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Liberals' Task Not So Easy

NOW that the hysterical hoopla of the Liberal convention, the biggest political jamboree to which Canada has yet been treated through television, radio and press, has faded away, it is interesting to review the results.

Without a doubt Liberals from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland whipped themselves into a "on-tovictory" frenzy that has them believing that the Conservative government is as good as back in the Opposition benches. Hardly a speaker that addressed the gigantic voncention in Toronto failed to refer to the victorious candidate as the future prime minister of Canada and once Lester B. Pearson's predicted landslide victory had occurred he was termed the "next prime minister."

All to the good. Optimism, courage and determination are attributes to be admired. At the same time it is possible that the Liberals are underestimating the Canadian people. It would not seem logical that the Canadian people, especially those in Quebec, whose power counts for so much, should forget so easily. Both Mr. Pearson and leadership candidate Paul Martin were wrapped over the knuckles for slights to the Quebec delegates and while a tremendous ovation was given former prime minister Louis St. Laurent, his "grandpappy" magic that once held so much charm failed to win his party the election last June. Also given the brush off at the Toronto convention were the Young Liberals from whom the party expects to gain its strength and its future leaders. In fact the dissension evident throughout the convention should be a warning to the Liberal hierarchy to mend its fences without delay if it wishes to present a solid front to the Canadian voters.

Already, the Liberal policy makers are shying away from an early election, lest the Conservatives complain that they were not given a chance to prove their worth. That gives the Liberals two chances. Either the Conservatives will go ahead and overcome The Editor, their present problems, and they certainly have the Daily News them, and establish a bridgehead that the Liberals will not be able to breach; or the Liberals will just have to wait until a sufficiently large chink in the Tory armor appears and they are given an obvious chance to defeat the government.

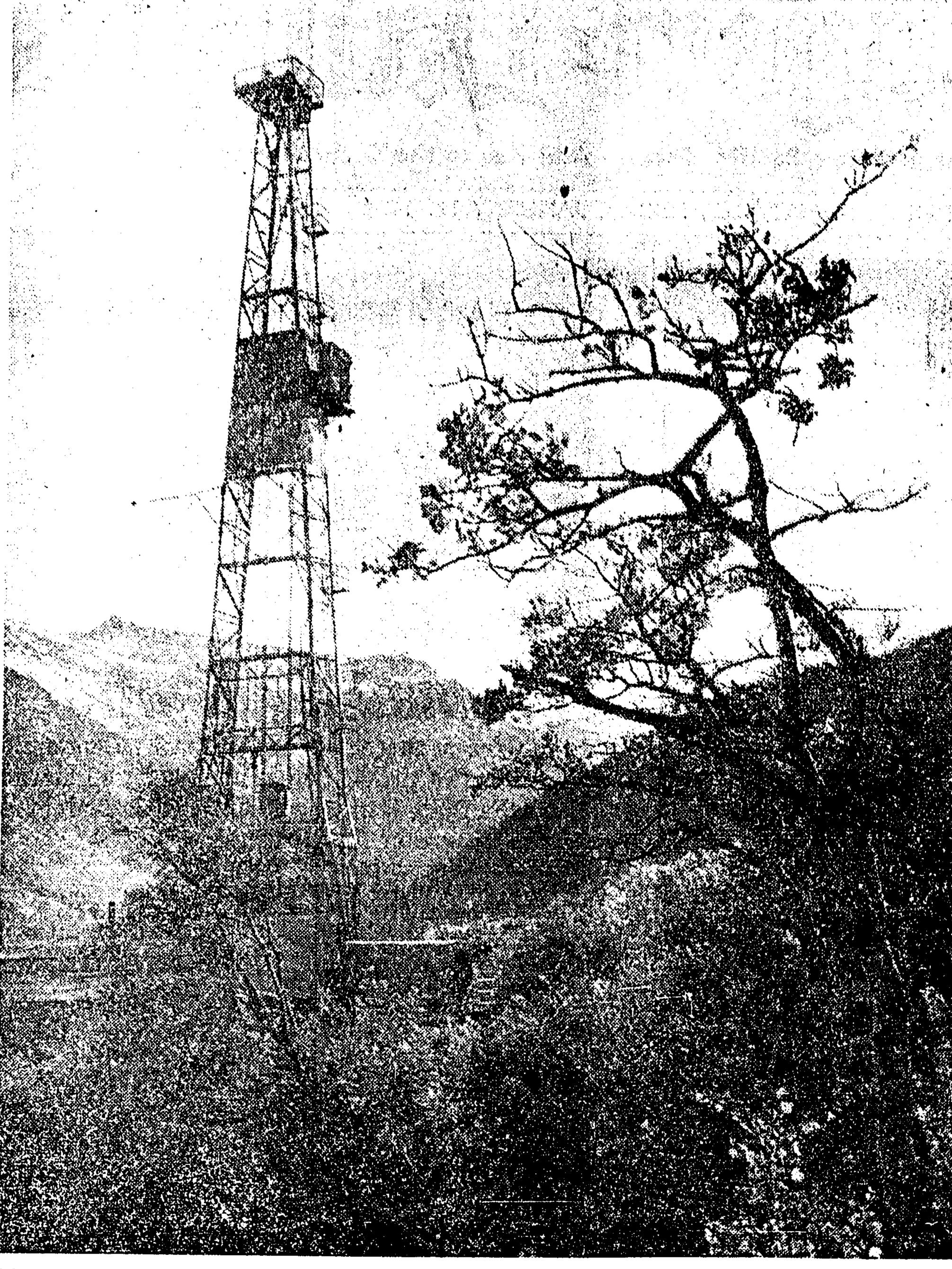
Even the most ardent Liberal supporter cannot credit the Tories with causing the present unemployment situation. It was sighted early last Fall, and if anything, grew out of Canada's levelling off economy which had soared under the Liberal regime. There is still a chance that Canada may be exempted the U.S. oil restrictions if the Americans review the curbs after the vigorous Conservative protest made Wednesday.

As to the rest, the Liberals are acting as a good opposition should. It is a role, (admitted on the convention flatform,) for which they were fitted for awhile after their two decades in office. However, even with Mr. Pearson's magnetism, comparable as at may be to that of Prime Minister Diefenbaker during the last election, the Liberals are not going to return to power as easily as they believe. The hatred and fury unleashed at the convention far surpassed any heard during the last election campaign and after six months it would appear unjustified to many Canadians,

There is the thought too, that while a brilliant gliplomat and undisputed man of the year and of peace, Mr. Pearson could suffer the same fate as Sir Anthony Eden. Sir Anthony too was unmatched in the diplomatic field. He was found lacking as a party leader as well as a prime minister. The parallel is something Canadians should ponder seriously.



IT'S ON THE CARDS - Delogates, committee members, officinls and the press have been wearing various identifiestion cards and ribbons at the current Liberal convention in Ottawa, Here Mrs. Resalind Boyd of Liberal headquarters shows off some of the cards and ribbons. (CP Photo)



ETTERBOX

POOR LIGHTING

I would like to know how many accidents have to occur in one small section of our city before something is done to prevent injury and loss of life. I refer to the inadequate lighting in the vicinity of 6th Ave. and Me-Bride. The death of one man as a result of an accident on January 13 and the injury susained by my husband's mother three years ago in very nearly the same spot is surely enough, and maybe there were more that I have not heard about.

that the street lighting committee of the City Council are dighting system for our city streets but one would wonder, not be creeted in the danger shown by those answers hold year, and 51 per cent that Can-

There is no point in waiting untill several more accident oc-, car in these danger spots before doing something about the? problem. I'm sure not one of us, trend of the thinking. drivers' or pedestrians, feel like

tempting death whenever we go only 20 per cent of the quiz out, and that's just what we are: (doing, travelling in some of the darker sections of this city,

lighting on Sixth avenue and will not. are used by a great many chil- The other 91 per cent say no. visibility is practically nil.

I hope that city council whilwise. and pedestrians to be careful is per cent calculate it will be gard to Louis St. Laurent, not enough, we must also have lower. light to see with.

> Yvonne Schneffer. Prince Rupert.

The Editor, The Dally News

this kind net.

pace in your paper to thank cer this year. he person very much who turn-

> Sincerely, Mrs. R. Ford, Prince Rupert.

Friendly Trip

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INDUSTRY IN NATURE — Further evidence of a large gasbearing structure in the extreme southwest corner of Alberta was obtained with the successful testing of Shell Oil's Waterton No. 2 wildcat well. Situated four miles southeast of Shell's discovery well, Waterton No. 1 which was completed last April, the new well flowed wet gas at the rate of 3.1 million cubic feet per day during a recent drill stem test at a depth of about 11,000 feet. The new gas structure is approximately parallel to the Pincher Creek gas field, located about ten miles to the east, and may prove to be larger. The wells are on an exploration reservation covering 201,253 acres.



As I See It

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THE answers on the two final

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VICTORIA (h - A Joint in-

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Hulry by the federal and provin-

lans at the turn of the year.

It is understood by most of us A GREAT many people have already answered my "taking an awful chance . . annual Beard of the Prophet quiz. If experience they could blow up a whole working toward an adequate in earlier years is a good guide, the answers will keep block.

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Heve that there will be another: McBride 8t, that I am sure we! About nine percent of the parare all most concerned about is $\{ ext{ticipants predict} \mid ext{that} \mid ext{Princess} \}$ federal election this year. the fact that these crosswalks Margaret will be married in 1958. John Diefenbaker will still be b dren going to school in the Canadians seems pessimistic Prime Minister of Canada on;

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There has been a slight de- MLA for MacKenzle.

Elmore Philpott

Quiz Shows Trends

coming in for several more weeks.

otherwise.

The actual answers this year Just 53 per cent of the quiz answers believe that President? Eisenhower will still be on the

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international tension.

MERRITTON, Ont. (P-Anton- cline in optimism over recognitnearby Niagara-on-the-Lake. same question a few years ago, ships Limited services. INTERPRETING THE NEWS

U.K. "Resignation Crisis" Blamed On Cabinet Disputes

By ALAN HARVEY

Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON (CP)—The issues in Britain's "resignations crisis" now seem fairly clear.

Two main points emerge from Tuesday night's speech by Peter augurated last September. Phorneycroft explaining why he The next round in the "resigresigned as chancellor of the ex-

ary estimates totalling some £200,000,000 (\$56,000,000 covering extra expenditure in 1957-58.

The other is that defence outlays played as big a part in the financial dispute as did social services. In trying to prune government expenditure, Thorney- NO REVOLT

UNTOUCHABLE ITEM

Originally, the point at issue | He disowned any idea of leadin the resignation of Thorney- ing a revoit in the Conservative matter of £50,000,000.

portrayed as intent on slashing or prefers to let things drift. an item which some regard as politically untouchable, while majority in the cabinet favored a more flexible policy.

From Thorneycroft's speech, and hints dropped by political commentators, it seems apparent that the motivating factors in the three-ply resignations were broader than first suggested.

FELT ISOLATED Some insiders suggest that the first deadlock occurred over defence, with Sandys threatening to resign if his estimates were pared down. When a similar impasse developed on social services, Thorneycroft and his treasury aides felt they were isolated in the cabinet, and that they could no longer pursue the tough financial policies they in-

Do-It-Yourself Rocket Ban Imposed

Vancouver O - A federal explosive inspector has ordered an immediate stop to building and firing of home-made rockets. William B. Paton, explosives inspector for Western Canada, said here Thursday: "If it isn't stopped at once there will be presecutions. Amateur rockets

are illegal under the Explosives He said young people who mix rocket fuels and fire milliles are

nations crisis" will occur next month. Publication of the sup-One is that fresh fireworks can plementary estimates will disbe expected within the next few close extra sums to cover higher weeks. These will come when the pensions, compensation for government tables supplement- Egyptian refugees and deficiency payments to farmers.

> These supplementary estimates can be described as the submerged part of the monetary! iceberg on which the Thorney- Rev . A.H. Sovereign, 76-yearcroft bark really foundered.

croft obviously fought two losing | "I don't know what the future battles-the first against De-may hold for me, but I thank fence Minister Duncan Sandys, God I had the strength to make the second on the issue of such the decision I did make," Thorwelfare services as family allow- neveroft said Tuesday night to constituents at Newport, Monmouthshire,

croft and his two chief treasury party. The significance of his officials, Enoch Powell and Niget speech is probably that it will ! Birch, was said to be a mere land to a growing debate on the broad question of whether the The figure covered certain so-government is really in earnest cial services. Thorneycroft was about strengthening the pound, 615 - 3rd Ave. W. Phone 3329

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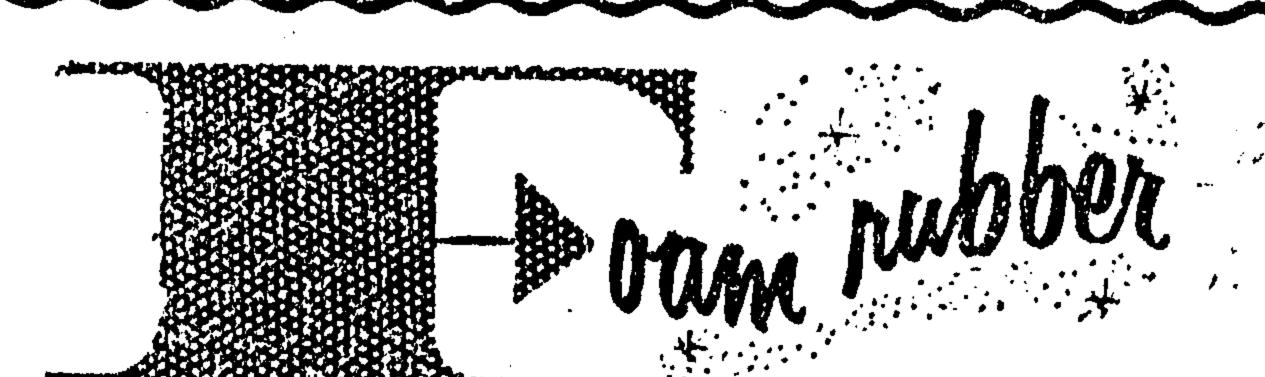
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