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## A Legacy To Protect

SINCE we last observed Remembrance Day a dangerous war has come to an end. Admittedly in unsure peace has followed in its wake, but the cries of angry men across a conference table or at explanation centres are better any day than ammunition exploding across a battlefield.

Yet the Korean war, like all wars that have one before, will never be erased by truce or armistice. Death sees to that. Crosses on the field take the place of men and remind us always that we do not leave battle quite the same as we entered it.

It is to the men and women whom war has kept for good that we pay tribute tomorrow. Had their fate been otherwise, many no doubt would have lived to make valuable contributions to a world of peace. But none can say that their loss was sadder than any other. All had the right to hope they would survive their common ordeal, and the denial of this was as cruel to the man of few gifts as to him of many.

So we remember all of them with a sense of deep and equal obligation. Should the public occasion on which we do this, which is Remembrance Day, ever threaten to become a formality without meaning, let us also remember this—had they not given their lives, we might have been forced to give ours. Our homes, even in the remoteness of Canada, might have become the enemy's, and our choice of the future narrowed to obedience or death.

We would mock the sacrifice of those who died if we believed anything to the contrary. We would also fail in our trust if we were any less determined than they to preserve the freedom which they left.

We must see to it that, although they did not return, their legacy to us is secure.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

You're getting old, says a Vancouver source, when you can no longer stand on one foot to put a sock on the other. Or your rubbers, either.

### MEET THE LADIES

The voices of women will be in a dominant position in Ottawa on opening day. Two senators (ladies) will move and second the speech from the throne. To say it never happened before is believed correct.

Between the Sons of Freedom and Igor Gouzenko, Canada has found two costly and troublesome problems. The latter is reported to have become accustomed to a high and secretive standard of living—rarely less than \$100 a week. The former Moscow clerk is believed over anxious to talk and has made \$75,000 from a movie company. But the Soviet still has a long time in the general direction of Igor, and the spy ring has not been exterminated.

Snag, a more or less pleasant little spot away up in the Yukon, registered 32 below zero last week-end and Dawson, 19. Another 30 days there will be a difference. Just what, for the time being, one prefers silence.

A western lady, Mrs. Sobychousky, says those newly designed maternity dresses are so cute, she's considering having another baby.

THAT ABSENT CASH  
There is still \$300,000 of the \$800,000 in the Greenlease ransom case missing. If not recovered by the end of the year, Greenlease, it is said, can claim the cash as a deduction under sections providing for losses by casualty or theft. It must have been mislaid.

SOME ARE LEFT  
Now that the United States are becoming established in Spain, it is understood that bull-fighting is ceasing. Cock-fighting is also declining. All that's left fighting will be human beings—some men in uniform on land, sea and in the air.

Night Club: A place where they take the rest out of restaurant, and put the din in dinner.

So many other machines have been made fool proof, it's a pity some inventor wouldn't do the same thing for the automobile.

Some of the latest strike broadcasts appear incapable of saying anything hopeful. Perhaps this will not mean any-

thing in particular, and finding a job is not so easy. Yet no one can say Prince Rupert has not had a lengthy spell of steady work and not a few advantages. In thousands of parts of a troubled earth, this would be a place to brag about. Think of three square meals a day.

### CLOSE ENOUGH

Los Angeles came close to passing Philadelphia as the third largest in the United States—just 334 behind. And we'll wager Philadelphia did not do any counting a third or fourth time the way they used to do it up in British Columbia.

### JOHN HIMSELF

John Fisher, the eloquent speaker who roams over Canada and makes you feel so proud of your country, has been doing the same thing in Europe. And now, he's back home. He'll get over it, but it will take some time.

"The sleeping pill habit is one of our Number 1 problems," says a B.C. medical man: If the patients would only work a bit harder, they might drop off.

Lions Head is a sleepy village in Ontario where a cat was recently burned to death after having gasoline poured on it. Constable Morrow said Lions Head has never had a murder or bank robbery. The cat case was the worst crime ever recorded there. Sure he meant it.

It is not commonly supposed that the majority of poets starve in garrets, but nothing like this would happen if poetry, so called, could be understood and enjoyed. The average individual has no wish to be baffled. Yet there is a market he wants. And it's here.

Men are failures not because they are stupid but because they are not sufficiently impassioned.—Scribners.

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## All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

We felt vaguely uneasy as our friends' car, loaded to the back window with baggage, disappeared around the corner.

Our friends had gone away for a week's holiday and left my wife and me as resident caretakers in charge of a house, a pig, two geese, a Great Dane, two Pekinese and seven Siamese cats.

I'll say one thing: the house behaved fairly well. No rocking back and forth on its foundations, or anything of that kind. But the animals did show some little behavior problems.

The Great Dane (name of Dana) thought she was a Pekinese. She loved to frisk about the lawn, covering the ground in 10-foot leaps. When she was happy, her great tail lashed back and forth like a whip, nearly drawing blood when it struck.

One of the Pekinese (name of Ming) thought he was a Great Dane. If he was taken for a walk, he sailed up to large dogs with easy assurance, ready for a fight.

Dana had her own bed in the room where we slept, but she was a restless sleeper, and her stirring kept my wife awake, so Dana was banished. The big dog went meekly.

Ming wanted to stay in the room, but his habit of snoring all night made it out of the question. He crept under the bed and refused to come out. Every time I reached my hand under the bed there was a snarl. Ming was ready to battle for his right to stay in the bedroom.

After half an hour, having made his point, Ming came trotting amiably out.

The pig was called Dig-dig, because he had once made a jail break by means of a tunnel and gone missing for several days before his owners recaptured him. He always nosed into his pail of mash before I could dump it into his trough. As soon as I got the mash past him into the trough, he jumped in with both feet.

The two geese kept up a running cackle before and during meal time. Now and then they hopped on a stump and stretched out their wings.

The Siamese cats were keen on helping with the paper work. They jumped up and perched on any notes we happened to be using. At other times they draped themselves over us, purring and crying in their deep, loud voices.

Four of the Siamese were small, white kittens, mewing in a box. At intervals their mother saw fit to move house. She came padding across the room with one kitten after another clenching in her mouth, setting a course for some new dark corner.

Feeding the animals became a pleasant routine. Grunts, cackles, barks and miaows were familiar morning and evening music. When our friends returned and we had to go home, we felt a little sad—especially in view of the fact that we might in time meet the pig and the geese at the dinner table.

However, we are not incon-solable.

## King Ibn Saud Dies at 73

BOHREIN (AP)—King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia died today. Emir Saud now is king and Emir Faisal, crown prince.

Ibn Saud, whose age is best estimated at about 73, had been reported seriously ill last month with heart disease. He had been crippled with arthritis in recent years.

Canadian imports of cabinet organs jumped to 263 in 1951 from 32 in 1950.

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ALL NEWLY-ELECTED MEMBERS of the House of Commons must be sworn in by Leon J. Raymond, clerk of the Commons, before taking their seats in the lower chamber. Mr. Raymond (centre) swears in R. W. Mitchell, Progressive Conservative member for London, Ont., while H. O. White, PC member for Middlesex East, waits his turn. They will take their places in the Commons when the new session opens Thursday.

## Variety of Subjects to be Raised At Forthcoming Session of Parliament

By JOHN E. BIRD  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA—Political observers say the first session of Canada's 22nd Parliament, opening next Thursday and expected to sit until June, will be one of the busiest in years.

Most controversial issues likely will be discussed when government legislation is before the Commons, but other topics will be raised by the three opposition parties. Subjects range from taxes to pensions, exploitation of natural resources to trade; security leaks to health insurance, and relations with municipalities to foreign affairs.

The Liberal government headed by Prime Minister St. Laurent has disclosed the nature of some legislation, including revision of the Bank Act which has made every 10 years, amendments to the National Housing Act and extension of gold-mining assistance. Other proposed measures will be outlined in the speech from the throne read at the opening of Parliament by Governor-General Massey.

Most of the overhauling of the Bank Act will be handled by a committee but Finance Minister Abbott may find difficulty when he is piloting the revision through the Commons.

Mr. St. Laurent has announced the Housing Act and the Bank Act will be amended in an effort to provide more low-priced houses.

Federal subsidies to gold mines will be extended a year to Dec. 31, 1954, but current rates will not be increased. Producing mines have the choice of selling on the free gold markets of the world and foregoing a subsidy or taking the subsidy and selling at the official market price of \$35 U.S. an ounce.

## Children Escape Church Fire

OSOYOOS, B.C. (CP)—Fire that broke out while the children's evening Sunday school class was in progress in the basement caused an estimated \$3,000 damage to the Osoyoos Pentecostal Church.

The children escaped uninjured. Believed to have started in the furnace room, the fire burst through the floor of the church and the vicarage, damaging the building, the piano and organ.

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## OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Generally speaking, Parliamentarians believe firmly—although in some individual cases perhaps a little reluctantly—in the truth of the old maxim that no man is irreplaceable.

It's one of the basic facts of life that their whole experience teaches them. The steady disappearance of the great public figures of each era, without major disaster following from their passing, permits no other conclusion.

Yet it may be that an exception is in the making. Right now one of Parliament's really important figures is reported to be bent upon retirement from the office he holds. And MP's and Senators who aren't accustomed to using words lightly or carelessly are saying solemnly and with sincerity that if this person quits, he really will be irreplaceable.

He is Senator Walter Morley Aseltine, in private life a lawyer from Rosetown, Saskatchewan. And the past from which he is bent on retiring—thus stirring a re-action of consternation almost as broad as Parliament itself—is Chairman of the special Divorce Committee of the Senate.

That's the most difficult job in all Parliament to fill. It's easily the most thankless. It ties its incumbent down to weeks of grinding, patient toil when his fellow-Senators may be leading a life of ease due to a lull in the legislative program. It offers no reward, financial or otherwise, for the labors it exacts. It doesn't even reward with the interest of its subject-matter. That is necessarily depressing when it isn't actually sordid.

It may be asked reasonably in the light of these facts why any

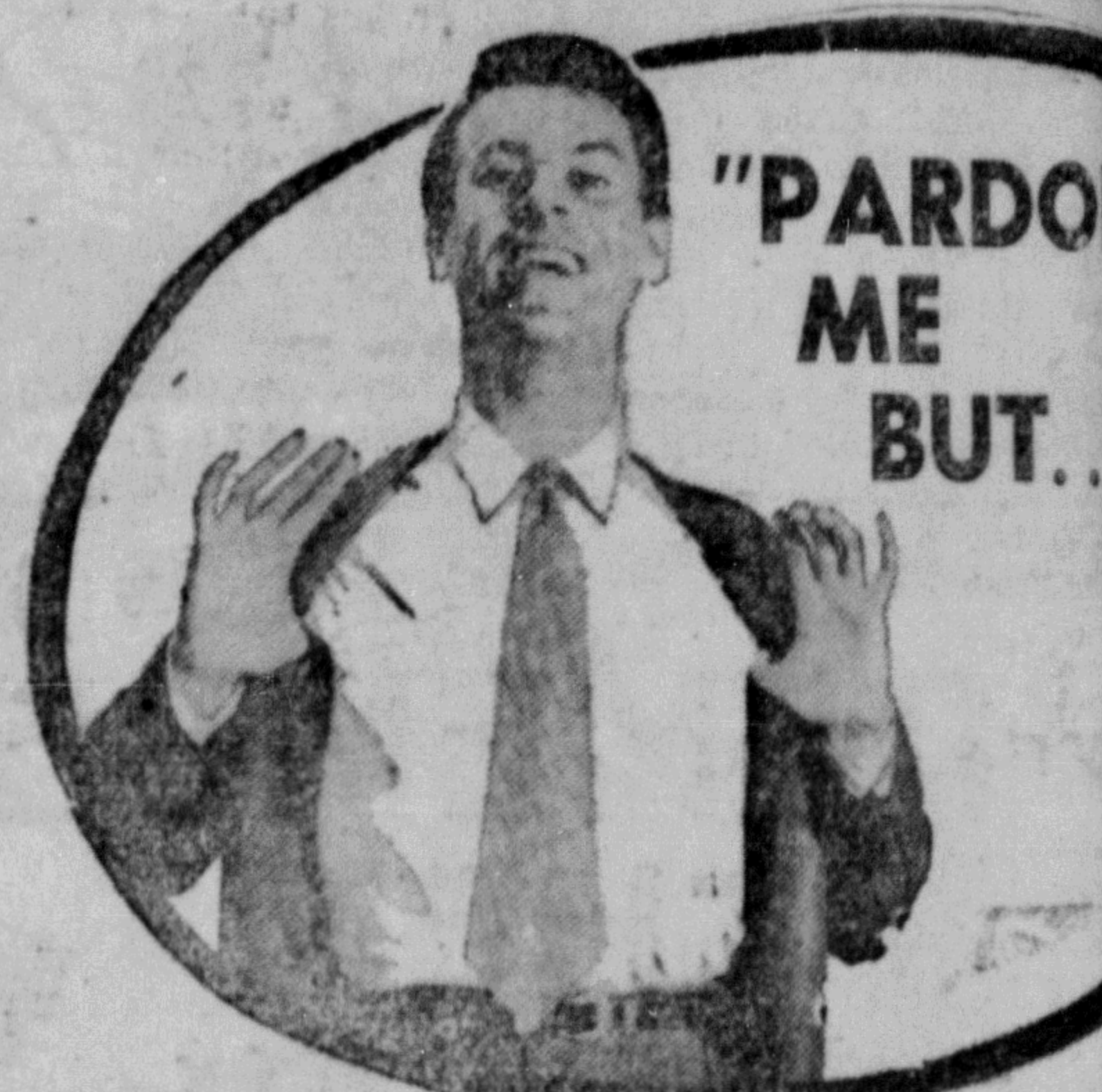
Senator ever should volunteer for the job? The answer is simply that, despite its uniformly disagreeable features, it is one of the really essential posts in Parliament. Successive Senators have been prevailed up to to assume it simply as a conscientious duty of public service.

Senator Aseltine has filled it now for five years. He considers justifiably that someone else now should take over the burden. Normally, the call would come to Senator John T. Haig, vice-chairman of the committee and also a past chairman. But Senator Haig's health will not permit him to assume the heavy work involved. The post requires a lawyer, who must also be a Protestant, since it is contrary to the conscience of a Roman Catholic lawyer to associate himself ac-

tively with the granting of divorce. Up to the present, the search of the Senate for a Protestant lawyer who is available has failed to uncover a reasonable candidate. And there are 250 divorce cases waiting to be heard at the Senate soon to open. The situation is sufficient practical importance to be causing the government concern. Senator Aseltine yet find himself that rare creature—a Parliamentarian who literally cannot be placed.

## For Horses Only

JOHANNESBURG (CP)—The first horse ambulance in South Africa was put into service here. The ambulance, owned by the SPCA, is equipped with an overhead pulley and saddle arrangement which can lift injured horses directly into the ambulance where braces and padding keep it comfortable.



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