

THE EVENING TELEGRAM

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ODIOUS COMPARISONS AND BASE APPEALS.

The Mail and Advocate are unceasing in odious comparisons of Mr. J. R. Bennett with Sir Michael Cashin, representing the former as the inferior in ability and forcefulness, and a make-believe leader of the Opposition, to cover the actual leadership by Sir Michael.

The capacity and fitness of Sir Michael Cashin is so undeniable that it makes plausible this crafty propaganda, and yet if it were true that Mr. Bennett is inferior in any quality to Sir Michael, it would not logically follow that he is thereby unfit for leadership, or in any degree subordinate to his able colleague.

Suppose it to be true that in any cabinet or party the acknowledged leader is not the strongest man in it, in will or capacity, the most experienced, or in any other way the best qualified, is it, therefore, to be concluded that he is not suitable for high position? Lloyd-George, with Asquith, was the greater man, but Asquith was fit for his post.

To reason with the Mail and Advocate upon this point is, of course, not worth the effort, since they are not speaking conscientiously, but with wanton malice. In 1919 the Squires-Coaker Party waxed fat by appeals to sectarianism, on the ground that the leader of the Government was a Roman Catholic, and the success of that year from such base appeals, the same party seeks now to duplicate, by representing Sir Michael as the real, and Mr. Bennett as the nominal leader only, of the Opposition Party.

The News quotes a public message sent to the outports in which "Cashin is Leader" is actually said, and another in which a belief in his dominance is sought to be created by referring to the fact that his brilliant son-in-law is a candidate in one district, and his capable son in another, as though it were a crime that any member of the Cashin family should devote his ability to the good of his country.

In truth, it has come to this, that to keep the accused appeal to sectarianism out of a political contest in this Colony, while the Squires-Coaker Party exists, it seems to be essential that Sir Michael Cashin and his family and relatives to the uttermost degree, being Roman Catholics and virile men, shall forego their rights under the law as citizens and free men, and go into silence and oblivion.

We are persuaded that the Protestant people of this Colony will repel and resent these most insulting and loathsome appeals to their supposed ignorant prejudices.

As for the Roman Catholic electors, they could hardly be forgiven if they failed to be indignant and resentful for the attack upon their faith which is implied in this scoundrelous campaign. The attacks upon Sir Michael Cashin and his colleagues to which we are referring, rightly construed, are attacks upon each and all of them, because they are what they are.

It would be safer, perhaps, and it would certainly be pleasanter, if these attacks and their significance could be ignored, and there will certainly be many to say of this protest, "what cannot be cured should be endured." Cannot it be cured? Are there no influences on either side, no men of light or leading, no voices that can thunder, "stop it," so voicing general public indignation and reprobation that it shall stop at once.

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Vessel Reported.

OVER THE TOP MAKING FOR HALIFAX.

Yesterday a message was received from S.S. Brecon which reported speaking to the schooner "Over the Top," making for Halifax.

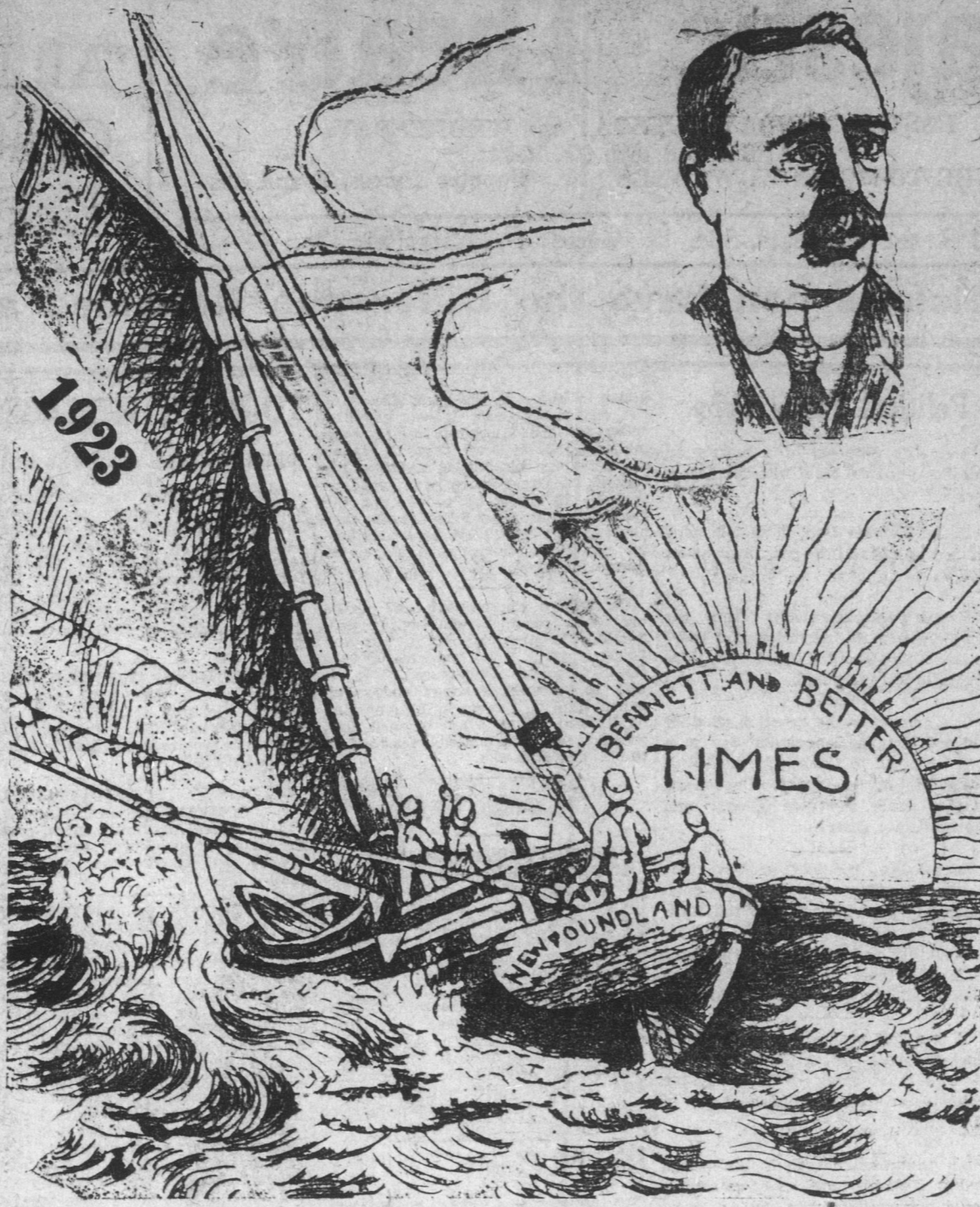
is bound here from Barbados has been unable to make the Newfoundland Coast owing to ice conditions. She is bringing a cargo of molasses for W. A. Munn.

AT THE BALSAM. The following are guests at Balsam Place:—Mrs. S. F. Parsons, Bay Roberts; Mrs. J. Gordon, Bay Roberts.

Est Mrs. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.

NEWARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.

HOPE AHEAD



The men of Newfoundland, weary of the bungling of their late skippers, Squires and Coaker, decide upon a new captain.

PROCLAMATION.

St. John's, S.S. To All Whom It May Concern: GREETING!

WHEREAS in the month of November of the year of Our Lord Nineteen hundred and nineteen a majority of the people of this Colony did by their votes elect Richard Anderson Squires, William Ford Coaker, and other self-announced reformers to the House of Assembly, and entrusted them with full and adequate power and authority to reform the laws which they had promised without reservation or condition;

AND WHEREAS after three years of opportunity, and exercise of unrestrained authority, none of the said promised reforms have been put in force, nor in manner whatsoever even attempted;

AND WHEREAS the good boon of Government by a representative and deliberative Assembly, and by an Executive Council responsible thereto, has in truth and in practice been wholly set aside, by highhanded disregard of the Assembly by this present Government, and by the presence in the Assembly of persons not freely elected by the body of the people, but chosen as delegates merely of self-regarding groups thereof.

AND WHEREAS by the imposition and enforcement of illegal rules and regulations, for the which no Mandate was ever given by the people of the polls, the present Government did violently lay hands upon the ancient trade and vested interests of the country, and by their evil contrivance did seriously damage the same, and go near to destroying it utterly, whereby the whole people of the Colony have been damaged in their affairs, and have been brought to destitution in many cases, and in not a few cases to the very verge of starvation;

AND WHEREAS contrary altogether to their pledges in this respect, the aforesaid persons have greatly increased expenditures upon useless and worthless public works and services, immensely expanded the Public Debt, and thereby the overburdening burden upon the people, and at the same time have grievously and unbearably increased the taxation upon food, clothing and all the bare necessities of life, as well as upon their comforts and luxuries;

AND WHEREAS by far the greater part of the earning power of the Colony comes from the fishery, which

therefore pays the taxation of the Colony, and governs the happiness and prosperity of merchant, fisherman and laborer alike, wherefore the whole people are bound together by a common cause, and should unitedly strive for the same great end.

AND WHEREAS without reform in the public service, and reduction in expenditure and taxation, the fishery business cannot longer be profitably pursued (so that the livelihood of the whole people is presently threatened), and no such reform or reduction can reasonably be expected from men who have grievously misgoverned for more than three years.

AND WHEREAS it has been announced and declared by the said William Ford Coaker, then an actual member of the Government, and now its Overlord and Master, that the ancient trade in the purchase and export of fish, if he and his colleagues be returned to power, is to be taken out of the control of those persons in the Colony who in manners whereof the memory of men runneth not to the contrary, now carry it on, and placed under the sole charge and control of a committee appointed by him and his colleagues;

AND WHEREAS the mere threat from such a quarter of such an interference with the methods of doing business, and with vested interests, has already paralyzed enterprise, and suspended supplying until the threatened danger is overpast; and the change itself, if put into force, would completely and permanently destroy all existing business enterprises, and result in the complete destruction of the prosperity of the Colony and the wholesale emigration of its people.

Now Know Ye,

- 1. That all good and loyal people are hereby urged to take due and serious notice thereof.
2. That no considerable or general outfitting or supplying for the fishery can or will take place until the dangers now threatening have been safely past.
3. That the danger can be avoided in no other way than by the complete and signal defeat at the polls in the approaching elections of all Government candidates.
4. That in no other way can reasonable hope be entertained for reduced expenditures, or for other essential reforms.

WHEREFORE we earnestly and in all good faith and kindly spirit urge and beseech you to join with us, and for the common good of all people of this Colony, in one great effort to return to power and authority an administration that will drastically reduce public expenditure, will lower

the tariff of customs duties so that the fishery may be remuneratively carried on, and will give a guarantee by its composition that the vested interests and good practices of the business of the country will not be violently interfered with, and to drive from place and power a Government that has violated all pledges, that has pursued all bad practices, that has squandered and mismanaged the public money, and the continued existence of which would be a tragedy for the Colony.

Of which all persons concerned are requested to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under our hands and seals, in the Colony of Newfoundland, this day of March, 1923, by

The Supplying and other Merchants engaged in the Export, Import and Manufacturing trades of the Colony, and all other good men and true, lovers of their country, who allow their intellects and consciences to govern their conduct.

Solid for Bennett Party.

TRINITY TEAM AT WHITBOURNE. Whitbourne, April 2nd.—(Special.) An enthusiastic meeting was held here to-night by Stone, Bradley and Hodder. The speakers were cheered to the echo. Whitbourne is solid for the Bennett party.

- WILLIAM KENNEDY.
AARON HUTCHINGS.
AMBROSE HUTCHINGS.
ISAAC REID.
PETER WESTPAS.
E. CHIPMAN.
JOSEPH CLARKE.
JOHN GUSHUE.
ARCH DROVER.
R. HUTCHINGS.

McMurdo's Store News.

TUESDAY, April 3. McKesson's Compound Stretcher of Zinc should not be confused with Talcum Powders, though it is used for somewhat the same kind of purpose—that of preventing chafing and soreness of the skin, and for sore and abraded surfaces. Compound Stretcher Zinc has much greater absorbent qualities than talcum powders, and for infants, and adults who perspire freely it will be found of the highest value as a means of keeping the skin dry and cool, and prevent rubbing and rawness. Price 45 cents a tin.
Gail's Digestive Syrup is of great value in constipation and liver trouble. It strengthens the digestive organs. Price 50 cents a bottle.

Overdue Vessel Reported

"ADMIRAL DRAKE" SPOKEN TO. The glad tidings that the schooner Admiral Drake has been spoken to, was conveyed in the following message received this forenoon by Messrs. A. B. Rendell:—"S. Avant, Jards reports vessel Admiral Drake in Lat. 44.30; Lon. 53.18 West." The Admiral Drake is 62 days out from New York with a cargo oil for this port.

Now Isn't This so, Friend Voter?

Listen, fellow ordinary man! Can you recollect any previous Government which has ever paid so little attention to the representatives and the needs of the people as has the Squires, Campbell and Coaker Government.

There has never in all the history of Newfoundland politics been an administration, the members of which, barricaded themselves from the general public. No previous Government ever lost touch with the people and displayed a lack of interest in their requirements and needs, as that which has been in charge of the country's affairs for the past three and one half years.

This after all, is only as it should be expected. The people might easily know that Squires would like to spend about six out of every twelve months away from his office, and that he had a mania for touring the American continent and living in England at swell hotels, running up huge bills as the expense of the overburdened and groaning tax payers of his native land. Now isn't that so, friend voters? Yet he tells us he literally was on the job, day and night and "ever ready to hear the common man as patiently and as courteously as if he ranked amongst the most prominent on the land."

The common man I thank you, fancy the Prime Minister condescending to have an interview with the common man. Possibly he is talking of his 1919 campaign, at that time he secured some common votes, but after that no more heart to heart chats for Sir R.A.S. Why, even the chosen few only knew he was in the land of the living by the post cards, and daily mirrors that from time to time he sent from over the water. Verily it is to laugh, when we read that he was always "at home to the common man." Then we are told how Doctor Campbell bothered himself with the people's problems and the people's needs. This man, I thank you, the genial organizer of the Squires' Campaign in 1919 and defeated candidate appointed to the Dumping Chamber "as Coaker was wont to term the Legislative Assembly) and given a seat by Squires and Coaker in the Executive Government actually tells the country he bothered with the people's problems and the people's needs. What an act of charity for a highly paid Minister of the Crown to do his duty. Don't worry, Doc, you will never be bothered with the people's troubles, problems, and needs after a few more weeks. St. John's West has your measure, they all know what you said on the day of the Bay de Verde Bye-Election and if they don't there are men on your committee today who can tell them. If they are men, they will do it. What did Campbell say? Who didn't vote for him? Why was he not elected in 1919? Well, Polling Day will tell the tale, after that no more bother for Doc Campbell, isn't that so, gentlemen electors of St. John's West?

Listen, Fellow Ordinary Man, another member of the Government that was conspicuous by his absence for long periods from his office was none other than Mr. Coaker. It is common knowledge that this man Coaker travelled extensively in Canada, West Indies, England, and the Continent of Europe, and his impressions abroad, written in his diaries will go down in history side by side in the same book and on the same pages, as will be written his Fishery Regulations which ruined the trade and commerce of Newfoundland. If Coaker had been in Newfoundland and particularly in his departmental office full time, there is no doubt but we would be exporting grass out from the principal streets in St. John's.

Fellow ordinary citizen, you know I have stated facts. You have had your uncomfortable experience with Squires, Coaker, and Campbell. You know you have been treated rotten, reduced to poverty, and many of our fellow countrymen have been compelled to leave this Dominion by Premier Squires and his Colleagues. Now, isn't that so, friend voters? Don't depend on the Government promises, Squires and Coaker are past masters at that art. Don't be bluffed by them. Head the warning of the Opposition. Judge the Government by their record and vote for the Bennett Candidates.

BENNETT & BETTER TIMES.

New Appointments.

It is understood that Mr. H. J. Brownrigg, late Minister of Finance and Customs, has been appointed to the office of Commissioner of Public Charities in succession to the late R. H. O'Dwyer. He took up his new duties yesterday. It is also reported that Mr. A. W. Piccoli, who is now a Squires Candidate for Harbor Grace and who has been recently employed in the Shipping Office, succeeds Mr. W. B. Jennings as Minister of Public Works.

Weather and Ice Report.

Wesleyville—Wind South. Bonaville—S.S.W. wind; lakes of water in bay.
St. John's—S.W. Breeze; no ice in sight.
Port aux Basques—Snowing; ice close to land.

The Main Issue.

Desperate attempts are being made by the leaders of the Government and by their press to blind the people as to the issue of this election. Their main efforts are in boosting the Humber Deal. They find that these efforts are unavailing, because the Opposition leader has stated clearly and definitely that his party will support the measure, if its terms are fair to the Colony. The refusal of the Government to tell the people the terms of the contract has led many to believe that there is something that they dare not let the people know. The Humber Deal is not the issue.

The attempt to lead people to believe that Mr. Bennett is not the leader of the Opposition but that Sir M. P. Cashin is the leader, is as cowardly as it is unfair. It is in keeping with the tactics of the leader of the Government, whose promises in 1919 were broken in every instance. The object in raising this cry is obvious. It is an appeal to all that is lowest in nature. For that reason alone it will fail, as a people crushed by taxation and misrule will not allow their intelligence to be insulted. Mr. Bennett is the real leader of the Opposition and he will lead his party to victory. The leadership of the Opposition is not the issue.

The issue is whether or not the people are to return to power a Government that has brought the country to the verge of disaster and bankruptcy. Sir Richard Squires and Mr. Coaker cannot point to any one act passed during their term of office that has been to the benefit of the country. Promises made in 1919 have been totally disregarded. Mr. Coaker's interference with the fisheries and his management of the Regulations brought poverty and distress to thousands. The Government's railway policy has meant the wasting of millions of dollars. Their financial policy has been to borrow millions on disastrous terms and to squander this money.

It has been a one man Government. Eager to appear to have the semblance of power, Sir Richard Squires has allowed Mr. Coaker to be the dominant man in the Government. The results are to be seen in the present condition of the country. Both the Prime Minister and Mr. Coaker are responsible, and the coalition of their factions has made for misgovernment such as the country has never seen.

The main issue, therefore, is whether the people will be prepared to submit to another four years of this misrule, or will they return to power the party led by Mr. Bennett, a party comprised of men who will give the country safe and sane government. The answer is in the air, because from all parts of the country come assurances that there must be a change, and that voters are waiting for polling day to vote for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

How Squires Put the Reids in Their Places.

The Squires' organ pretends to be pleased with the article which we copied from its columns the last election containing a bitter and abusive attack upon the Reids, and asserts that Premier Squires made good his promise at the last election to put the Reids in their places.

As proof of this it asserts that in the negotiations for the Humber Deal Squires insisted (1) that the Reids should be paid nothing for their lands and (2) that the Armstrong-Whitworth Company should have control. As to these two statements it will require something more than the mere assertion of Squires' Man Friday "Doc" Modell to satisfy the public. Nothing has become apparent so far to justify anybody in supposing that the Reids are not in full control of this enterprise. The work is being carried on by Reid officials and the Reid organization is in full charge. The engineering chief, as far as can be seen, is Mr. John Powell of the Reid Company. Messrs. Cobb and Graham of the Reid Company are in charge of the labor gangs. Everything around the enterprise bears the stamp of Reids, and the Reids and the representatives of the Company are the most intimate people in the history of St. John's.

So much, then, for the claims of Squires and Modell in this respect. But how about the Squires promise to put the Reids in their place in relation to the Railroad and to make them carry out their contractual obligations. That was Squires' promise to the electors in the fall of 1919 when he was denouncing the Reids from every platform in the country. What steps has he taken since to make that promise good. He has given the Reids millions of dollars to help them to work the Railroad along when they refused to operate it any longer and threatened to throw the road on his hands unless the money done, then it's just as well for the Reids of the taxpayers was found to carry the system on. He promised to put

the machinery of the law into force and compel the Reids to carry out their contracts and disgorge the lands and other properties which he charged they had dishonestly become possessed of. But what has he taken from the Reids for the three and a half years he has been in power. Has he forced them to do anything they were not willing to do? Has he deprived them of any of their properties? Has he brought them before the courts? Has he inflicted any punishment whatever upon them?

Why, one has only to ask these questions to provoke a laugh of scorn from every member of the country. Everybody knows that Squires has done nothing. There was a time when he was bitter enough to do many things if he dared, but the Reids had squared Coaker, and Coaker would not allow Squires to move a finger against the Reids. In the early days of the present Government when Squires was denouncing the Reids in the House of Assembly, Coaker had every man in his party except himself and two others, lined up against him, and Squires had to do what Coaker wanted or else lose the Government.

If the public are asked to accept the present state of relations between the Reids and the Government as proof that Squires has put the Reids in their place and made them carry out their obligations, then every man who reads these lines will agree with us in saying that it was the best day the Reids ever saw when Squires and Coaker took office, and when Squires and Coaker to continue in control took millions of the money of the taxpayers and used it to help Reids out of their difficulties and put them on "Easy Street," as they are to-day. It is for that reason that the people all over the country are making up their mind now to vote for BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES.

Trepassey has Slogan.

"BENNETT & BETTER TIMES" TREPASSEY, April 2nd. From Cape Race to St. Shott's Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott will receive ninety per cent vote. This section of the district polled a large majority against Walsh and his colleagues in 1919, but we are now glad of the opportunity to right the wrong done, then. It's just as well for the Coaker trip to remain home and put their campaign fund to their bank accounts. Come on Walsh, Sullivan and Sinnott, Trepassey Bay is with you. We want a change of Government! The whole country says BENNETT AND BETTER TIMES. CAPE MUTTON.

Long at Fogo

GETS WONDERFUL RECEPTION—FOGO WILL GIVE BENNETT'S STANDARD BEARER SOLID VOTE ON POLLING DAY. Special to Evening Telegram. FOGO, To-day. Mr. Long held a meeting in the S.U.F. Hall last night to a crowded audience, and outlined the policy of the Bennett Party; also showed up the waste and extravagance of the Coaker-Squires administration. Meeting wonderful success, and was closed by singing the National Anthem and ringing cheers for our future representatives. Fogo Long will vote practically solid for Long on polling day. AMBROSE PATNE, Chairman.

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Editor Evening T. Dear Sir—Please your esteemed p interesting lines of important settle ment of changes in anything of inter your columns from nothing of impor fished since the gates, Capt. R. which account News. Although wrote to the Ad little it in every is bound to start I can assure you ing referred to over held here, fence with the signing the resu ing the determin reforms for the whole country, country where upon us unexpes wishes of those terests of the sa ple, here, Mr. surprised three was announced our Daughtr Squires, had de House, and was election upon to place sometime Since that time stired as never ever they met, or in the busin homep, it is the conversation. ly in dissolving time of the yes ple's representa and doing the be ent districts; wh ple of the coun sed that the N November last, February? Why Island to suc springing an el this time? Why such an enorm ing in power th when the coun have gone on o When the U.F. on their camp country in the and met with s people in the N gladly welcomed their Resolu trio began to that such a mov place in the taken place and They knew the the fishermen poverty chiefly were governed millions had be ing of importan knew it was th to meet at St. J March when the would be then fields. They kn prepared. Com well armed with manding that c coded to; also have wasted th ple and the m well. The lead er rather than have their black country in dar depriving the u duty to the pe country indar doing during d record, Mr. Edri ed; it will sh end to end. Th they closed the to have their r over the island and whatever c

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