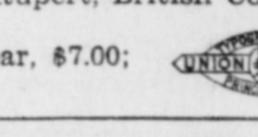
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THE night when black witches brew mysterious concoctions, full of strange enchantment in their orable service, clean dealing, plain that Whitehall's advice tween 10 and 12 inches in gripboiling cauldrons, brack cats prowl and howl and wild-shadows, is about to startle us once more.

Hallowe'en, the thirty-first of October, brings. out the mischief and gaiety which makes entertaining a simple matter. The prankish and frolicsome spirit comes out in some form with all of us, from the small boys and girls to the grown-up folk.

Spooks and wild fun are legendary with Hallowe'en but it seems that this festival originated in the Christian church. It was the name given to the evening of the thirty-first of October as the vigil of Hallow mass or All Saints Day. Before the Christian era, however, the eve of the thirty-first of October was the occasion of harvest and other ceremonies in various countries and the festivities which were gradually gathered around the Christian Hallowe'en at a later date originated for the most part in countries under the sway of the Druid religion, chiefly Britain, plus a few indoor and outdoor celebrations borrowed from the pagan Roman festival to the goddess of fruit.

The two chief characteristics of ancient Hallowe'en were the lighting of bonfires and the belief American sailors are not hearty was Adolf Hitler who balanced H.G. HELGERSON that Hallowe'en was the only night of the year on which ghosts, warlocks, witches and evil spirits were permitted to wander on earth.

One of the peculiar beliefs in bygone days associated with Hallowe'en ascribes to children born on that day the possession of certain peculiar faculties, such as the ability to see and to hold converse with supernatural beings. It is interesting to recall that in his romance "The Monastery," Sir Walter Scott makes use of this circumstance, and in conjunction with it, another, also linked with the supernatural, that of familiar spirits attaching themselves to notable families and making their presence known at the approach of crises with timely warnings of impending events in the lives of those to whom they so bound themselves.

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Elections

National Issues Involved In Tomorrow's Fight in Counties and Boroughs

By JAMES McCOOK

Canadian Press Staff Writer LONDON (P) - With national issues involved, Labor and Conservative strategists at London headquarters have been urging on nearly 5,000 candidates in the fight for 3,000 vacant seats in 392 English and Welsh county and municipal boroughs where votes will be cast on Saturday.

elections was thus described by spokesmen for the chief opposin parties:

servative cabinet minister— three. 'The battle is on whether there will be future government in localities or future centralized dictation."

Conservative spokesmen say that Labor government legislation to nationalize electricity, transport and gas industries and to bring health services uncentral government will remove powers from local government with its "long tradition of hon- from former legislators who com- an automobile flattens good service and absence of cor- has to be sought before a \$1,- ping the road. ruption."

Labor spokesmen reply that hired. And the finance com- see the Spies and Meckling national policies must have lo- mittee of the national conven- ad this week. cal co-operation. While the La- tion which must recommend bor government could pass leg- possible forms of government islation and provide framework to succeed the commission has "there are many measures which complained of "abnormal excan only be given flesh and bones by the local authorities.

In 1945, when municipal voters went to the polls for the first time since before the war, Labor made numerous gains. It finished this election with control of 47 of 83 county boroughs and 73 of 309 non-county bor- that they are trying to prolong oughs. In 1946, Labor found competition stiffer but ended with control of 52 country bor- has oughs and 74 non-county.

PREFER OWN GALLEY?

HALIFAX (P)—Cafe owners in Halifax, port of call for several United States warships on courtesy visits this year, find that eaters ashore. The usual request, the budgets.

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland -While two opposing groups try to put across to Newfoundlanders their ideas of the country's political future, seven men are quietly governing the island and awaiting the day when the people will make up their minds on their own destiny.

The seven, members of the commission of governmen headed by Governor Sir Gordon Macdonald, meet periodically to administer the country's affairs for which they and their predecessors have been respon-The national issue in local sible since the constitution was suspended 14 years ago.

operate wholeheartedly with the federal union with Canada say of houses there. government in its efforts to the people would vote overbuild a better and happier life whelmingly to keep the com- the release be granted providing for the citizens of this country." mission in office if faced to- the city were assured that no Col. Walter Elliot, former Con- morrow with a choice of the houses in that district would

government among the people proved the motion after discuswhose representatives petitioned His Majesty's Government 1933 to have administration the island vested in a governor "acting on the advice of specially-created commission of der national control means the government" until it should "become self-supporting again."

But some criticism has come 000-a-year stenographer can be penditures."

The British baronet, the three Newfoundlanders and the three To relieve miseries the country have offered no defence of their actions and there is no apparent indications their tenure.

The governor, more than once, publicly expressed hope that Newfoundlanders will be able to handle and solve their own problems.

Surpluses have been shown since 1941 after 11 years of deficits although some, referring to wartime prosperity ,say "it

they say, is: "Tomato and bacon Little criticism, however, has sandwich-toaster please, Bud." come from supporters of fed-

export trade.

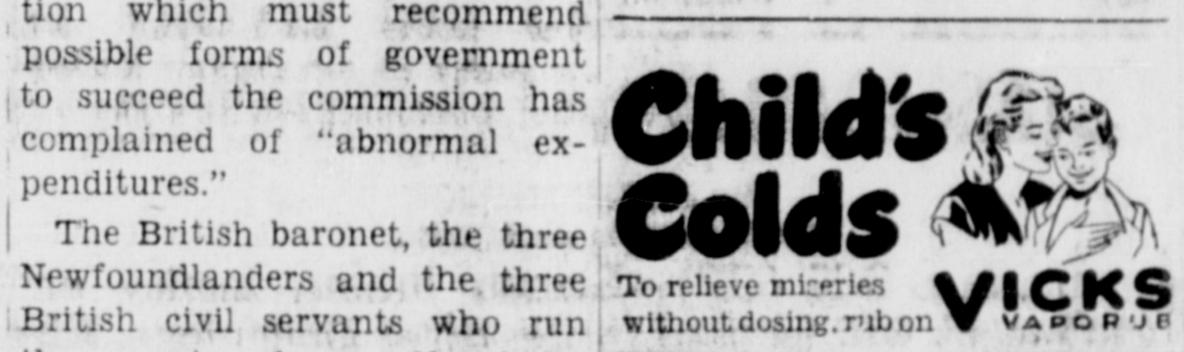
eral union with Canada. They hold that terms of possible confederation, expected to be received soon by the convention, will disclose a better deal than Newfoundlanders even now are getting and will have an influence when the people vote at a referedum next year on their future government.

A letter from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation read at Tuesday night's city council meeting changed the picture in regard to the disposal of wartime houses in Rushbrook Heights area. J. L. McEwen, cor Although the commission has poration's local manager, stated functioned as a dictatorship, that there are 60 more appli-Moran Phillips, Labor party passing laws with the stroke of cants. He asked that the city secretary—"It is more than ever a pen, supporters of the groups release the Crown company important to elect local govern- favoring, respectively, restoration from its agreement regarding ment candidates who will co- of responsible government and the holding of a certain group

Alderman Youngs moved that sold until at least half of them There is little criticism of the had assured buyers. Council ap-

"It looks as if we aren't taking any chance when they have 33 buyers now and another 60 coming up," Alderman Brooksbank

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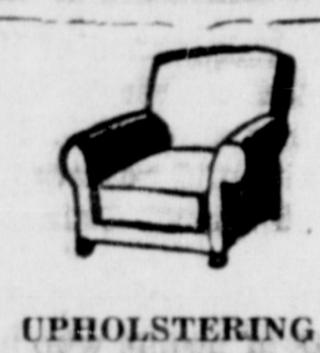
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