

HOW FORECASTS NEW BOOM YEAR

Injects Slight Caution Note

OTTAWA, (CP)—Trade Minister Howe Tuesday forecast another big year of economic expansion for Canada in 1956 but injected a note of caution against buying too much too fast.

The 1955 boom, Canada's best economic year in history, is "solidly based," he said in his year-end review. But whether "speculative excesses and other dislocating influences" develop will depend on future attitudes and decisions of individual consumers and businessmen.

Canada's record expansion "still has some way to go," he said.

"Given appropriate restraint on the part of all groups in the economic community, prospects for a relatively prolonged period of economic expansion appear bright indeed," he said at another point. "The surprising thing is the degree to which the economy has thus far been free of those strains and excesses which eventually lead to deterioration."

PACE REGULATED

"Some materials are in short supply, credit is tightening and interest rates have risen. These factors, however, are simply a reflection of current market strength. In the present circumstances they are not likely to dampen expansion but they may on the other hand, provide a necessary means of regulating its pace."

The scarcity of some materials is expected to continue in 1956. In fact this scarcity may be an important limiting factor on the size of next year's capital investment program, Mr. Howe said.

In 1955, Canadians excelled themselves in many ways. The gross national product — value of all goods and services produced — rose by an unusually high 10 per cent to a record \$28,400,000,000 from \$24,000,000,000 in 1954.

Mr. Howe believed it will go still higher in 1956. Some of his officials later said it may reach nearly \$28,000,000,000. However, while virtually all of the 1955 increase was in volume, some of the 1956 increase is expected to include much higher prices as the result of pressure of demand on a limited supply of some goods.

CONSTRUCTION AT PEAK
In 1955, records were made in other economic fields. Outlays for construction and other capital investment will exceed the department's \$6,000,000,000 mid-year forecast, the \$5,500,000,000 of 1954 and the previous high of \$5,800,000,000 in 1953. And there may be another increase in 1956, Mr. Howe said.

A record of 126,000 new homes was completed in 1955, up from 102,000 in 1954. The question on the minds of many officials was: Can Canada keep up this high housing-building pace? Mr. Howe observed the carryover of unfinished houses was much higher at the end of 1955 than in 1954. Officials placed it at 78,000 dwellings, up from 60,000 last year. They said this record carryover will be an important influence over the whole 1956 housing program.

Exports in 1955 moved up to an estimated high of \$4,350,000,000, a gain of 12 per cent over 1954, a peak in volume and equivalent to the 1952 record value. And there is no major sign of slackening on the exports front, Mr. Howe said.

He argued that the current shift in Canada toward export industries is not necessarily a one-sided development of the economy. Such a shift was likely to be associated with continuing growth in second-

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Statesmen Defend U.N. Against Failure Criticism

LONDON (Reuters)—Two leading statesmen, Earl Attlee and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd, Tuesday defended the United Nations against criticisms that it had failed.

Both Attlee and Selwyn Lloyd were making their first public speeches in their new roles—Attlee as a newly-created peer after his resignation as leader of the Labor party and Selwyn Lloyd as foreign secretary.

Attlee told an annual "Tomorrow's Citizens" conference of senior school children that the time seems to be approaching when there will be a recognition of co-existence in the world.

"What we have got to hope for

is that coexistence will gradually turn into co-operation," he said, and told his young listeners of what he considered the immense importance of the United Nations in dealing with the world.

He said that if it had not intervened in Korea, the United Nations might well have gone the way of the League of Nations.

One of the reasons for the league's failure, he said, was that no one was willing to take action against Japan when she invaded China.

HAS FAULTS
In his defence of the United Nations, Selwyn Lloyd conceded that the UN had shortcomings.

"Certainly, the United Nations

has its faults. I think its sessions last much too long. Matters are frequently discussed which are not within its jurisdiction. . . .

"But what we have to remember is that every other method of trying to preserve the peace of the world has failed."

Lloyd was head of the British delegation at the United Nations from 1952 to 1954.

Lloyd said "it is the policy of the government and all parties of this country, that a world instrument endowed with the necessary authority is the only way to promote peace."

He added that "it would take many years to give that authority" to the United Nations.

Yvonne Denies Quints Shunned Their Parents

MONTREAL, (CP)—Yvonne Dionne Tuesday denied in tears a statement by her father that the famed quintuplet sisters shunned their parents at Christmas.

"It's not true!" cried the dark-eyed, 21-year-old quint when a reporter read a statement that Olivia Dionne made at North Bay earlier Tuesday.

Then she turned and ran sobbing into a room at the hospital where she and her sister Cecile are nursing trainees.

FAME AND TRAGEDY

It was the latest episode in the life of the family that has known tragedy as well as fame since five daughters were born to Olivia and Mrs. Dionne on May 28, 1934.

Emilie, often described as the gentlest of the five, died in August, 1954, at a rest home in Ste. Agathe, Que., from suffocation following an epileptic seizure.

Olivia Dionne said the girls have been turning away from their parents "for a long time now" and the attitude had become more pronounced since each came into \$250,000 on their 21st birthday.

"Don't believe it! It's not true," cried Yvonne.

When a reporter referred to Olivia Dionne's statement that the quintuplets hadn't "even sent a card" at Christmas, Yvonne said:

"We did send one. Can we help it if they didn't get it?"

UNITED AT HOSPITAL

Yvonne and Cecile now are in their second year of nursing.

Tom Collins Originator Dies

ST. LOUIS (AP)—"I'll have a drink like that one you make for Tom."

John Dittreich, a bartender at the Old Planters Hotel in the early 1900s, knew this meant gin, lime, sugar and lemon. Members of the Dittreich family say Dittreich named the drink for the customer who habitually ordered it—Tom Collins.

St. Louis newspapers Tuesday, in reporting Dittreich's death of a heart attack Christmas Eve at 65, credited him with originating the drink.

Coming Events

Movies Hampton Hall Friday 7.45.

Cards and crokinole, Wiltshire Hall tonight.

Dance in Mt. Ryan Hall every Thursday night.

Salvation Army Christmas Concert Thursday at 7.30.

Dunstaffnage Y.P.U. Concert Marshfield Hall Wednesday night 8.15.

New Year's Dance Mt. Stewart Memorial Hall Friday, Burns Orchestra.

Dance Cardigan Legion Hall, Thursday, Webster's Orchestra, P. A. system, Canteen service.

Dance West Royalty Hall, Wednesday, Rollie McKenzie's Orchestra, Canteen Service 9:30 to 12:30.

Card party in Belfast Hall, Monday, January 2nd, at 8 p. m. Luncheon, sponsored by Eldon, W. I.

Buying pigs Thursday at Fredericton. Paying \$15 a pair for good pigs over 32 lbs. each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton.

Aussie City Has Fierce Storm

SYDNEY, Australia (AP)—Two persons died in Sydney harbor Tuesday as the worst electrical storm in the city's history bowled over scores of yachts and cabin boats and blitzed thousands of homes.

Holiday makers were chased from the beaches by a blinding, 45-minute display of lightning and crashing thunder accompanied by 60-mile-an-hour winds and torrential rainfall. The two dead—a man and woman—were drowned when their boat overturned. One other man was missing.

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BLAME "INTRUDERS"
At North Bay, Olivia Dionne said she and Mrs. Dionne "have realized for some months that they have been drifting away from us."

Both Mrs. Dionne and I blame outside intruders for this separation."

He said that "under no circumstances" would he identify the "intruders" at this time. He added:

"It's not something that just happened at this Christmas. We have seen it growing for a long time now. We suspected that outsiders were trying to influence the quintuplets some years ago, and we were sure of it by the way they acted towards us after they had left home, and then more so when they reached their 21st birthday and came into their money."

TO SURVEY CEYLON
TORONTO (CP)—A photographic survey of the island Commonwealth country's resources. The survey is part of Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan.

JEWISH LEADER HERE
TORONTO (CP)—Mrs. Bernard Cohen, president of the National Council of Jewish Women in Australia, will arrive in Canada Jan. 2, the council's office here announced Tuesday. Mrs. Cohen is the second woman chosen to visit Canada and the United States under the council's travel "show and tell" program. During her visit to Canada Mrs. Cohen will study the social work of the council.

EISENHOWER HOLIDAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower will fly to Key West, Fla., today for two weeks of sunshine and exercise recommended by his doctors.

NEW CHEMICAL POSSIBLE CLUE TO MENTAL ILLNESS
ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—A chemical that can produce temporary "silliness" in normal people may be a clue to at least one cause of schizophrenia, the American Association for the Advancement of Science was told Tuesday.

A Canadian scientist reported to the organization's 122nd annual meeting that a chemical derived from adrenalin, one of the key substances of the human body, could—when administered to normal volunteers—produce changes very similar to the primary changes characteristic of schizophrenia, or "split personality," one of the major mental illnesses.

Dr. Abram Hoffer, director of psychiatric research at University Hospital, Saskatoon, said the artificial production of these changes by a derivative of adrenalin "raises the possibility" that this particular chemical, or a related compound, may sometimes be present in the body in abnormal amounts—thereby possibly touching off schizophrenia in some people.

The chemical, he said, is called

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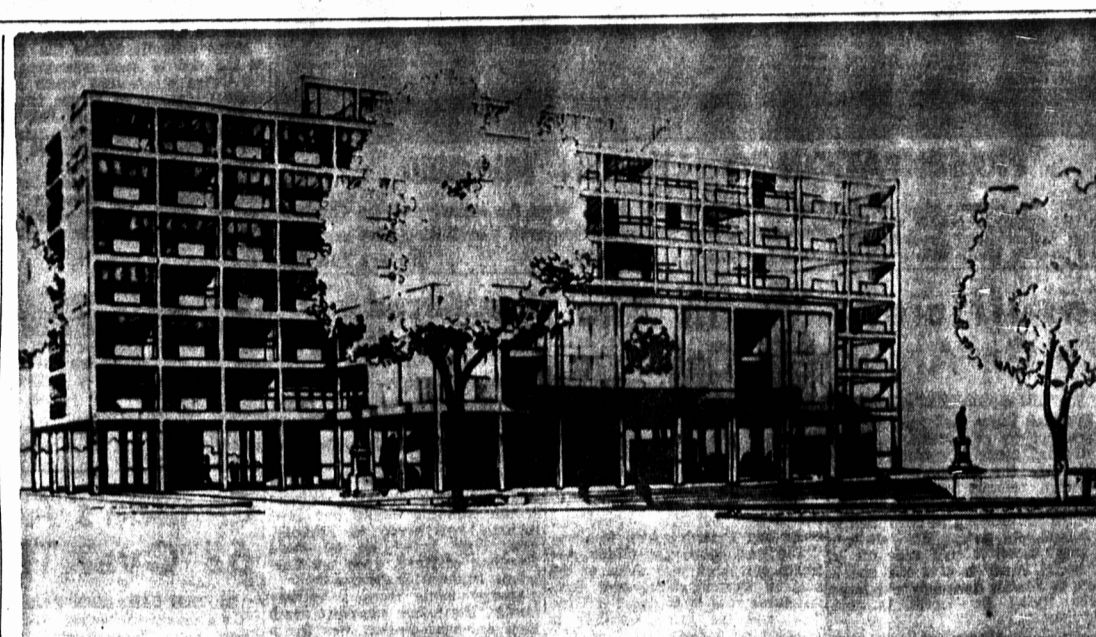
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PROPOSED CITY HALL AT OTTAWA
An architect's sketch of the proposed city hall for Ottawa. The Montreal firm of Rother, Blend and Trudeau has won a \$5,000 award for the design of this seven-storey, stone-and-glass building. Proposed cost is \$2,625,000. (CP Photo)

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West Germany Eligible For Weapons From U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP)—West Germany became eligible Tuesday for big weapons shipments from the United States, as a full ally of Western democracies.

In a brief state department ceremony, West German Charge d'Affaires Albrecht von Kessel formally handed over his government's ratification of a mutual defense assistance agreement.

This act cleared the way for modern American weapons to begin flowing into West Germany to help create a German army of 12 divisions along with naval and air force units.

Some of these weapons, the first of perhaps a billion dollars worth of military equipment, already have been earmarked for the Germans from previous foreign aid funds and stockpiled in Europe.

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The document deposited at the state department, approved by the German Parliament, was signed June 30. It was negotiated after the 14 Atlantic Pact allies agreed last May to accept West Germany as the 15th member of NATO.

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New Home For Bereaved Family

PICKERING, Ont. (CP)—Neighbors combined to make it as good as a Christmas for the Ronald Gullivers who lost their home and three of their six children last Oct. 5 in a fire.

On Christmas Eve they moved into a five-room, furnished bungalow which had been built in a race against time by their neighbors.

The Gullivers' friends, who began building the home right after the fire, worked late into the night all last week to complete the house.

When the Gullivers moved in they found a Christmas tree and a turkey dinner, cooked on a neighbor's stove.

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Cartoonist Ham Fisher Dies

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