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**Right on The Mark**

OUR Chamber of Commerce was on its toes when it presented the Prime Minister with a resolution calling for action on the establishment of a land airport here.

It is very well to talk about our need in this connection but it is far better to get it down on paper and into the right hands.

Working through a busy itinerary such as he has, Mr. St. Laurent cannot be expected to bear in mind all the verbal solicitations directed at him—and there will be many.

A written resolution, however, cannot be overlooked, and we are confident that Mr. St. Laurent is sufficiently appreciative of our problem to harbor no wish that it should be.

Prince Rupert found the Prime Minister a kindly and interested visitor. In making a specific demand upon his attention we did so with the realization that his deep interest in Canadian development encompasses the very kind of progressive project which we have placed before him.

Aside from this, we enjoyed having Mr. St. Laurent with us and hope that he comes back soon, whether he lands at the airport in question or not.

**Early Election Best Solution**

WE MAY belong to a minority in thinking so, but it strikes us that an early election is after all the best way out of B.C.'s current political dilemma.

Elections being costly in time and money, we earlier expressed the hope that the Social Crediters would endeavor to make a go of it with their present representation. That, however, was before the problem of the two unseated cabinet ministers materialized.

Although at first glance by-elections for these two seem the logical answer, the dangers in the final analysis outweigh the advantages. Should the government lose both, or even one, of these elections, its numbers would be reduced to such an extent that another general election would develop in any case. Thus we would be back where we started, only that much later on.

In making this point we are not expressing a partisan apprehension of a CCF victory in the two elections. The argument would apply regardless of the parties concerned. Adding to the opposition's strength now would accomplish nothing, for no government can be run from across the floor of the House.

The province needs leadership, not criticism, and if this cannot be obtained under the present composition of the legislature, we should plunge at once into the rough waters of another general election, no matter whether we have a precedent for so doing or not.

There will be those who contend that, since there has been no session and therefore no new issues, an election now would be as inconclusive as the last. The contention, however, is not really valid.

While there has been no formal debate on various pressing questions there has been a great deal of informal sniping, and we have in the interim become much better acquainted with the character, if not the policies, of the Social Credit party. We have also heard the voice of the voters which next time might act as a guide for our own individual expression of opinion.

**Radium - Needle Cures Many Cases of Cancer**

By ALTON L. BLAKESLEE

CHICAGO (AP)—A new radium-needle treatment is saving many people with bladder cancer, Dr. Raymond Darget of Bordeaux, France, reported today.

Radium-filled needles are put into the cancerous part of the bladder, to kill cancer with X-rays. A balloon inside the bladder, filled with lead solution, keeps the rays from damaging the healthy tissue of the bladder. This damage has been a serious drawback before in using radium.

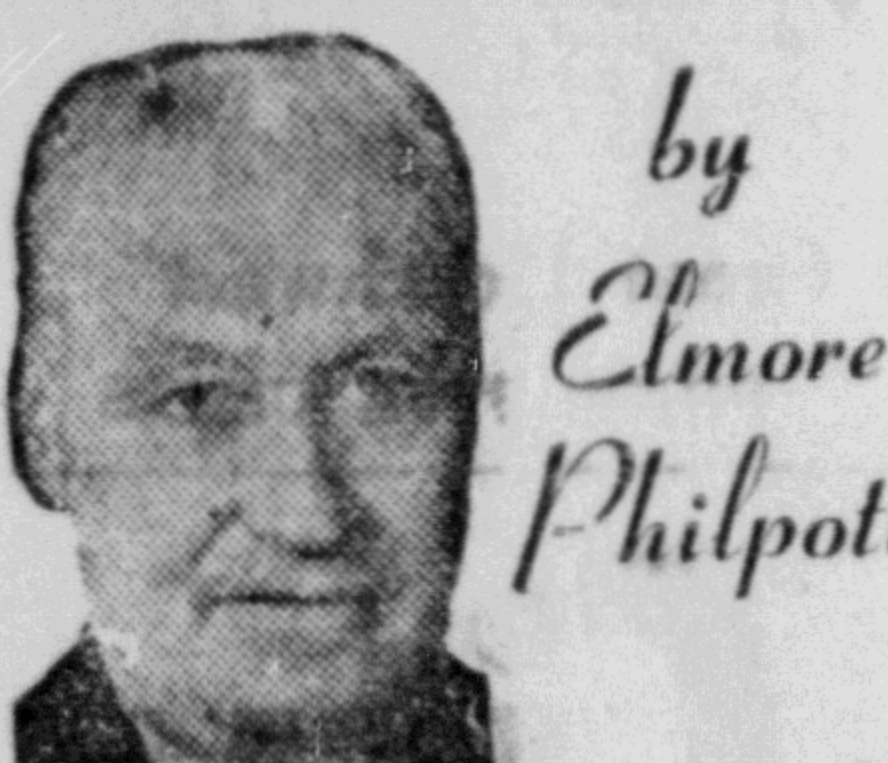
The needles are left in place four to six days, then are pulled out, he told the international college of surgeons.

Half of 200 patients given this treatment are alive five years later, with their bladders kept intact, Dr. Darget said. Cancer is usually considered cured if it doesn't recur within five years.

Bladder cancer causes about three per cent of all cancer deaths.

The usual treatment today is to remove the entire bladder. The tubes leading from the kidneys then are made to empty into the colon.

**As I See It**



by Elmore Philpott

**Ike's Bad Start**

LOS ANGELES.—The U.S. presidential campaign still has almost two months to go. New issues and new trends can arise which could change the whole picture.

But at this moment, and from a Canadian observer's point of view, the outlook is anything but good for an Eisenhower victory. Ike has definitely lost ground since his nomination in July. Stevenson has just as clearly gained ground since his nomination a week later.

The worst feature of this, from the Eisenhower standpoint, is that Ike has lost ground from what he has ambiguously said. Stevenson has just as plainly picked up support by reason of his forthright statements.

The two points on which Ike has lost most ground at home and abroad are these:

1. He has failed to repudiate Senator Joe McCarthy, but on the contrary implies he will support him if he again wins the Republican primary. McCarthy is the character assassin who carries his reckless charges even to the point of calling General George C. Marshall "a traitor."

2. He has taken up the Dulles program of promising to drive Russian Communist power out of eastern Europe and Asia by some unexplained process. (How else, than by war?) As this proposal was the very point in the Taft program which made observers in Britain and France so openly fearful of a Taft victory the overseas consequences are obvious.

Ike is personally trusted by almost all political elements in the NATO countries. But this adoption of the Dulles program by Ike was bound to have exactly the effect it did have. British and French papers have correctly concluded that Eisenhower has had to truckle to the extreme right wing in his own party in the hope of getting their active support in the campaign.

The British and French papers are not deciding this election in the U.S. But the same events that are compelling them (and even me) to change their minds about Ike are typical of what is working here too.

This state of California is one of the key states in the whole republic in this election. One expert tells me that had the Republicans got just one more vote in every precinct in California and Indiana in the 1948 election Dewey and not Truman would have won.

But the chances of the Republicans carrying California look pretty grim. Right now even the A.P. of L. is getting ready to come out openly for the Democrats—something that the right wing laborite organization has never done in these parts before. So far as I can discover, Ike's running mate—Senator Nixon—has little chance of helping him (Ike) get the fluctuating centre-ground vote which decides all elections.

TO SUM up this first survey on the election trends:

Ike seems to me to have fallen disastrously between two stools. His great asset was that he was immensely popular with all classes in all countries. If any Republican could gather in that vital middle slice of the vote—then Ike was the man to do it. So ran the argument.

But no sooner had Ike won the Republican nomination than he was faced with a sit down strike within the right wing of the party he had been elected to head. To re-activate them he has felt compelled to go away over to the right—where the independent vote simply won't follow him.

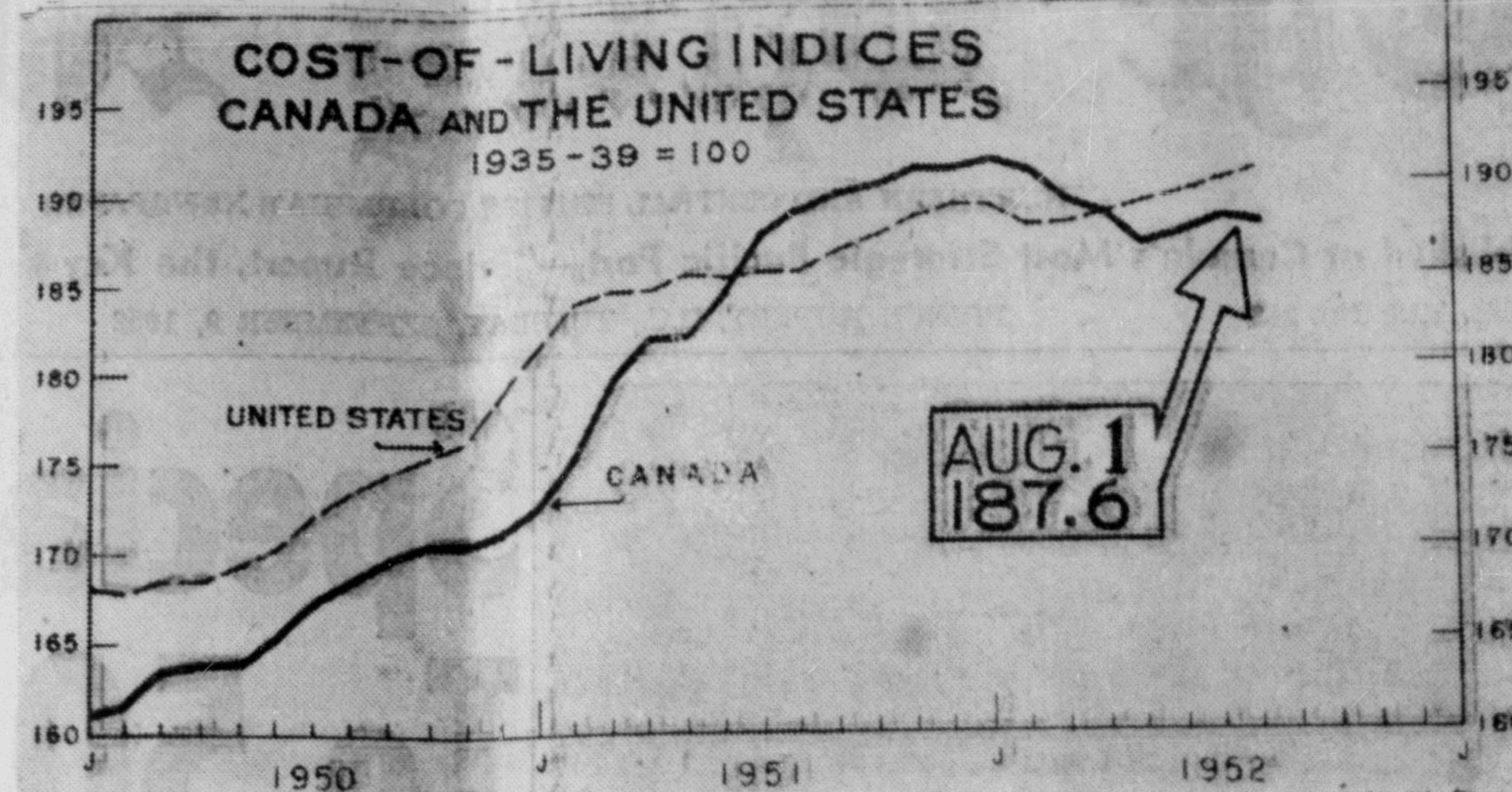
**14-Year-Old Dies; Victim Of Jet Crash**

FARNBOROUGH, England.—A 14-year-old boy died in hospital today, a victim of disaster here Saturday when an experimental jet fighter blew up in mid-air and crashed into the crowd watching the air show.

Of 65 injured, 44 are still in hospital today, 13 in serious condition.

**ANOTHER USE**

Fifty years ago castor oil was used to keep boots and shoes soft and waterproof.



**C-O-L. FALLS**—The cost-of-living index declined by four-tenths of a point during July to 187.6 from 188.0, the Bureau of Statistics reports. The index rose during June and May following a four-month drop from the peak of 191.5 last December. Lower prices for some foods was the main factor in the decline. The dotted line shows the United States consumers' price index which reached an all-time high of 190.8 July 15. These indices measure percentage changes in prices in each country but should not be used to compare actual levels of prices between the two countries. (CP PHOTO)

**Labor Feud Brews For National Convention**

By JOHN LEBLANC  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—The hottest feud in Canadian labor is due to explode for a couple of rough rounds this month.

The mauling scrap touches on the dual jobs of 71-year-old A. R. Mosher, president of the 350,000-member Canadian Congress of Labor and president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees (CBRE), Canada's biggest rail union.

The veteran labor chief is embroiled in a bitter fight within his own union—meeting in triennial convention here Sept. 15—and that battle will inevitably spill over into the CCL annual convention in Toronto a week later.

The CBRE tussle is between Mosher, founder of the union and its president for about 40 years, and James McGuire, long-time national secretary-treasurer, who was fired out of his office and out of the union on insubordination charges in March.

At the time the CBRE dropped him, McGuire was a member of the policy-directing executive of the Congress. The Congress promptly dropped him, too, on the ground he no longer was a union member.

McGuire now is carrying an appeal to the CBRE's "Grand Division," which meets every three years. His formal appeal calls only for his reinstatement, but he said today he will also renew at the convention a series of accusations against Mosher which he made public on March 28.

**SLANDER SUIT**

The president has a slander suit lodged against McGuire concerning these charges.

The 54-year-old McGuire will be trying to unseat Mosher at the CBRE convention. In this, it was learned he receives some support from a number of branches that have sent in resolutions calling for a constitutional amendment to retire brotherhood officials at the age of 65. At present, they get a pension at that age but are not forced out.

Don Secord, secretary-treasurer of the CBRE since McGuire was expelled, refused today to confirm or deny that such resolutions have been sent in. However, other informants said they are to go before the convention and suggested leadership strategy will be to sidetrack their effect for the time by having them carried but only to take effect in 1955, the year of the next Grand Division meeting.

The whole struggle stems largely from the last convention of the CCL in Vancouver. There, Pat Conroy resigned as national secretary-treasurer and policy director because of a power play between opposing forces in the Congress.

For the coming convention, there is reported to be some quiet activity directed towards getting Mosher out of office. It got to the point where recently the organ of the big United Automobile Workers of America (CIO-CCL) disclaimed any part in this.

In Salvador, military men on active service have no right to vote.

**Contract To Be Let For Babine**  
SMITHERS—The Federal Department of Fisheries has won its battle against the disastrous Babine River slide.

Hon. R. W. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries, said in an interview here Monday that tenders will be called shortly for clearing the river to allow sockeye salmon uninterrupted passage to spawning grounds at Babine Lake.

While Mr. Mayhew did not venture cost of the work, it is expected to be at least one million dollars. More than 200,000 cubic yards of rock crashed into the river a year ago causing loss of thousands of salmon killed trying to clear the slide.

A. J. Whitmore, chief supervisor of fisheries in B.C., met Mr. Mayhew at the station here and gave the minister a brief report. Mr. Mayhew investigated the slide north of Hazelton over the week-end.

Mr. Mayhew said an estimated 250,000 sockeye will pass through the counting fence this year, which is more than double the number of 1951, and enough to save the sockeye industry in the Skeena from ruin.

**Cubic Scale Ordered For B. C. Timber**

VICTORIA (CP)—All B.C. Crown timber will be sold on the basis of cubic scale instead of board foot scale in future, Lands and Forest Minister R. E. Sommers said here.

The traditional measure applied to logs, continent wide, has been the board foot log scale which purports to predict the number of superficial board feet that a sawmill will recover from logs, the minister explained.

"No board foot log scale ever is accurate and the B.C. scale, constructed more than 50 years ago, is proving progressively more and more unreliable and inaccurate with changes in logging methods and the steady decrease in the size of logs," said Mr. Sommers.

Under the present conditions, he said, the log scale frequently is 69 per cent in error. Inaccurate log scale has about the same relation to timber transactions as an inaccurate weight scale would have in a grocery store, the minister said.

**BIRTH INCREASE**  
WINNIPEG (CP)—Health Officer M. S. Loughheed reported there was a slight increase in Winnipeg births in the first seven months of this year over 1951—4360 as compared to 4326.

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**Ray REFLECTS and REMINIS**

It seems today that the RCMP are using automobiles and power boats. As for the horse, the noble animal is studying music. In many an American city, these musical rides, so melodiously given capture the communities.

As a general rule, September is understood to be the month in which a lot of little boys and girls develop class hatred. Of course this does not last long. But it's there, all the same.

Lynn Canal has a sinister history. Nowhere on the Alaskan coast is there an arm of the sea with a more memorable story in certain respects than this inlet linking Juneau and Skagway. For if there is beauty on a prodigious scale, there is also a tale of losses—of both life and property that goes back practically to the days of '98.

From the Estes Park, Colo., Trail: "He comes back to the Park after a winter of unalloyed bliss."

**IKE IS WORKING**  
Fifty-four of the largest and most important of the newspapers in the southern states are backing General Eisenhower. Not so long ago they belonged to the Democratic persuasion. The General must still be an effective campaigner. He only returned a few weeks ago from Dixieland.

Move inland, and one misses the ships. It doesn't take long. Nor does it make so much difference, a smart new steamer, a yacht with swelling sails challenging the winds, a battered old freighter, a man-o-war, or a handy little power boat.

One thinks of them as he thinks of old friends. They, too, had life and action, movement and grace.

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