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Big membership needed for hospital meeting

THERE are only two days left for local residents to join the Prince Rupert General Hospital association. Friday is the last day when memberships can be taken out in the organization which annually elects members of the board which governs the hospital. The larger the membership of the hospital association the wider representation of city residents there is from which to choose the trustees of this vital community organization.

The Prince Rupert General hospital is the most important building and association in the city. It is your hospital. Your hospital is a voluntary non-profit organization devoted to human welfare. The trustee or hospital board member has very much the same function as the director of a corporation. Instead of representing stockholders he represents the community which both owns and supports the hospital and is also its customer. The fact that the "owner" and customer are the same is paralleled in commerce by a mutual savings bank or an insurance company.

The primary duty of a member of the hospital board is to ensure that the hospital has the facilities to serve the needs of the community; secondly, that it does serve the needs and thirdly that it remains solvent while it is doing it.

The first object of a hospital association is to elect an intelligent board which will have the welfare of the hospital and its patients as their sole concern. Board members cannot, should not, be swayed by petty prejudices or be influenced by any group they represent. There are only four appointed

representatives, a member from the provincial government, one from city council, one from the medical staff and one from the hospital's women's auxiliary. Those who are elected at the annual meeting represent the community and all board members must understand and believe in the ideal of the best possible care for every patient. It is the hospital association's responsibility to elect a board that will see that the hospital is supplied with not only adequate, but with the best possible, scientific equipment and skilled personnel. Since a hospital is a non-profit organization it is necessary that the charges levied for patient service are high enough to ensure efficient operation but not higher than necessary to achieve that end. The board must also be made up of members who can establish fair and reasonable personnel policies, as the life blood of a hospital is represented by those who serve it.

For these reasons it is vitally important that by Friday the largest possible number of residents join the hospital association. With a large clearthinking membership it should be possible to elect on March 28, a board which is as efficient as the present one, some of whose members' terms expire at that time.

Only by belonging to your hospital association can you the members give direction to the board and discuss problems that might have accrued during the past year or may be forseen for the coming year. A large membership and a good turnout at the annual meeting is essential.

Less coddling for hooligans, hoodlums

MR. William J. Stewart, M.P.P., former Speaker of the Ontario Legislature and former mayor of Toronto, is a man of sound judgment and wide experience. His statements therefore should carry weight. He advocates corporal punishment for young hooligans in schools, and the lash for other hoodlums. He believes coodling of youngsters is the reason for so many getting into trouble.

This may seem a harsh approach. But Mr. Stewart simply wants these young thugs taught a lesson. He also

believes in a probation system, to help those who do get into serious trouble to get re-established.

His statements seem to tie in with those of an authority who recently attributed the incidence of juvenile delinquency to a breakdown of authority in the homes. He cites countries where the fathers still are the unchallenged heads of families, and exercise disciplinary measures, as having little problem with delinquency.

-Windsor Star.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

U.S. still far behind Russia in space conquest

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

The successful launching of a second United States earth satellite is a matter for rejoicing but still leaves the U.S. behind Russia in the conquest of outer space.

. It follows a number of well-publicized failures. Russian space plans, in contrast, appeared to run smoothly although there is no way for the West to know about Soviet failures—possibly many, but hidden.

Russia put up its Sputnik I Oct. 4, then followed with the sensationally-large dog-carrying Sputnik II Nov. 3. The U.S. has not yet tried to match that feat.

Since Sputnik II, Russia has made no successful launchings but has "bargained from strength" in the diplomatic field as the leader In space science, not only in Sputniks but, far more ominously, in intercontinental ballistic missiles.

This is the most important single factor in the Russian approach to summit talks with the West. The International Geophysical Year, which was supposed to be the basis for satellite attempts, has retreated well into: the background in the face of this celestial power play.

The United States now has two satellite success out of five attempts. Explorer I was sent into orbit Jan. 31 by the U.S. army after the shattering initial failure of the navy Vanguard project Dec. 6. The navy goofed again Fob. 5 and the army failed in its second chance March 5.

Other planned launchings were interrupted before blast-off when technical faults occurred. It is reported reliably that on one occasion, a Vanguard launching had to be given up simply because a technician wasn't at his post to make

a routine correction. On another occasion, a piece of plumbing was found installed back-

The U.S. now has two satellites whirling in space, while Russia has only one. Sputnik I fell some time ago and Sputnik II, with its dog long since dead, apparently is nearing the end of its life.

The U.S. has been handicapped by Russla's head-start in Sputniks, and also by a strident inter-service rivalry, with the army, navy and air force battling for priority in space projects. At times this hassle has seemed as bitter as

the U.S.-Russia race. It also appeared that President Elsenhower and many of his high advisers were caught flatfooted by the surge of public indignation that broke over them when the news came out that Russia was ahead.

They were dismayed by the impact of the news on the people of the U.S. -and elsewhere . -- and fumbled their chance to give immediate energetic and clear-cut direction to American efforts.

Scientists say the new race is to the moon. State Secretary Dulles is accused in some quarters of failing to realize the prestige value of this enterprise.

Generally, however, the U.S. has turned to space with characteristic vigor and with numarous rocket launchings rich in scientific yield despite some failures. The army expects to put up a dozen or so moons this year, and Vanguard also will fire a few small test moons as well as the full-instrumened satellite that has been planned since 1955.



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Two Romeos and Juliet

Both major parties making bid for Quebec votes

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL

Canadian Press Staff Writer QUEBEC (M—In 18 of the 23 federal elections since Confederation the party that carried Quebec formed the government in Ottawa.

With that record as a backdrop, Canada's two major political parties are making ; concerted bid to woo from Quebec the key to victory in the March 31 election.

At stake are the province's 75 seats in the 265-member House of Commons. The Liberals, winners of 13 of the 23 elections since 1867 largely as a result of overwhelming Quebec support, have candidates in each of the 75 constituencies. So have the Progressive Conservatives who only twice since 1896 have been able to win a sizable number of Quebec seats.

The CCF and Social Credit parties, comparative newcomers to the province, have fewer than 25 candidates each. COLORFUL HISTORY

The campaign has been waged quietly in a province whose colorful political history covers the violence of anti-conscription riots, open verbal warfare between church officials and statesmen, and jubilation over the election of two French - Canadian prime ministers.

For one of the few times since Confederation, the election or defeat of "favorite son" candidates is not an issue. Prime Minister John Diefenbaker and Liberal Leader Lester B. Pearson are both Protestant natives of neighboring

Their Quebec lieutenants are men still cutting their political eye teeth. None has yet reached the stature that Sir Georges Etienne Cartier, a father of Confederation, did alongside Sir John A. Macdonald, None claims to match the flamboyant oratory or wield the power of the late Mackenzie King's famous Quebec triumvirate-Lapointe-Cardin-Power.

Former prime minister St. Laurent has retired from pol-

Something Canadian

From the Sault Ste. Marie Star Most of the goods sold to tourists in Canada are imported. It is high time that wo produced something distinctly Canadian and proferably with a strong Ontario or Algoma look about it.

Arming the infants From the Brantford Expositor Cashing in on the cowboy togs among small fry, a Pennsylvania woman has patent-

ed a diaper with a holster on

each thigh, For babes in

French Fries are marvalous ities and has not participated in the campaign.

This time, too, say political observers, the issues -- trade, unemployment, taxation and world peace—are not comparable to those which roused predominantly French-speaking Roman Catholic Quebecers to fever pitch and led them to vote overwhelmingly in favor of one party in other elections.

FAMOUS ISSUES

For instance, only rarely is reference made to conscription, the Riel rebellion, the separate school question, or

imperialism, all issues that split the nation in times of : war and peace, dating back to Confederation.

In some of his campaign speeches in Quebec Mr. Diefenbaker hinted he will increase Quebec's representation in the cabinet if his Progressive Conservative government is reelected with strong support.

At Rimouski he said: "You have it in your power--and I know that you understand me well when I say this-to surround me with the talented lieutenants I need to direct the destinies of our country."

LETTER BOX

NO INDIAN VOICE The Editor,

The Daily News, For 90 years, we the Cana-

dian Indians, have shown our loyalty while the rest of the dark races of our great Empire have been revolting against our mother country.

We have shouldered arms to help keep Canada's independence against the United States in 1812 and done more than our share in two world wars.

Yet with our political pots boiling over, Canadian Indians are just looking on from behind the totem pole curtains

on their Indian reserves. often wonder what is wrong with us, that we are denied citizenship rights. Do we lack the required education, the sense of responsibility, the

initiative, the ambitton? When. I look around at our people, It can't be.

Take Frank Calder, for instance, our former MLA" who hopes to be one again. He has no vote in the March 31 federal election.

Why object to Communist countries' actions when we cannot participate in choosing. the government that will decide our destiny?

Ivan Adams Prince Rupert ...

Real puzzle

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