

Civic Planning Report

It is to be hoped that the City Council, in the near future, will get round to taking a serious look at the comprehensive civic planning and housing study prepared by Mr. Walter de Silva, provincial planning officer, which was dealt with briefly in a panel discussion at a Board of Trade meeting the other night. References to the report have been made at Council meetings, but its importance warrants much more attention. Since it runs to 78 typed foolscap pages, one feels like suggesting that a series of Council meetings to discuss its ramifications would not be out of place.

Detailed as the study is, it is presented as a mere "scratching of the surface". A considerable amount of work remains to be done by your staff members, by the Town Planning Advisory Board and the City Council as a whole, in order to bring planning within the city on a sound footing.

Most of the recommendations are preventive measures to be adopted in order to safeguard future growth and economic well being and could be effective immediately. Others, or parts of other recommendations, are long term measures that would be necessary to correct unsound development and deterioration that has taken place. Yet action will respect to certain zoning and a building by-laws should be taken now, the report maintains.

In order to carry out some of the findings, such as sium clearance, redevelopment and provision of car parking—all of which require expropriation powers—the city would have to obtain authority from the Legislature. And it is evident, in connection with any plans for remedying the existing social deficiency, that a detailed social study is needed. In fact, the need is considered for strict enforcement of national housing standards in all construction work, for the adoption by the city of a code of minimum standards of construction, occupancy and maintenance for both new and old houses, adoption of an interim zoning plan and revision of the zoning and building by-laws, and the undertaking of subsidized low-rental housing with assistance from both federal and provincial governments.

Sometimes reports by planning experts make hard reading. The literary style lays behind the content, and the reader plods through them as an onerous duty. Not so in this case, Mr. de Silva is a skilled writer, and knows precisely how to make his points. He does this so well indeed, that no summary can do justice to what he has set forth.

Space Age Demands

While the space program, insofar as the free world is concerned, is a 90 per cent United States project, for Canadians the economic demands of the space industry are almost as important as they are to our neighbors across the line. This fact is noted in the current issue of The Canadian Forecaster, a publication issued by a Toronto brokerage and holding company, which emphasizes particularly the amount of silver required in the space industry—for use in batteries, sensitized film and other equipment—and the prospect of Canada's largely untapped silver resources being among the main areas of future supply.

The space industry—vaguely appreciated by the public—is already a mammoth one and is growing tremendously month by month. Already it is nearly the size of the automobile complex. During the next ten years hundreds of scientific and scores of lunar and planetary probes will be launched in addition to perhaps fifty manned space flights. By 1970, it has been estimated by the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the army and air force will be spending up to \$20 billion on space each year.

In the seven years to 1970 the United States will have spent from \$75 billion to \$100 billion on space activities and up to \$50 billion on missiles. The impact of this tremendous expenditure is hard to visualize at this date, but what is certain is a powerful increase in research and technological efforts, new and fantastic strides in the science of metallurgy, and a scramble for metals to meet almost insatiable demands.

Still Denied

There has been general commendation of the Egyptian government for having completed its compensation payments to the stockholders of the seized Suez Canal Company, and of having made this final payment 12 months before due. Certainly this was a better showing than could have been anticipated during the Suez crisis. It hasn't done away with the objection, however, that President Nasser has converted the canal into an instrument for his own policies.

Contrary to the Treaty of Constantinople and the principle of the United Nations Charter, he employs his control over the Suez waterways to advance his own interests. Freedom of this international waterway is still denied to Israel. The United Nations is obligated to insist that Nasser adhere to the Charter; but it has other and bigger worries at this time, and this issue gets sidetracked.

The Suez chapter cannot be said to be closed while this violation of treaty rights exists. But if the violation continues long enough it will itself become sanctified by custom, and with every passing year it is tending in that direction. If the United Nations has a collective conscience, this should be causing it some painful twinges.

A Test Market

Belgium, traditionally a European crossroads, would make a good test market for Canadian exports to Europe, suggests Mr. A.A. Lomas, Canadian Commercial Secretary at Brussels, in an article "How to Sell in the Belgian Market" appearing in the current issue of Foreign Trade magazine. Now the administrative centre of the European Economic Community, Belgium has 9,200,000 inhabitants of French and Flemish extraction, who provide a sampling of Nordic and Latin races and reactions.

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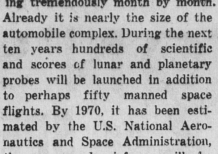
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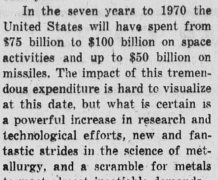
One of the aims of President de Gaulle is to keep "Anglo-Saxons" out of Europe and prevent them from having influence there. The English, in de Gaulle's view, are no more European than the Americans. Consider the irony, then, of a recent news item reporting that as provided by the new pact for increased co-operation between France and West Germany, the top defence experts of both countries got together for their first consultation. What language did the French and German experts have to use? English, forsooth!

I am not wedded to a Party that is blind to the good qualities of men in both parties; at least, I hope that I'm not. The welfare of Canada lies as much in some very fine leaders as it does in some very fine policies. Canada is a young nation; but she is making very fine progress towards maturity. Let no bickerings of a detrimental nature hinder her progress.

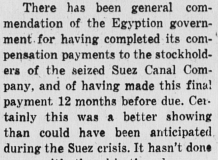
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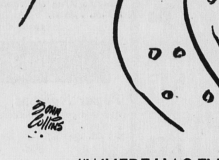
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NOTES BY THE WAY

Parachute schools seem to be bucking the educational trend. They encourage drop outs. — Raleigh, N.C.

"Almost all of us are agnostic sinners in others." — The Grand Staircase.

A snob is a person who thinks you aren't better than he is. — Hamilton Spectator.

Alberta has long been one of the few rat-free regions in North America, and presumably the reason for this is that, as a province, however, provincial authorities became aware that rats were invading the province in its eastern border. They promptly launched a counter-attack and they have strengthened it from year to year. As a result, Alberta has regained the distinction of being rat-free. — Edmonton Journal.

A disqualified fighter in Australia is separating the two sides against the referee, throwing punches. That sounds like a better show than the fight we have seen recently — Ottawa Citizen.

Prisoner: Yes, your worship, you've seen me before, I and your daughter singing lessons. — Magistrate: Ten years! — The Gallop Reporter.

Disarmament negotiations, as tedious and involved as they are important, are under way in Geneva. As usual the opening has been marked by a strange mixture of hope and pessimism. The 17-nation talks cover the whole spectrum of disarmament, but the hope is that a possible agreement to ban nuclear tests.

The reason for optimism was well defined by the United States delegate, William Foster. He said that the basic ingredient of success "is our desire for agreement by all other powers."

In other words, the hope is that last year's extensive testing by both sides may have resulted in some sort of balance, a situation where neither side will consider it necessary to test further. — The Canadian Press Staff Writer.

READY TO BARGAIN? Britain's minister of state and chief delegate, Joseph Godber, has said that the operation of the current session that the West was prepared for serious bargaining. He said the Russians might be willing to reduce its demands for on-site inspections and that the Russians also were prepared to make concessions.

He implied that fewer inspections would be necessary if the Russians agreed to siting more of the automatic seismic stations differential between earthquakes and underground tests.

In Las Vegas, the issue has been complicated by continued U.S. underground tests in Nevada. The U.S. has refused to accept the testing threatens the chance for an agreement. The U.S. has refused to accept the testing threatens the chance for an agreement. The U.S. has refused to accept the testing threatens the chance for an agreement.

Are Our Stamps Inferior? Ottawa Journal stamps. He offers some impressive supporting evidence. It is clear, simple designs of stamps from Denmark, Holland and Sweden.

Our new five-cent stamp bearing the Queen's portrait is particularly impressive. It is a "lettering is 'lightly offensive' and there is no indication that the design is royal. About all he says "there is no national pride in this stamp."

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What Is The Cause?

Galt Reporter The equal to 1,000,000 tons of wind was blowing over the world. This has been very great, and much of the air envelope covering the world has been torn away, and lost in space. This would follow violent winds from the same cause as before, when the world was swept in all directions.

It is not all that is happening in space. There is a great deal more going on. We believe it is, and the dire effects are being felt all over the world.

Acene ago a planet existed between Mars and Jupiter, but it was destroyed. The debris of this planet still revolves in space, as tiny planets. Eros is the biggest piece, and it passes the earth at intervals of 800 miles in diameter.

What caused the planet to be broken up? We do not know. But the evidence that it did is all around us, to perhaps ponder about.

Our Yesterday's (From the Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (February 15, 1938) The Tughnash sub-division of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Dalton Cross by His Excellency, Bishop Nelligan of Pembroke, Ontario, was the president, introduced Bishop Nelligan who addressed the gathering in a most interesting and colorful blessing.

A Valentine dance was held by the Charlottetown Y.M.C.A. Club at the Grand Hotel, Monday night. A large number of guests were present. The dance was donated by LePage Company, S.A. McDonald, and Henderson and Cudmore.

TEN YEARS AGO (February 15, 1938) Arthur Holland of Lower Beauce, while walking near his