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Guns or Butter?

REMEMBERING the recent words of Justice Minister Garson that the program for defence that we have undertaken might have to be continued for a generation or more, we might reasonably ask ourselves whether we can do this and add to it our ambitious social program, which is now adding two per cent to personal income tax, two per cent to corporation tax and earmarking two per cent of the sales tax, without being ready to sacrifice something of our present way of life.

Comparisons are not always correct, but they are generally instructive. In 1939, before we had undertaken large commitments for war, our spending on social measures cost us about \$8.50 per head of population, or a little better than \$86 million. In the current year it is estimated that federal spending on various welfare measures will approximate \$1,042 million or something more than \$75 per head of our materially larger population. Approximately \$100 million are for pensions and other benefits resulting from the last war. But, eliminating this as a charge, we are still spending 11 times as much on welfare projects as we spent in 1939.

Now we have hardly begun on our defence program and that will add up to much more than our welfare program. Now we are told that we will have to expect heavier taxation. We would be happier about this if we were starting from the basis of 1939 figures. Then corporation and individual income taxes brought in \$145 million and the sales tax and other imposts were relatively modest. But in 1950 personal and corporation income taxes took from us \$1,221 million. That, though more than eight times the 1939 figure, didn't provide more than enough to look after our welfare program for this year. We have added to these taxes since then, and we are proposing other taxes, but we wonder whether there will be enough to provide for everything. If not, which will we give up first, the guns or the butter?

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Reflects and Reminisces

Britain's Festival lasted all summer and still lingers. But now that the general election is over it can be regarded as practically finished—and in good style, from the standpoint of all Conservatives.

Colliers prints what it is pleased to call a "preview of the 1952-60 struggle," and United Nations officials may have something to say on the subject. But it's hard to convince Russia that the best way to enjoy peace in the future is to spend billions on armament now.

LET'S TRY IT

The royal car is moving in the opposite direction. It's rolling toward Edmonton, Saskatoon, Montreal and Washington. Then it will be the Maritimes, Newfoundland, by ship to Britain and more great receptions, after which jolly old Christmas. Bright and early in February, a flight direct to Nairobi, capital of Kenya in East Africa. Hula-baloos welcome and gifts. Then,

another direct flight to Australia with New Zealand thrown in. Dozens of tours, drives, banquets, speeches, and what have you. Honestly now, how'd you like to be the Princess or the Duke?

Waterfront strike in New York, waterfront strike in Boston, pilots' strike in Gulf of St. Lawrence, and now a beer and movie show strike in B.C.

DECIDEDLY SO!

Some residents of Prince Rupert hesitate to admit there's anything to feel cheerful about because hundreds of millions are being spent in central and northern British Columbia, and that this will be, if not already, of tremendous importance to everything and everybody in this part of Canada. Seems odd, it is.

A prospector with a grubstake is the forgotten man, and has fifted that description for years, say mining operators of Idaho. Today, the American government needs certain metals badly but this mineral, so essential just now, is declared scarce. It may be necessary to redesign some of the machines of war because of such scarcity. The grubstake has got to come back. The prospector without money must be given a hand. Then, there is a good chance of finding the metal.

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Bevan Key Man

GLASGOW.—The political picture here was

pretty solidly Labor. But lo and behold in the worst, most depressed, most unregenerated slum district of all, there is a Tory MP with one of those hyphenated names.

HERE in Scotland, looking back on England—or slightly down on it in the native Scots manner—I think I saw the confused English election picture a bit clearer. Here are some of the facts about it.

Only Churchill and Bevan draw big crowds. Most of the

meetings were small and dull. But when Churchill appeared there were big swarms of admirers. When Bevan appeared there were also huge crowds, bigger even than Churchill's. But Bevan's crowds were turbulent. There was always some heckling. Sometimes fights, too. Bevan usually had the overwhelming majority of the people with him. He can afford to be genial and poke fun at the interrupters. But not Nye!

He cracks down on the interrupters with an awesome ferocity. His crowds love it, too.

Often his technique is simply to shout: "Shut up, you f---head." Sometimes he is classical and highbrow as thus to a

woman: "Will you shut up, woman? There used to be an old mediaeval aphorism, 'The three worst things in the world are a false friend, meat cooked twice, and a nagging woman.'" But the really significant thing about Bevan's speeches is their utter ferocity on the war question. Thus: "When the Conservatives talk about a firmer hand in Persia they are not talking about the United Nations but British battleships in the Persian Gulf and British soldiers—British workmen in uniform—driving the Persian workmen at the point of the bayonet. "Stronger diplomacy means

having to assert your views more firmly. But supposing the person you are dealing with still disagrees. What then?" NOW if you study that last question you get right at the heart of the great riddle of the recent election. For the very problem which Mr. Bevan poses applies not only to the past in Persia but to the present and future in Egypt. Bevan represented the glaring contradiction in the whole lineup of this election. Indeed, there is very reason to believe that the election was brought on because Mr. Attlee was determined to get it over with before Mr. Bevan's revolt within

the Labor party... WHAT this... is that the... going to go... With the Tory... become the... opposition on... "Where the... the head of the... NOTTINGHAM... Making his... policeman here... a snake that... hibition. The... large crowds to... traffic. Classified Ad



*MR. JAMES FLETCHER JOHNSTON:...

How do you feel about the question of saving, Mr. Johnston? I think it's of extreme importance to save. With rising costs and the general uncertainty, it's a great thing to have some money set aside to fall back on when you want it. How are you saving? Through insurance, Canada Savings Bonds and the Company old age pension plan. Have you bought Canada Savings Bonds regularly? Yes. The only Dominion Bond Issue that I've missed in the past 10 years was the first Victory Bond. I've bought one or more of every Victory Bond or Canada Savings Bond issue since then. How do you pay for your Canada Savings Bonds? Through the bank. I make a down payment at the beginning and so much a month for the rest of the year until the bond is paid for. Do you plan to invest in Canada Savings Bonds again this year? Yes. Why do you choose Canada Savings Bonds to invest in? With Canada Savings Bonds, the same as with the Victory Bonds, it's like ready cash to me. I can sell them any time I need them, and the interest is much better than on money in a bank account,

and there is no red tape to cashing them. I like the Canada Savings Bonds even better than the Victory Bonds because you can cash them at par at the bank at any time. Have you cashed any of your bonds? No. Have you any particular objective in mind in saving through Canada Savings Bonds? I have nothing definite in mind. I own my own home and have a car. It's like a nest egg that I can use if ever I need it, and it bears me good interest. It's a form of security. I have it to fall back on any time I want. NOW BETTER THAN EVER Canada Savings Bonds—6th Series—mature in 10 years and 9 months from date of issue and bear ten 3 1/2% coupons. The first coupon covers 1 year and 9 months and is payable on August 1st, 1953; subsequent coupons come due August 1st yearly thereafter until maturity. If cashed before August 1st, 1953, simple interest is paid at 2% per year, calculated monthly. If held to maturity the overall yield is equivalent to 3.21% per year. The limit for holdings in any one name is \$5,000 in the 6th Series. The bonds are cashable at full face value, plus interest at any time at any bank in Canada. They are registered in the owner's name. They are non-assignable and non-transferable.



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