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Pearson's Problem

COME political observers are beginning to wonder if Lester Pearson will be the Liberal's next national leader after all. The question is raised not because of any doubt about Mr. Pearson's ability to handle the position but because an offer may come along for him to assume responsibilities more in keeping with the international stature he has at-

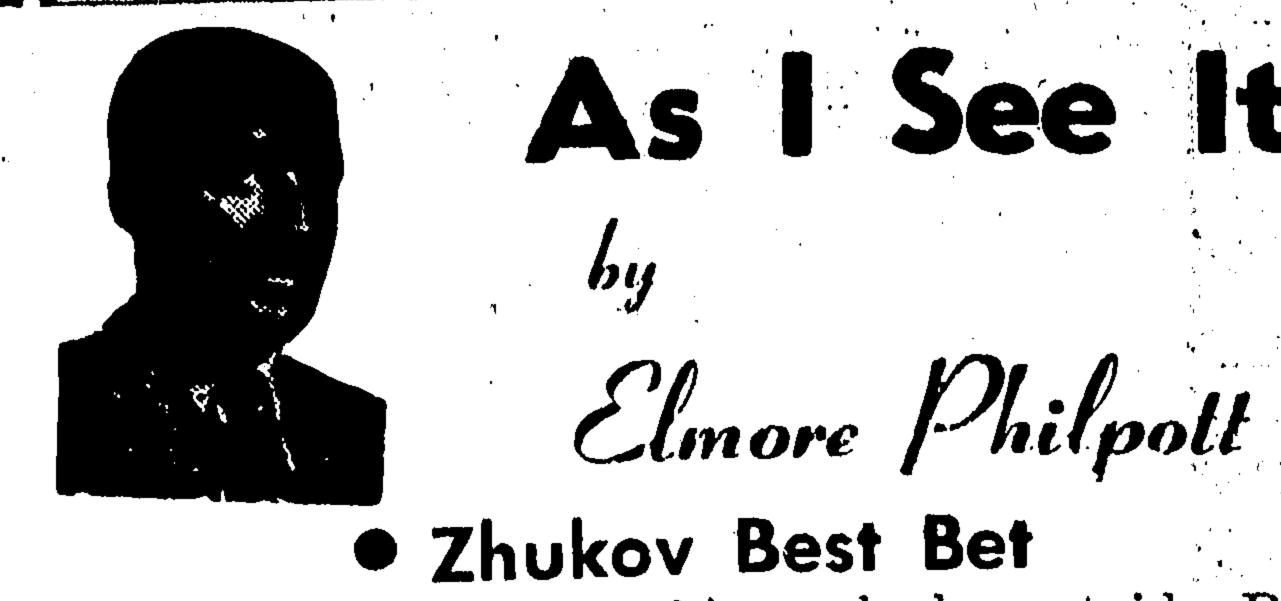
One thought is that the United Nations may once more seek his services. Now that his valuable contribution to world affairs has been recognized by a Nobel Prize award, there is no doubt that his prestige in UN work would be greater than ever before. With world events taking on an increasingly dangerous edge, there is a real place among them for such a man.

Against this is what Mr. Pearson could accomplish as opposition leader. Right now the position probably calls for more skill than it has for a long time. A kind of cold war is in progress at Ottawa in which the Beria, and generally to curtail the Kremlin, but he will have opposition must give an appearance of strength sian secret police. without precipitating an election that could reveal its weakness. The effectiveness of Canadian parliament is at stake, as well as the future of Mr. Pearson's own Liberal party. It is not a challenge from which the former external affairs minister could lightly turn if he had to make a choice one way or

Bringing Mr. Pearson's problem down to a personal level, Vancouver newspaperman Ross Munro writes: "His foray against the Conservative government's trade projects this week clearly showed he was prepared to take off his coat and swing hard." But there must be some very dismaying discouragements for him as he looks around at the immediate Liberal prospects in Canada.

"And there are times when he must look back over his shoulder to his years as a leading figure in international diplomacy. For any man's pride, it is quite a descent from the prestige and privilege of that position to being an ex-cabinet minister in the Commons, assigned a crowded and rather untidy

office in the basement of the parliament buildings.' The most difficult decision of a career marked by many big decisions may lie just ahead for Mr. Pearson.



OTTAWA-As I write this, nobody outside Russia really knows whether the Moscow announcement of the "release" of Marshall Zhukov is a good sign or

known as Stalinism.

hero has actually been given the and the Red army had the last 000,000. gate by Khrushchev, or whether word. he is to get a more important | Khruschev only emerged as top |

But it seems like a good time the other most powerful memto remind ourselves of certain bers of the ruling inner circle

Marshall Zhukov has long been down, he had the backing of the considered as the "best bet" for undisputed head of all the Red those of us who hope and pray armies. as well as work for a genuine live-and-let-live relationship be- so IF it finally becomes clear tween the west and Russia. If he goes, the world picture will dismissed Zhukov, and if t probably get much worse.

untarily or involuntarily submit IT WAS clearly due to the tem- to that dismissal we shall know por ary partnership between that Stalinism has come back to Khrushchev and Zhukov that the post-Stalin Russian governthe mass-murderer-in-chief not only the new sole master of

Again, it was. Zhukov's inter- Stalin ever employed. vention which frustrated the Molotov-Malenkov plot to restore alarmist. But I for one would

Wark Appointed To Smithers Post

VICTORIA— Appointment of Robert Wark to succeed Steve Howlett as B.C. Power Commission Manager for the Smithers-Houston-Hazelton area was announced here today by J. N. Olsen, power districts superinten-

Mr. Wark, who graduated as and from the Royal Military Col-

stay in Smithers, will leave Nov. other countries. South American city.

Special to The Daily News

an electrical engineer from the University of British Columbia lege at Kingston in 1956, has couver Island.

ive November 1.

- ALL ABOARD

have black shirts stowed in their war. nope. But every now and then opinion within the Social Credit rual convention of B.C. Social actual mechanical facts of mod-

thinly-veiled attaci: on the Jews grow. or hints at the need for control. A few years ago I spent an ism, labor unions, banks, press, These remarks, which sound two doctrinaire Social Crediters | This might have been dismissof the press.

responsible party leaders. vitation to a youngster to taste, which is all very well. "
Social Crediters who proclaim vitation to a youngster to taste, which is all very well. " themselves anti-Semetic, anti- Warning labels, which he is unintellectual and pro-censorship able to read, are no deterrent, may be only a small group, but Buch dangerous substances

cause for worry. Whenever one of these voices |_ pipes up, the listener is reminded). of some dark chapters in Social Credit history: the unlucky attempt of Alberta Social Crediters to muzzle the press; the friendship between Major C. H. Douglas, founder of Social Credit, and L the poet Ezra Pound, that mis-



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gulded genius who broadcast who tried their best to persuade knows Russia could never win How many Social Crediters over the Nazi radio during the me that all the world's troubles such a war — either quickly or in

there is a neo-Fascist bray from party today. It is milder, much Credit League launched a sharp ern war to know that nobody the lunatic fringe of the party. milder, than Hitler's kind, and it attack on Zionism, a Jewish could "win" it, and the only Far too oiten, some voice from is only a small cell, but if it is movement which he described question would be, how much the back of the hall makes a not watched, the thing could as a kind of universal viliain, and how many on each side surhour or two in argument with and radio.

ed with pained amusement as | 33 scratchy gramophone, are fluids, fuel oil, bleach or other the delegates applauded it. Soprobably heard with alarm by household liquids offer an in- Issued half-hearted disclaimers

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Although injury reports up to Setember 30 of this year were down 3%, compensation payments arising out of these Nobody knows, yet, because It is no secret that in every over last year. Total compensawe do not know whether the one of the recurring crises which tion payments so far this year Russian army leader and war follows Stalin's death, Zhukov have amounted to nearly \$16,-

> The brightest news is a reduction in the number of man in the fierce struggle with fatal injuries during the fir because, when the chips were reported compared to only 181 for the same period this year. from work of three or more days totalled 20,000. This was down "A HEALING OF GRIEF"

about 3 per cent from the corthat Khruschev has actually; responding period last year. Red army leaders and men vo

ment was able to purge itself of schev will have made himself

the iron-fisted form of rule regard the dismissal and humiliation of Zhukov by Khruschev alarming sign of recent years.

able understanding are 10 times better with men like Zhukov sitting in the seats of the mighty power in the hands of an unpredictable, ebullient and violenttempered man like Khruschev.

PEOPLE in western countries will make a great mistake if they like character than a "civilian"

Far from looking for more Commission at Duncan on Van- wars, the modern heads of the armies, navies and air forces of His new appointment is effect- the big powers are more often than not restraining influences Mr. Howlett, who has become on the more belligerent civilian a popular and effective figure in politicians. I am positive this is community affairs during his true of the Soviet Union, as in

I think Khruschev is the kind where he has been appointed as- of a hot-head who, if provoked, sistant distribution supervisor would not hesitate to plunge his for the electric utility in that country, and the rest of us, into war if he thought he could win ra quick victory.

I do not think that could ever be is true of Marshal Zhukov. for everything I have ever heard or read of him convinces me he

There is a cell of neo-Nazi Recently a delegate to the an- Zhukov knows enough of the

Q.C., said that the decline in industrial accidents was encour-

laging. He congratulated both, Habour and management for cooperating so well with the WCB's, The WCB recently increased its broaden its inspections of industrial operations.

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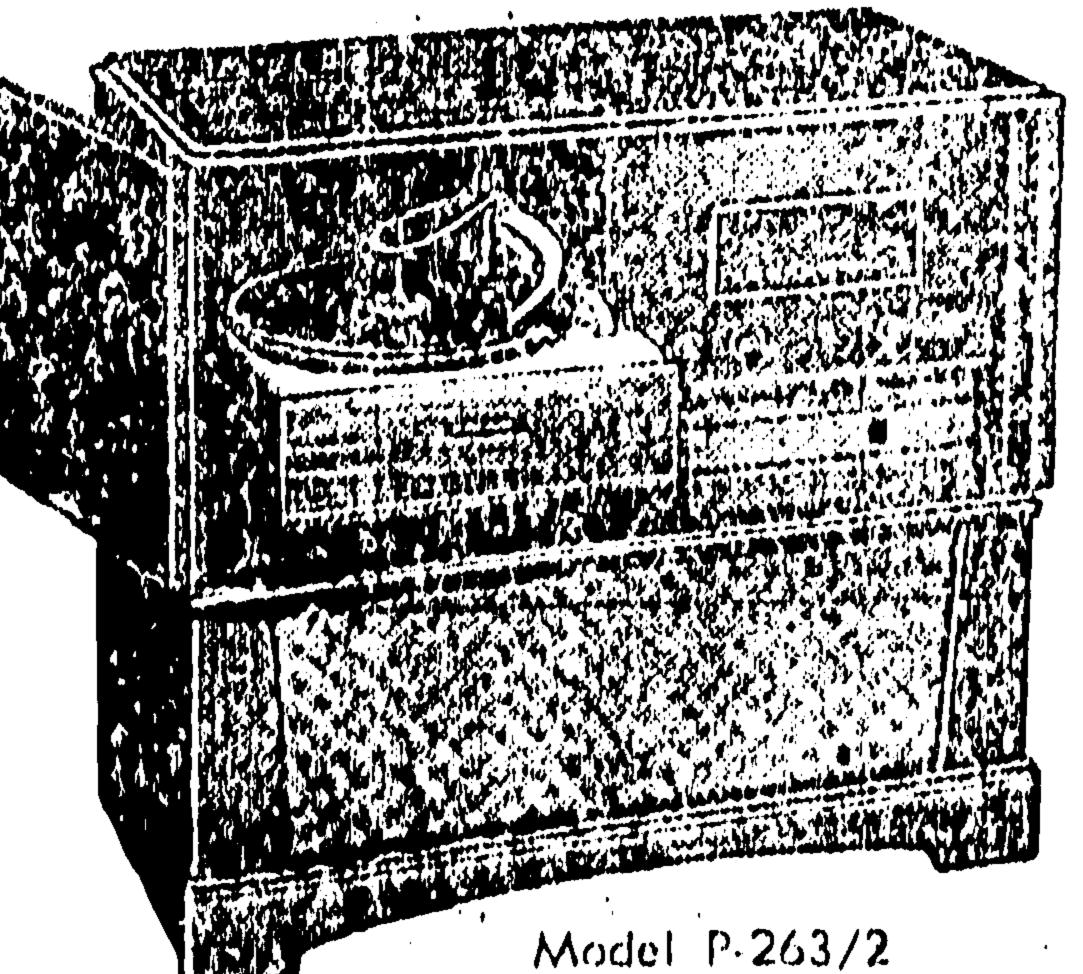
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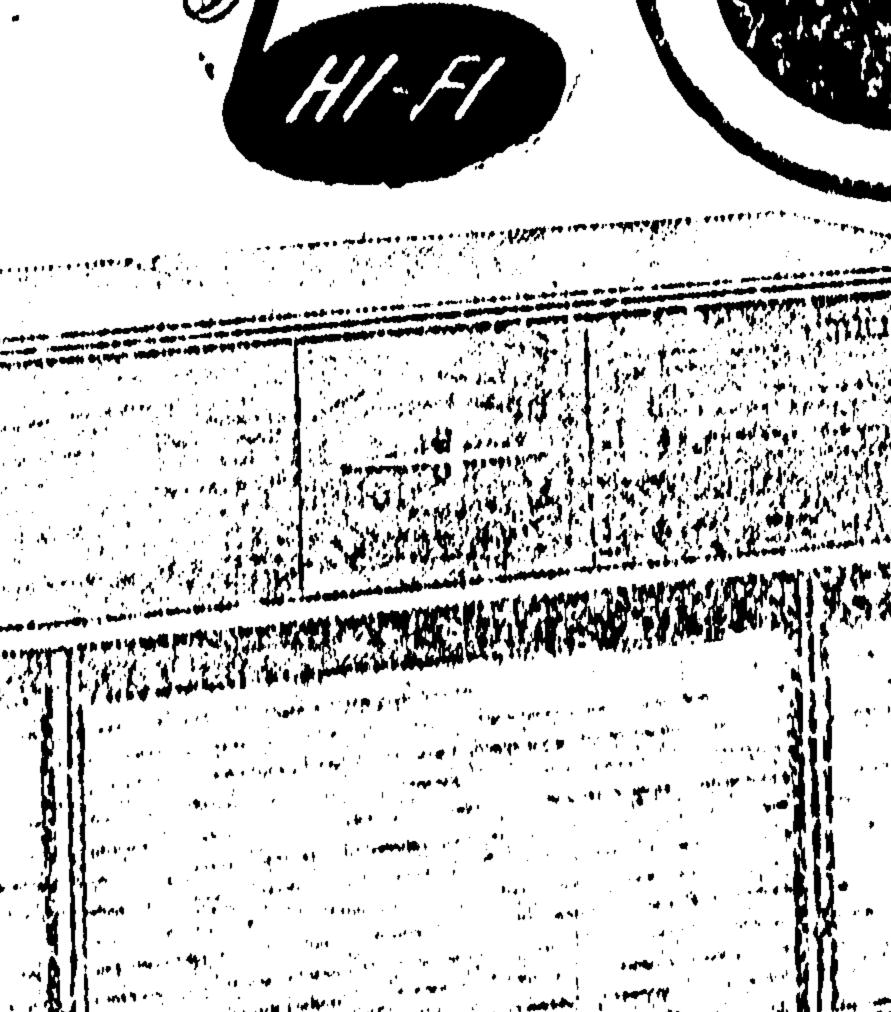


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