

# Most Premiers Object To New Federal Offer

## Some Improvement Noted For P.E.I.

By DENNIS ORCHARD  
OTTAWA (CP) — Provincial premiers told the federal government Monday it is giving them money with one hand and taking it away with the other in its new program of support for higher education.

Most premiers came away from the first session of the federal-provincial fiscal conference objecting strongly to the federal plan to scrap existing programs of assistance to technological and vocational education.

The transfer of taxes that would replace these programs won the general favor of Premier Johnson of Quebec, but he declared that his province wants a much bigger transfer.

MEETINGS NEEDED  
The first conference session ended in some confusion over the federal position and two special meetings were set up Monday night for clarification.

Finance Minister Sharp was to meet first with provincial education ministers. Then other officials of both levels of government would go into greater detail.

A report from the closed meetings is to be laid before the full conference when it resumed today at 10 a.m.

Federal spokesmen said provincial estimates of the increased federal aid they could expect from the scheme totalled

nowhere near the extra \$90,000,000 promised for the next fiscal year in Prime Minister Pearson's policy statement Sunday.

Asked whether the provinces understand the education proposals, Manpower Minister Marchand, who is to handle the proposed adult retraining program, quipped to reporters: "I'm not sure whether it's us or them."

PRESENTS SUMMARY  
The prime minister opened the conference at mid-afternoon with a brief summary of the federal proposals. When he sat back to hear initial provincial reaction, the need for clarification quickly became clear.

Several premiers emerged from the closed conference with words of approval for the federal promise of more aid to universities.

But they all deplored the phasing out and lapse of existing shared-cost agreements for capital and operating expenses of vocational and training institutions.

Premier Campbell said preliminary figuring indicated P.E.I. would come out ahead under the new federal plan "but not as far ahead as we first thought." It would "lose substantially" in vocational education.

He said the P.E.I. delegation has had little time to assess the (Continued on page 3, col. 4)

### ANNUAL MEETING HELD HERE

## Fisheries Industry Upsurge Reported By Federation Head

By RALPH CAMERON  
The jumping increase in the world population and its resulting search for protein food has seen the fisheries industry enjoying a tremendous upsurge in 1966 to make it the best year in history, Guy LeBlanc, Montreal, president of the Fisheries Federation of Canada, said last night.

Mr. LeBlanc was paying his first official visit here although he admits he is no stranger to the province having been here on several other occasions. He said the 1966 upsurge had resulted in many areas of Canada experiencing a real boom in fisheries and he predicted "a really bright long term picture" for the industry.

The Department of Trade and Commerce. He mentioned that Trade Commissioners around the globe report on the production (Continued on Page 5 Col 3)

## Catch Insurance Plea Is Made By Fishermen

A request that the provincial government set up a form of 'catch' insurance for the fisheries industry similar to the crop insurance for agriculture, was contained in a resolution passed by the P.E.I. Fisheries Federation at its annual meeting yesterday.

Discussions regarding the resolutions took up most of the meeting time yesterday afternoon and covered a vast range (Continued on page 5, col. 2)

### OLDSTERS WED IN TORONTO

TORONTO (CP) — The combined ages of the participants totalled 169 years when Herbert Ostler, 91, Saturday married Florence Allard who is 78.

The groom, who is deaf, is in good health otherwise and had 14 children from his previous marriage. All 10 of those living attended Saturday's ceremony.

Mrs. Allard has one child, Mae Martin, who said: "They're both lonely and it will be wonderful for them to keep one another company. The family is delighted."

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## Uproar Breaks Out At Inquest In Wales

By ENA KENDALL  
ABERFAN, Wales (Reuters) — An uproar broke out at a coroner's inquest Monday on victims of Friday's avalanche disaster when a father interrupted to shout that his child's death certificate should read: "Buried alive by the national coal board."

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The inquest was for 30 of the victims. Nearly 200, most of them children, died when a mountain of coal waste slid down on to the village school and 16 houses.

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## PEACE OVERTURES MADE

A bloodied demonstrator is aided near the Manila hotel where police, swinging truncheons and jabbing with rifle butts, broke up a student demonstration against U.S. policies on Viet Nam today. President Johnson is staying at the hotel. (AP Wirephoto via cable from Manila)

## Johnson Gives Warning To The Bullies Of World

By JOHN HEFFERNAN  
MANILA (Reuters) — The Manila conference of the United States and its allies in Viet Nam opened in the Philippines capital Monday with peace overtures to North Viet Nam and vows to fight on unyieldingly if these are ignored.

More unity than had been expected emerged in the seven-country talks and at the end of the session, President Johnson told reporters: "We had a delightful day."

The U.S. leader was unflinching against the war that erupted in the streets while delegates talked. Johnson told the meeting that the anti-war demonstrators are coming to the wrong people. They should go to Hanoi.

Two Commonwealth countries, Australia and New Zealand, are among the seven in the conference.

The conference might provide new fuel for peace, Johnson said, but he added: "Let the bullies of the world know that when they attack their neighbors, the friends of their neighbors will be there to help."

## Island MPs Comment On Air Base Rumors

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN  
OTTAWA — Any attempt to consolidate the Summerside and Greenwood air force bases at the expense of the P.E.I. facility would be economically disastrous to Prince Edward Island, David MacDonald, MP for Prince, said here Monday.

He was commenting on a weekend statement by Robert Coates, Conservative MP for Cumberland, who suggested that Defence Minister Paul Hellyer was contemplating such a move under his base consolidation program.

Mr. MacDonald said he has not personally heard of any suggestion to close out the Summerside base. He pointed out that some time ago the government indicated it was its policy to maintain at least one major military establishment in each province and the Summerside base was the only one in P.E.I.

"In addition, P.E.I. has a much lower standard of living than other provinces and the Summerside base is crucial not only to the province's economy generally," Mr. MacDonald pointed out.

He said he could hardly conceive that the Summerside base would be phased out in view of the fact the government has spent a large sum of money in the past couple of years on an extension to a runway and improvements to the barracks and other facilities there.

He said Summerside was engaged in anti-submarine patrol work and this was becoming the major military role for the navy because many nations were concentrating much of their nuclear fire power in hard-to-detect nuclear powered submarines.

HEARD GENERAL RUMORS  
Hon. J. Angus MacLean, a member of the Commons' defence committee, said he has

are to be encouraged to come over to the side of the Saigon government without retaliation.

The toughest, most uncompromising line in Monday's speeches came from South Korea. Its president, Park Chung Hee, said: "I would like to make it emphatically clear that we cannot share the negotiating table with the representatives of the destructive and illegal group banded under the so-called National Liberation Front (the Viet Cong)."

This body must be dismantled, and a condition of peace is that North Viet Nam must end its support of the Viet Cong, Park said.

NOTES CHANGES HERE  
Primarily, he said, he was on the island to make the traditional visit of a federation president, but admitted he was delighted at the opportunity of getting here once more. He noted great changes and expansion in the fisheries industry here and said he foresaw the day when it would become almost a year round business.

Also present for the meeting was T. Ray Kinsella, assistant director (fisheries) department of trade and commerce, Ottawa. He spoke on world markets for Canadian fisheries products and gave a review of prospects in some 50 countries for the information of island members as well as federal and provincial government fisheries officials.

Mr. Kinsella referred to the establishments in the Maritime Provinces.

A television station at Halifax said it had learned of the result of a base consolidation study from Ottawa sources.

In a news broadcast, the station said its sources indicate the study, not expected to be made public for some time, recommends the phasing out of bases at Shearwater in neighboring Dartmouth, Greenwood and Cornwallis, N.S., and Chatham, N.B.

The broadcast said the base amalgamation study recommends phasing out air stations at Shearwater and Greenwood with the combining of all the military air functions at Summerside, P.E.I.

The broadcast quoted the station's Ottawa informants as saying the present RCAF fighter base at Chatham is to be closed and its squadrons moved to the Gagetown, N.B. base where a new air strip will be built.

It said the Cornwallis naval training station near Digby would be abandoned by 1968 and naval recruits trained at a Quebec base, probably at St. Jean's outside of Montreal or at Valcartier.

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Another proposed Bill C-170, dealing with wages and working

conditions of civil servants, be held in abeyance and a labor board be set up to study all aspects of it with a view to assuring that essential services would never be disrupted.

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## Quebec Bank Is Robbed

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No shots were fired and none of the eight employees or three customers in the bank at the time of the holdup was injured.

The men fled in a car driven by a fourth man.

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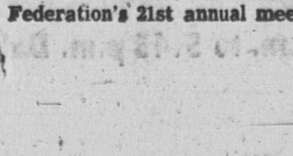
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Defence Minister Hellyer has said that Cornwallis would not be closed before 1968 at the earliest even if a decision were taken to shut it down.

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## New Fiscal Approach Chartered By Ottawa

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government has completed its new uniform fiscal approach to the provinces with a proposed scheme for education spending.

Last month's start at levelling provincial tax shares has been reinforced with the offer of further tax transfers equivalent to half the operating costs of institutions of higher education.

From the federal view, the total package offers much the same opportunities and obligations to each province. It raises the fiscal status of all other provinces to within a few percentage points of the status of Quebec.

Statements last month by Finance Minister Sharp and Sunday night by Prime Minister Pearson appear to chart a line between federal and provincial responsibilities that cannot be blurred or broken without endangering the entire concept of federalism as seen by them.

REMOVES CONTROL  
Both men spoke of distortions in the federal-provincial shared-cost programs under which federal money may exercise a subtle influence on decisions the

provinces should make without interference. The tax transfers allow unconditional formulas for assistance, removing this possibility of federal control.

Whether the other provinces decide to take the offered tax in lieu of direct federal shares in the social programs and various technical, vocational and university grants, Mr. Sharp has argued that the federal government must give them the choice in order to be consistent.

The goal is "uniform intergovernmental arrangements and the uniform application of federal laws in all provinces."

Special status in a fiscal sense is thus denied Quebec and the federal proposals are clearly not intended to pacify Premier Johnson. The Quebec premier has demanded almost all direct taxes and is unlikely to accept the new federal initiatives in manpower training.

SHIFTS TO OFFENCE  
But for now at least, Ottawa has shifted to the offensive in its dealings with the provinces and a broadly-based counter-attack by the provinces may be their only effective reply.

The tax-sharing and education proposals offer further abatements to give all provinces except Quebec a potential 45 per cent of personal income taxes and 10 per cent of corporation income taxes.

On top of the existing abatement of 24 per cent in the personal income field, 17 points are offered in exchange for federal withdrawal from such important shared-cost programs as hospital insurance and allowances to the blind and disabled and the elderly.

## Western Member Loses Bid To Place Reporter On Mat

OTTAWA (CP) — The Commons defeated Monday by a vote of 103 to 47 a motion by Terry Nugent (PC-Edmonton-Strathcona) to have its privileges committee investigate an Oct. 14 report by Marcel Pepin of Le Droit of Ottawa.

Only the Conservative Opposition supported the motion. Eighty Liberals combined with 13 New Democrats, five Creditists, four Social Credit members and Gilles Gregoire (Ind-Lapointe) to vote against it.

The report said Mr. Nugent had been directed in an attack on Defence Minister Hellyer by retired Rear-Admiral Jeffrey Brock from the public gallery.

It also said the Conservatives were plotting with admirals to keep the navy British and Protestant and keep French-speaking Canadians out of it.

ACCEPTS MOTION  
The motion accepted by the Speaker was debatable.

Mr. Nugent's original motion was that Mr. Pepin be called before the bar of the Commons.

At the suggestion of the Speaker, he substituted a motion that the matter be sent to the privileges committee.

Works Minister McLraith, government House leader, said the motion was acceptable to the government if Mr. Nugent would single out a paragraph or two of the article for specific reference to the committee.

Mr. Nugent declined, saying the whole tenor of the article accused him of a "sinister motive" of stirring up religious strife and of trying to keep French-speaking Canadians out of the navy.

Mr. McLraith then suggested that if Mr. Nugent would say he hadn't been directed from the public gallery, his word would be accepted and that would end the matter. Mr. Nugent already had denied this.

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