

Labor Shows Reserve In Cabinet Reaction

By **REN WARD**
OTTAWA (CP)—Organized labor's initial reaction to Prime Minister Pearson's cabinet changes has been cool but reserved.
 A spokesman for the 1,200,000-member Canadian Labor Congress said here the CLC executive will not issue a formal comment on the massive labor department shakeup.
 Mr. Pearson switched Allan MacEachen from labor to health minister and replaced him with John R. Nicholson, the former immigration minister. He also announced a plan to remove all manpower programs from the labor department and put them in a new manpower department to be headed by Jean Marchand, a cabinet newcomer.
 Several months ago the CLC issued a sharp criticism of Mr. Nicholson's call for increased immigration to meet the shortage of skilled labor in Canada. The congress said more effort should be made to train unskilled Canadian workers who now face unemployment unless they improve their abilities.
 The CLC also had a long feud with Mr. Marchand when he headed the Quebec-based Confederation of National Trade Unions. The CNTU has campaigned against CLC-affiliated unions in Quebec and at one point printed a pamphlet linking CLC President Claude Jodoin with such labor figures as Hal Banks and James Toffa.

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 Mr. Jodoin in one of his speeches termed Mr. Marchand the most divisive force in the Canadian labor movement worse than any management figure. Mr. Marchand countered that his organization intended to run the CLC out of the country.
 Individual union leaders have followed the CLC's "no comment" line, at least on the official level.
 But in private conversations, however, several railway union executives have expressed concern about Mr. MacEachen's departure from the labor portfolio. They had counted on him to support them on the Freedman inquiry proposal that unions be given a legal voice in



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