

Lesage Finds Que. Hopes Not Understood In West

TORONTO (CP) — Quebec Premier Jean Lesage said Thursday the lack of knowledge of Quebec that he found during his tour of the western provinces led him to believe that Canada is not yet ready to begin reshaping its constitution.

He told an Ontario-Quebec newspaper seminar he had to be brutally frank in his speeches during his western tour to provoke a desire among his audiences for more knowledge about Quebec.

He referred to his western tour as a "great human experience." In Ontario there was not enough knowledge about Quebec, but in the West there was no knowledge.

He said they did not believe him when he told them there are 3,000,000 people in Quebec who do not speak a word of English.

"As long as this lack of knowledge exists, how could the representatives of all the people sit down and work out something definite? ... We are far from ripe as far as a new constitution is concerned."

Mr. Lesage, scheduled to address a dinner meeting of the seminar, appeared with Ontario Premier John Robarts at an afternoon discussion on political relations between the two provinces.

RELATIONS CLOSE
Mr. Lesage said he feels Ontario and Quebec are closer in their relations with each other than either province is to any of the other provinces or even to the federal government.

"Since 1960, thanks to Mr. Robarts's sympathetic understanding, we have taken great steps along the path of mutual understanding."

GEORGETOWN
A zone rally for Kings County members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion Branches was recently held in Morell Royal Canadian Legion Hall.

Mrs. Peggy Jarvis of Souris, who is the zone chairman, presided over the rally and a large number of members was present with delegates from all King's County branches being in attendance.

A considerable amount of important and varied business relative to the important work of auxiliary branches was on the agenda and received full discussion and finalization.

Mr. Lesage said he agreed with Mr. Bain that while the people of Ontario and Quebec had insufficient knowledge of each other, they shared a desire to know more.

"This might be true as far as Ontario and Quebec are concerned mutually," he said, "but after an extended visit I made to the four western provinces, I cannot agree that the same desire exists there. ..."

Mr. Bain said Quebec's demands upon the federal government had resulted in a mild case of schizophrenia among other provincial governments. They too had become more demanding as Quebec increased its autonomy.

The greatest effect of the so-called quiet revolution in the province of Quebec was to start the rest of the country thinking.

Mr. Dube called for a constitution conference to revise the NBA Act, noting that the "climate has been warmed" for inter-governmental co-operation during recent years by a series of federal-provincial and inter-provincial conferences.

The Quebec City editor said he feared the government of Mr. Lesage was following a dangerous path by opting out of federal-provincial shared-cost programs. "Consciously or not, we are facilitating the exit of Quebec from Confederation."

Eventually taxpayers in the province of Quebec will be paying 70 per cent of personal taxes to the provincial government, Mr. Dube said. Since the most important government as far as the taxpayer was concerned was the one to which he paid most of his taxes, he might become disinterested in the government at Ottawa.

SPOKE IN FRENCH
Speaking in French, Mr. Dube suggested two measures to strengthen links between Quebec and Ontario: The establishment of ministerial or parliamentary committees by each of the provinces, and the location of a permanent Quebec delegation in Toronto and an Ontario delegation in Quebec City.

The morning session of the seminar on the present and future relationship between Ontario and Quebec was devoted to economics, and served to show that whatever their social differences, economically the two provinces are close together.

Jacque Parizeau, economic counsellor to Mr. Lesage, took issue with the federal government's "designated area" approach to regional development, thereby echoing the position taken by economic advisers to Premier Robarts.

Mr. Parizeau suggested it may be best for the federal authorities to leave regional development programs to the provinces. The idea of Ottawa subsidizing low-wage, highly-protected industries of which Quebec already had too many

is hard to swallow, he said.

FEARS TREND
Harry Halliwell, financial editor of the Toronto Telegram, feared the trend to greater emphasis on regional economic planning instead of central government planning. He said it could "balkanize the Canadian economy."

It was right for the provinces to attempt to raise living standards in slow-growth pockets, he said, but it was dangerous for Quebec, for instance, to discriminate in government purchasing by giving the edge to local producers.

This issue was raised earlier by Robert Nielsen, editorial page editor of the Toronto Star, in his opening statement to the seminar. He said pressure was growing in Ontario for the provincial government to retaliate against Quebec by establishing an equal preference for Ontario products.

Charles Ryan, director of the Montreal newspaper Le Devoir, said the people of Quebec still had bitter memories of conscription during the Second World War and regarded unfavorably Ontario's preponderant influence over the federal government.

Most ministries affecting the economy are directed by English-Canadians. While French-Canadians were made to appear equal partners, they were more interested in the substance of government than its appearance, and in reality they were junior partners.

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William S. Marshall. Marshall was found slain and the Fogel girl abducted by her father and her companion Wanda Sue Burgess.

15. The Burgess girl was found slain and the Fogel girl abducted by her father and her companion Wanda Sue Burgess. (AP Wirephoto)

Split In Pearson Cabinet Reported Close Last Fall

TORONTO (CP) — Two top members of the federal cabinet came close to resigning over Prime Minister Pearson's delay last fall in disclosing when he first heard of the "bribe-offer charge against executive assistant Raymond Denis, according to a forthcoming book.

Richard J. Gwyn of Time magazine's Ottawa bureau writes that Transport Minister Pickersgill and Defence Minister Hellyer considered the move because they felt the prime minister's silence for more than a fortnight was allowing them to be "torn to shreds."

The book, The Shape of Scandal (Clarke-Irwin) will be published Oct. 15. It deals mainly with the series of scandals that plagued the Liberal government from last November on, and the Lucien Rivard narcotics case with its political offshoots looms large.

It purports to give the inside story of cabinet colleagues' anguish while Mr. Favreau was writhing over press and opposition attacks based on the supposition—as Mr. Pearson had led the Commons to believe—that the justice minister did not tell Mr. Pearson until Nov. 22 of bribery allegations against Denis.

The fact was Mr. Favreau had tipped off his chief Sept. 2, TIME WENT BY

When this was drawn to Mr. Pearson's attention by colleagues, Mr. Gwyn says, the prime minister let one day after another slip by without correcting the erroneous information he had given the House Nov. 22. Finally he made the correction, but on Dec. 14 and in a

letter to Chief Justice Frederic Dorton.

Meanwhile, Mr. Gwyn writes, "powerful figures" had been pressing him to set the record straight. These included Mr. Pickersgill, policy secretary Tom Kent and Gordon Robertson, clerk of the Privy Council.

The writer says strong arguments against breaking silence came from advisers such as External Affairs Minister Martin, Finance Minister Gordon and Labor Minister MacEachen.

He says that Mr. Pickersgill and Mr. Hellyer "came close to resigning" because the issue to them—and others in the administration—was the moral one that "Guy Favreau's reputation was being torn to shreds and nothing was done to shield him."

Mr. Favreau eventually was criticized by the Dorton inquiry over failure to follow through on the allegation that Denis offered a \$20,000 bribe to prosecutor Pierre Lamontagne to relax opposition to bail for Rivard, then held on extradition proceedings for the United States government. Denis since has been charged.

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