

At present, the Canadian government has no system of Police Repairs. This is a serious omission in our national security. It is time to correct it.

Gesture To Voters

NO FEE for voter registration has been eliminated after the last property holders in local elections. It will be interesting to see what effect this will have on turnout in the fall.

But the most important proposal is progressive. However, there is still a need to the amendment that it was rejected by the House of Commons to this extent. Under the new law, the first year property taxes, payment of which is now mandatory, a citizen's right to a free vote is guaranteed. In addition, it could be pointed out that the proposed changes should not have to wait until 1966.

Concerning the abolition of the fee should be remembered that it is not only some voters, a little minority of the electorate, who in the interests of equality of opportunity, always those who can never seem to get a fair hearing, the vast majority of the press have made their voices heard.

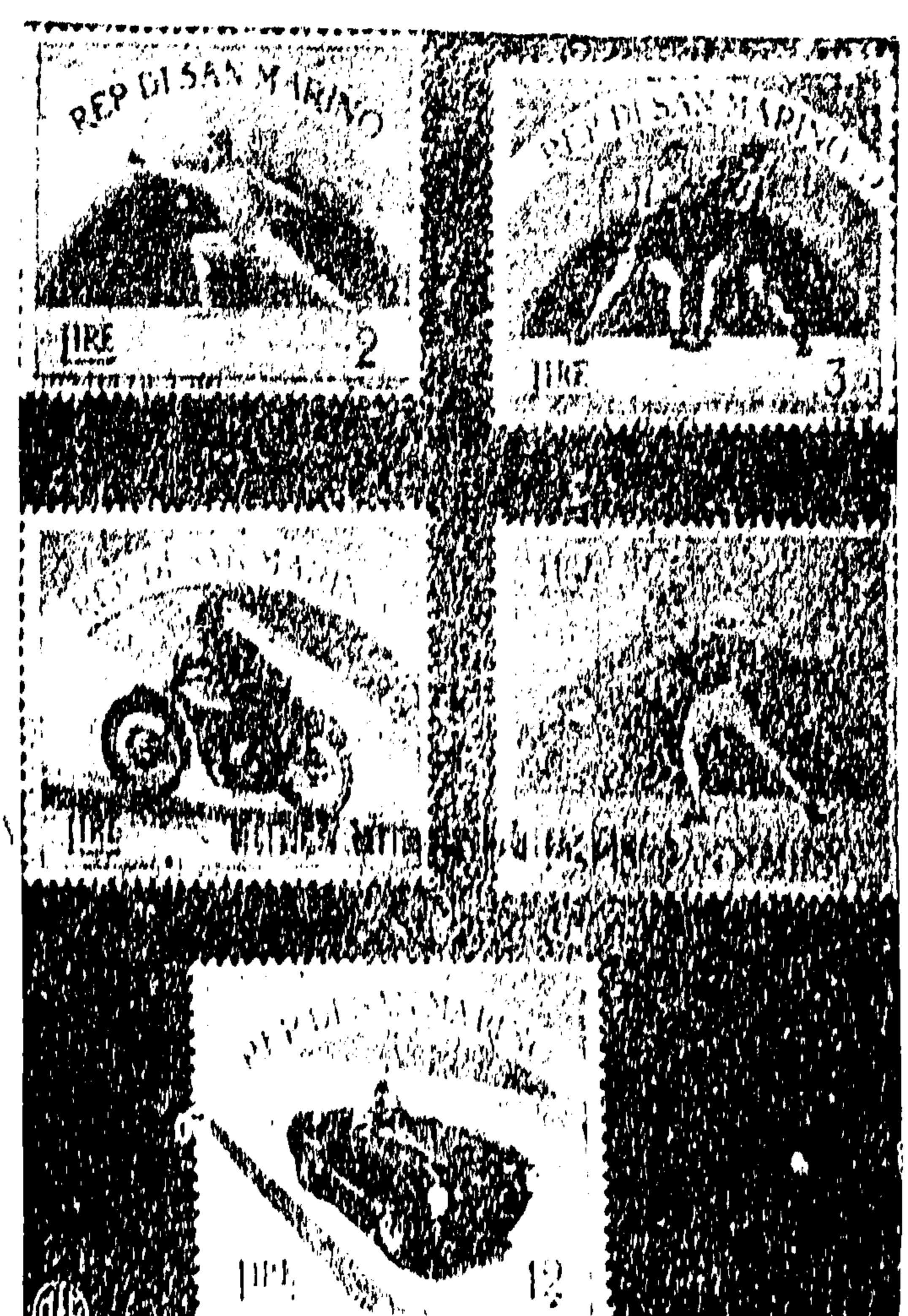
It is reasonable to conclude, however, that the majority of non-property holders will make a point of returning to the ballot box in 1966, turning out in greater numbers to vote. Electors deserve their preference to be known. That they represent the voice of the people is not a fact of nature, and should not be paid for.

Trial Balloons

A LITTLE noted item in discussion of defence matters in the House of Commons was the assertion by Prime Minister St. Laurent that newspapers would be "better advised" not to report statements attributed to unnamed officials.

Mr. St. Laurent rightly disapproves "statements attributed to high officials or to official or semi-official sources without disclosing the identity of the one who is communicating the information."

Thoughtful Canadians may, nevertheless, be forced to wonder whether the Prime Minister's suggestion that the press should not publish such statements, is entirely wise. For the press so to act as its own censor would be a denial of its responsibility to report with impartiality all the facts that come before it. The wiser course, and one consistent with the freedom and responsibility of the press, would be for Mr. St. Laurent to instruct his cabinet colleagues to desist from the practice, which has become all too common, of having unnamed high officials fly trial balloons in matters of public policy. The civil service, if its integrity is to be preserved, should also be the silent service.



NEW STAMPS FROM SAN MARINO -- Various sports are featured on the new stamps from the tiny 30-square-mile San Marino Republic, situated near Rimini, Italy. They bear a winged-wheel watermark from Mexico with a population of 1,000. Plans to be the old Latin republic having been founded in the 4th Century.

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Other Papers Say . . .

The world's daily news of the United States is denied to and restricted in speed. Many American papers were taken in when the first transatlantic cable was opened in by an English company. But even earlier for them to adopt to a later development prompted by a more modern breed of speedier and plainer telegraph.

The French are reported running the fastest news, and the British have for over a year had more speedier services in transit. Steps are now being taken to catch up. London has announced \$100,000 per month for 1951, and Britain is reported to aim at a rate of 100% capacity of 30 minutes or less to be reached in 1966.

But American travelers will have to wait that long for fast news. In the next few weeks Capital Airlines will begin the delivery of a fleet of Vanguards, English turboprop planes well tested in service which not only faster but reportedly much quieter than American transports.

Of course, American rail and air schedules have been stepping up. But it remains a mystery why no attention has not been given to speed particularly in the air. The United States is great distance, but a premium speed. And speedier ships can carry more pay loads in a given time.

For many travelers reliability and safety mean more than speed and American airline are leading in these fields. Further progress in overcoming weather problems and making schedules dependable is due. The quiet of noise, both for passengers and those living near airports, should be emphasized.

For American fully sold on air travel, anything less than named progress appears slow.

Christian Science Monitor

THEY WANT A CHANGE

With a very few exceptions (Quebec City, for instance, and Victoria, B.C.) where does the average Canadian community offer the visitor?

Answer: Old Glory, Southern fried chicken, Virginia ham and the year the late Mr. David Crockett.

Couldn't it be just possibly, maybe, perhaps, that Americans going abroad on holiday might prefer to feel that they really were in a different country, with a "foreign" flag over the hotel canopy instead of their own with habitant pea soup on the menu instead of New England clam chowder imported in the cans, with something about the Heroes of the Long Sault on the table instead of a perpetual elegy of one of their own Heroes of the Alamo, and with maybe a voyageur's costume beside in the store window for their kids to buy, instead of a certain cap imported, customized and sale-priced that they could get more cheaply at home?

— Hamilton Spectator

SPACE TRAVEL

Sir Harold Spencer Jones, director of the Greenwich observatory, is a man of great distinction in his field. He can scarcely expect to win a popularity contest, however, among the small try who have already acquired blue space helmets and gray gowns for a quick take off to Mars one points beyond.

Interplanetary travel will not be feasible, says Sir Harold, "in this century, nor in the next one, nor in the one after that."

Even a short hop to the moon would require at least a six-ton rocket and he adds, "It wouldn't have fuel enough to get back."

The Russians are not quite so pessimistic. They are considering the disposal of a radio-controlled tank to the earth's satellite. "After such a flight," says Radio Moscow, "it would be possible to consider sending a space ship with men on board."

Perhaps getting back isn't important to a regime which has made a political specialty of the way ride.

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