

Gordon Blasts Attitude Of Gov'ts, Business, Labor

OTTAWA (CP)—Walter L. Gordon Wednesday night called on university professors to provide increasing leadership in Canadian affairs, maintaining that in times of prosperity governments, civil servants, labor leaders and businessmen become more complacent, smug and opposed to change.

They become "increasingly conservative in their attitudes and in their resistance to change—even though changing conditions may clearly call for new policies and new objectives," added the chairman of the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects.

There is nothing new about this inherent resistance to change," the Toronto accountant said in a dinner speech at the opening of the Carleton College building fund campaign. "It is one of our strongest instincts. We are all guilty of it both in private life as well as in public affairs."

"And even when it seems obvious that some change or other is long overdue and simply has to be introduced, we resort as a rule to all sorts of subterfuge in order to get the new idea accepted."

On occasion, governments, civil servants and even royal commissions came up with new ideas or twists to old ones. But this was not enough. The universities should be places where new ideas could originate, germinate and develop.

"And I submit that this should include ideas, opinions and constructive criticisms about public policy."

FORSAKE IVORY TOWERS

"In the future, it may be more important than ever in Canada for at least a few university teachers and professors from time to time to forsake their ivory towers, no matter how peaceful and comfortable they may be, and to risk the eyebrows of their colleagues in order to give leadership on the broad issues of the day."

Some university men have already made "great contribution" to discussion of public issues. And "some of these men have been made to suffer by those in authority for expressing their views and what is sometimes worse some of them have been criticized by their colleagues for so doing."

"But let us hope that this will not deter others from following in their footsteps. Our universities will not flourish if they are staffed entirely by people who insist upon remaining aloof from the facts and the controversies of the day."

Mr. Gordon praised the efforts and contributions to public discussion of such men as Rev. Georges-Henri Levesque, former dean of the social sciences faculty, Laval University; Abbe Gerard Dion, director of Laval's industrial relations department; Frank Scott of McGill; W. A. Mackintosh and Arthur Lower of Queen's; and Don-

Stormy Meeting Of West European Union Council

LONDON (Reuters)—A stormy meeting of the seven-nation West European Union council Tuesday has forced Britain into some second thoughts on her proposed cuts in defence forces stationed in Germany.

But the government is firmly committed to whittle down defence expenditure.

The meeting of foreign ministers of Britain, France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands broke off abruptly after one day, although the conference was expected to last two days.

The council will pronounce a verdict before scheduled Anglo-American talks in Bermuda March 21 on Britain's plan to cut her 77,000-man force on the continent by 27,000.

ALL CRITICIZE PLAN

Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd presented a detailed explanation of Britain's plan. All six continental countries criticized the proposals, following the lead of the supreme Allied commander in Europe, Gen. Lauris Norstad. Lloyd promised to take the crit-

icisms into account. But he also made it plain the British government has decided military spending must be pared down.

Any amendment would probably be made in the troop withdrawal timetable, now believed scheduled to start the end of this year. Military criticism would largely be met if the major pull-out of troops was postponed until 1959. By then the buildup of West German forces and the arming of British units with guided missiles would be well under way.

The Conservative Daily Telegraph predicts the government will go ahead with cuts in continental forces, but spaced over a longer period. It says that cutting British forces in Germany is "irrefutable" on economic and moral grounds. But it "hardly squares with the present efforts of the government to emphasize British solidarity with Europe."

Other national newspapers attacked the critical WEU partners for trying to leave Britain saddled with unfair defence obligations.

One Out Of 10 Americans Receive Free Food Daily

By GEORGE KITCHEN
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WASHINGTON (CP)—One out of every 10 Americans—nearly 17,000,000 persons—receives free food daily from the United States government through its agricultural surplus disposal program.

Approximately 12,000,000 of the recipients are children who get food through the government's school lunch program. Another 1,400,000 are inmates of charitable institutions which get food handouts.

An additional 3,200,000 or more are in families certified as needy and thus eligible for free government food.

In all, the total is 4,000,000 more than were obtaining federal relief food at the peak of the depression.

SURPLUS STOCK

The food, being given away at a rate of more than 1,000,000,000 pounds a year, comes from surplus stocks acquired by the U.S. government to support farm prices.

It ranges from eggs, turkey and hamburger to fresh plums, cabbage, beans, corn, cheese and flour and costs the U.S. taxpayer nearly \$300,000,000 a year.

Agriculture department officials say the handout list is lengthening rapidly, despite the high level of prosperity in the country. Latest figures show that distribution in the last six months of 1956 was 79 per cent higher than in the corresponding period of 1955.

FOREIGN GRANTS

Aside from the school lunch pro-

Searches Again For Probably Mythical "Kruger Millions"

By HAIG NICHOLSON
JOHANNESBURG (Reuters)—Another search is being made for the "Kruger millions" in spite of warnings that they exist only in the imagination of treasure hunters.

Many unsuccessful searches have been made for this hoard of gold reputed to have been buried by President Paul Kruger before he went into exile in Holland after the British victory in the Boer War.

A man who was in close touch with the Boer command at the time when the "Kruger millions" are said to have been hidden gave his version of the story in Pretoria recently.

The conclusion of N. J. de Wet, 83-year-old former chief Justice, is that those who search for the Kruger treasure-trove "might just as well go searching for the man in the moon."

De Wet was on Gen. Louis Botha's staff as military secretary from after the fall of Pretoria, in June, 1900, until the end of the war. He is the only surviving member of Gen. Botha's last cabinet and Gen. Jan Smuts' first cabinet.

He called on fellow legislators to "face facts" and said the liquor question was the responsibility of the assembly—not of any group, commission or government.

Mr. McInerney said the only way to handle the matter was for the legislature to set up an investigating committee.

He expressed concern that no minister of the crown assumed responsibility for actions of the New Brunswick liquor control board. Similarly, he said, the government as a whole assumed responsibility but seemed to feel that the board operated independently.

Donald Harper (L—Westmorland) criticized the government's handling of the Beechwood throne speech debate Wednesday, Wellington (PC—York), defended the government power policy.

A government bill introduced Wednesday would extend the Municipal Rent Control Act until 1958. Originally due to expire this year, it is an enabling measure permitting any municipality to pass rent control by-laws.

Earlier in the day, L'Association Acadienne d'Education presented a brief to the cabinet recommending "establishment of a bilingual teachers' college in the province."

DO NOT EXIST

"The Kruger millions just do not exist," he said here. Spies believe that most of the Boer money "as sent out of the country before the outbreak of war. The rest was taken by Kruger when he sailed for Holland."

But these explanations do not deter a 75-year-old retired British Army officer, Maj. Harold Vincent, who arrived here recently by air, to start a new search for the "Kruger millions."

Vincent is one of three partners in the expedition. Special instruments, including geiger counters, will be used in the search.

Before setting out for the eastern Transvaal, Vincent declared: "From information given me while I was serving during the South African war, the bullion is hidden in a cave on a farm in the Lydenburg district."

Urges Probe Of New Brunswick Liquor Situation

FREDERICTON (CP)—Legislature committee investigation of all aspects of the New Brunswick liquor situation was urged in the legislature Wednesday by George E. McInerney (PC—Saint John City).

The Saint John barrister, who sits on the government side of the House, spoke in the throne speech debate.



BIG MONEY CHANGES HANDS

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Backdoor Tight Money Policy Criticized By Industrialist

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., "The arbitrary imposition of selective credit controls, the invoking of a backdoor 'tight money' policy . . . could well drive this rich and promising country into a depression," according to Ron W. Todgham, president, Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited.

Addressing the Consumer Credit Conference here, the Chrysler chief executive criticized the fact that "stringent action taken by the Central Banking Authority in Washington was coordinated with identical action by our own bank; people in Canada."

Describing government action on credit as "unrealistic and dangerous," Mr. Todgham said: "The prosperity which Canada has been experiencing is not, in any way, shape or form the product of the same forces of inflation which exist elsewhere in the world today; but rather," he continued "it is the normal and inevitable corollary to the evolution of a country which is now beginning to move beyond the primary stages of its

national development."

"It is sheerest nonsense to suggest that an economic pattern existing in a nation of 170,000,000 with a history of development and production going back a good many years, should exist in identical form in a country of 16,000,000 which is still in the swaddling clothes stage of its economic evolution," he declared. "When we took parallel action to restrict consumer credit, the per capita consumer debt burden in the United States was \$235.00 and ours was only \$150.00" he pointed out.

Mr. Todgham described the present standard of living on this continent as "the direct and inevitable result of the wise and judicious use of consumer credit, particularly as it applies to installment buying, which we have developed on this continent. To it we have geared the output of our whole economic system. Through it we have been able to satisfy the desire that is inherent in all of us to own and to use the products of twentieth century productive genius," he said.

Liberal Criticism In Nova Scotia Legislature

HALIFAX (CP)—Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Henry Hicks says there's no way to give every boy and girl a proper education without spending more of the taxpayers' cash.

The former premier and education minister told the legislature Thursday, "I'm unwilling to make our people believe we can operate our schools without spending money."

He criticized Progressive Conservative Premier Robert L. Stanfield for ordering a slowdown in new school construction.

Mr. Hicks, making his first speech in the House as opposition leader, said if the Liberals had been returned to power last fall the municipalities would now have an additional \$1,000,000 to offset increased education costs.

CASH AVAILABLE

The money was available from enlarged federal grants but the government was giving none of it to the municipalities.

He said Mr. Stanfield's "pet subject . . . the plight of the municip-

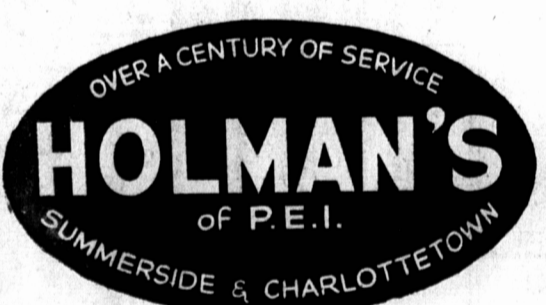
alities . . ." was ignored in the throne speech read at the legislature opening Wednesday.

He called it "a glaring omission." The speech had promised only "an extensive survey" of fiscal relations between the province and its cities, towns and rural municipalities.

The government would get more than \$5,000,000 in increased grants from Ottawa this year. Part of this should have been made available to the municipalities.

He moved an amendment to the throne speech reply regretting that no additional funds have been provided for municipal aid.

CCF member Michael McDonald (Cape Breton Centre) adjourned the throne speech debate. He will speak today.



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