look like me. It's unfair."

—The Printed Word.

Psychology has still to be tried

Child psychology, says Magistrate Frank Smith of Vernon, "is meaningless and usually fails" in dealing with juvenile offenders. He would have us return to harsher methods of treating wayward youngsters.

This is a fairly sweeping statement, and far from correct. Psychology has not failed with the young offender in British Columbia. It has simply not been tried. It has only been talked about a good deal.

Psychological and psychiatric treatment of young offenders — the younger the better — has proved very effective in those parts of the world where it has been given reasonable trial. Personality defects can be altered, if they are tackled scientifically and early. But the older the person the less effective the treatment.

In British Columbia the treatment has not been available. We have a Child Guidance Clinic, but it is so swamped with patients that a child must wait for months before he can hope even to be examined, and there are facilities and staff to handle only a fraction of those needing treatment.

Our boys' and girls' industrial schools have never had more than token psychiatric or psychological care available.

Next year, however, we will have our first centre for emotionally disturbed children. It will handle about a dozen patients at the age when they will be most responsive to treatment.

It will be a small centre and a great centre, because it will be the first thoroughly practical attack which we have made on the root causes of delinquency.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Canada taking realistic role on disarmament

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

In world councils, Canada has willingly taken a responsible and down-to-earth role on the question of disarmament.

External Affairs Minister Howard Green is demonstrating this at the NATO ministerial meeting in Paris. He has said, in effect, that disarmament is not something that is up there in the clouds, but is down here on the ground, where it should be plowed, and cultivated.

He is certainly not alone in NATO when he advocates that smaller nations must be consulted on disarmament matters, for there is a feeling that the Paris meetings that a more balanced view of the nuclear menace could be found in the words of smaller powers than in the super-heated atmosphere of summit diplomacy.

Green obviously is determined that the next summit meeting—expected in April or thereabouts—will not be a flop. That is what the current ministerial conversations are all about.

The Paris meeting is the first of its kind for the Canadian foreign affairs chief, and he has said he was pleasantly surprised at the minifest strength of the alliance shown by delegates.

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But Green is insisting that not only principles but hard facts—especially on disarmament—must be dealt with, and soon. His words are a direct challenge to the Western summit meeting that begins this week-end among President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Macmillan and President de Gaulle.

Green has been saying at every opportunity that Canada—as a member of the new 10-nation disarmament committee embracing East and West—invites views of NATO members on the question.

More precisely, Green has urged that NATO "within the next few weeks" consult on political and military aspects of disarmament for later talks with the Russians.

Canada, Green says, has shown its concern in a practical way by appointing Lt.-Gen. E. L. M. Burns as government disarmament adviser—a man considered by the minister as having superior talent.

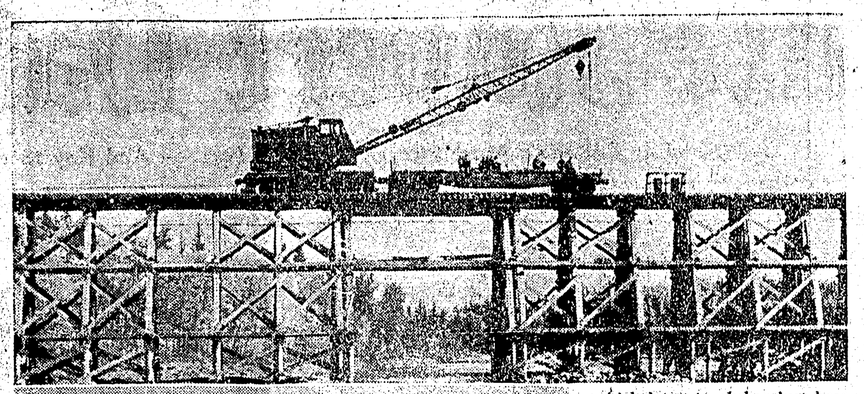
The biggest factor is Soviet Premier Khrushchev's grandiose proposal for world disarmament within four years. Green says that, while wariness is necessary, it is "equally essential that we determine what are the basic factors underlining the Soviet approach and, to the extent possible, what the their intentions."

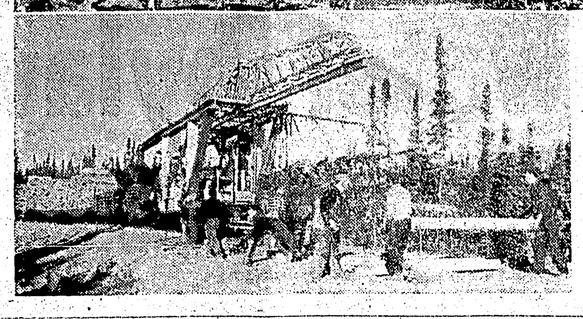
Green said in an address to the NATO assembly: ". . . we should resist the tendency we sometimes have of placing the worst construction on Soviet actions and pronouncements. Provided we move in unison, we should not be afraid . . . to meet on our side any genuine movement they are willing to make on theirs towards living together in a better atmosphere."

Doubtful venture

A Farmer-Labor Political party as planned by the CCF and CLC seems like a pretty doubtful venture. The farmer is himself an employer of labor. The man he hires receives wages, just as a factory worker does. What happens if farm workers form a union? Can Labor and Management amalgamate? Can they then go on strike against each other? If not, will the CLC engage ot see to it that they deal fairly with each other, and can the farmer be sure of at least an even break?

—Montreal Family Herald.





A skeleton track has just been laid over the Canadian National Railways' new 52-mile line from Optic Lake to Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co.'s new mine at Chisel Lake in Northern Manitoba. The first ore is scheduled to be shipped over the line in July following completion of ballast work by CNR forces. TOP: A 400-foot trestle bridge crossing the Grass River. BOTTOM: A track laying machine in action on the new right-of-way.

CNR Photos

All Aboard with G. E. Mortimore

Women shoppers are not getting lazy, writes a housewife reader. She contradicts a statement that I made recently.

"Women judge a product by its weight," she says. "To carry two pounds of almonds in shells, versus half a pound shelled, saves one and a half pounds to carry, besides the time to shell.

"Carrots in bags are clean, no waste or refuse to carry. Why should women be turned into beasts of burden? Take a look around. There's hardly a woman without a load of food to carry home.

"We cannot phone our needs in, because of the price difference in various stores . . .

"In (a garden produce store) large apples sell at two for 29 cents. Who grows apples and gets 29 cents for two? Their chestnuts 45½ cents a pound A (chain store) sells at 55 cents. Why the difference?

"Women have to keep their eyes open for bargains in food. Sirloinsteak in (one butcher's store) $1.40 a pound. Round steak, $1.30 a pound. No wonder women wear a sharp bird-like look in their eyes, when they have to feed a family and prices are so different in different stores.

"Also, have you noticed men shopping for meat? Early mornings is the time. You'd be surprised to see well-known business men wheeling along a trolly with large purchases of meat at the lowest prices they can get.

They never seem to buy anything but meat. Their wives must be very relieved to have this chore taken off their lazy shoulders.

"Remember when we could phone for what we fancied and the butcher was glad to have regular customers, and served them well?

"Have you ever heard the expression, 'A sprat to catch a mackerel?' That is what a few stores go in for. Or 'A carrot for donkeys.' But we cannot afford to be taken for a ride. Our purses are too thin, and we are too worried about food prices.

"You could help by urging the government to keep an eye on fair weights, food unfit for human consumption, soap cartons full of cheap towels instead of soap, nasty bacon which goes bad and mouldy inside a week.

"We could go on and on, but you know it all."

"Yours tiredly, a woman without a car or fridge."

An old lady went to a tombstone cutter's office to order a stone for her husband's grave. After explaining that she wanted no frills, just a small stone, she told him "put the words, To My Husband, in a suitable place."

Upon delivery, to her consternation, she saw the words: "To My Husband, In A Suitable Place."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

Without doubt the stupidest invention of the 20th century, famous above all other centuries for the wealth of its productive imagination, is the wire coat hanger. More high blood pressure has been generated by this infernal device than all other gadgets together. Reach for one, and you get four, three of which fall, with a curiously infuriating sound, onto the floor of the dark closet. Try to hand one up, even without your coat on it, and you knock three down, which also fall, with that most frustrating of all 20th century sounds, tickle-clitter-click, onto the clothes closet floor.

More people have bowed, grovelled, groaned in the retrieve of wire coat hangers than ever bowed to Baal. More cigars have been burst, more braces bust, more buttons blown, in the pursuit of wire coat hangers off the floor than in any other 20th century exertion.

There are billions of them. They come back from the cleaners sometimes two to a garment and often ten to the bundle. Nobody will throw the darn things out. So in they go to be added to the tangle in every closet and on every door.

The 19th century coat hanger upon which this 20th century monstrosity is modelled, was of wood. It gave you a good grip. It wobbled, but it never sprang. If it fell, you could kick it. But you get no satisfaction whatever out of kicking a wire one. In fact, you can't kick it. Give it the boot, and all it does, as usual, is slither.

it's a FACT

Prairie dogs are not dogs at all, but small rodents closely related to the marmots. They are called "dogs" only because their danger signal sounds like the yappy bark of a tiny dog. Prairie dogs are little animals about 16 inches long, with tiny ears, shining black eyes and absurdly short tails. They are covered with dingy brown fur.

Wife: "Didn't I tell you to notice when the soup boiled over?"

Husband: "I did. It was 11:45."

"Daddy, what is heredity?"

"Heredity, my boy, is what a man believes in until his son begins to act like a fool."

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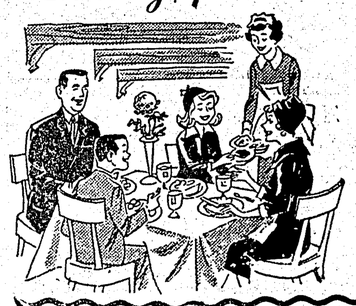

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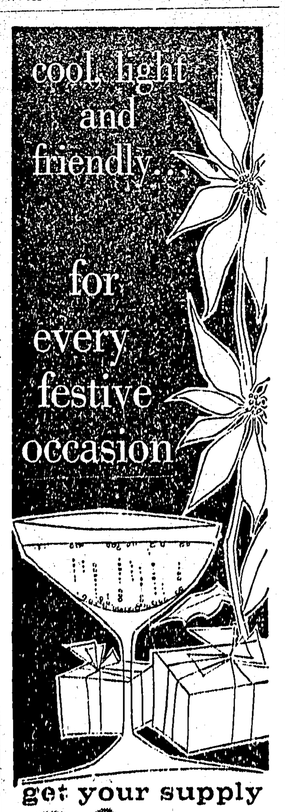

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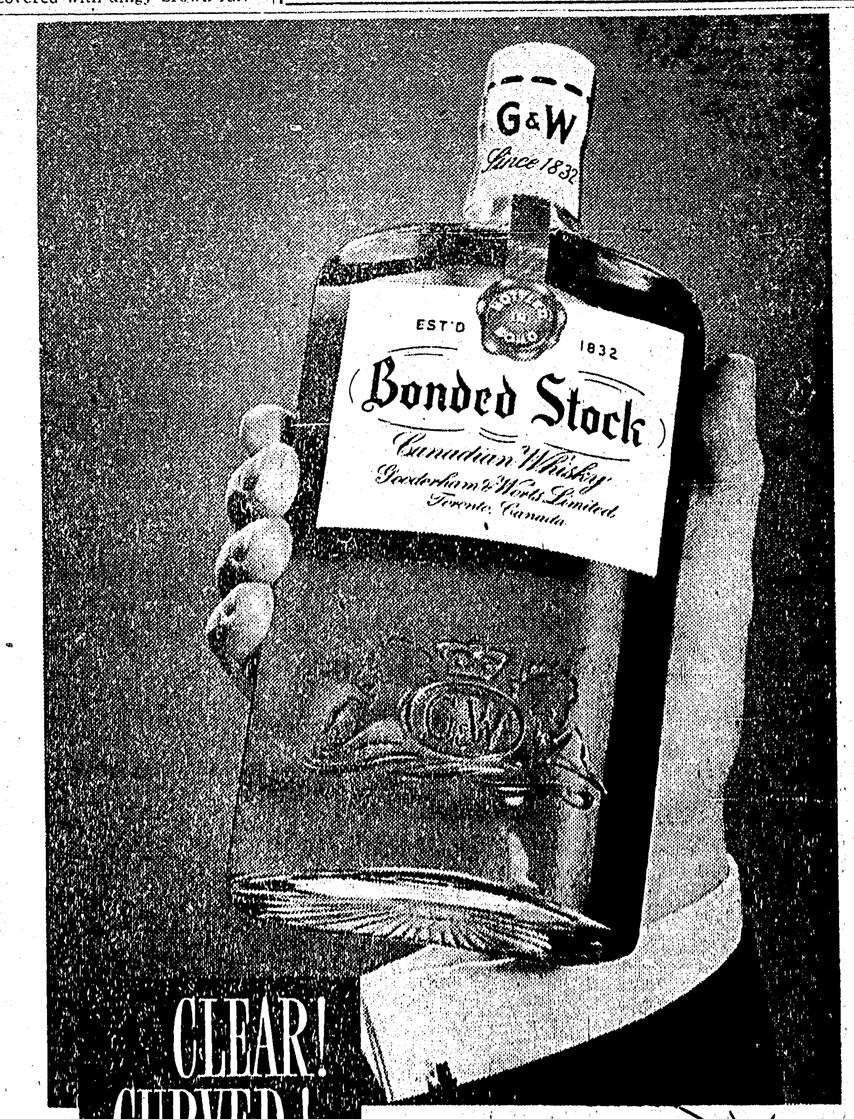

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