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Scapagoals Won't Do

First it was Finance Minister Gordon who had to run the gauntlet of devastating criticism for his budgetary bungling, including demands that he resign, until finally he had to withdraw his more obnoxious measures with as good grace as he could show in the matter.

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Another Scam Encountered

That the Canada Pension Plan may be a long way from being implemented was revealed in the House of Commons recently by Prime Minister Pearson, when he said that Premier Lesage wants a contribution rate of 4 per cent of the first \$4,000 of income instead of Ottawa's suggested 2 per cent in the proposed federal scheme.

Since Premier Lesage has already stated that Quebec will not participate in the Canada Pension Plan—being desirous instead of launching its own plan—how does this objection interfere with the application of the federal plan to the other provinces? The answer is that a constitutional amendment is necessary to permit Ottawa to implement the type of plan that it and the other nine provinces think desirable.

Public Forum

THE TONIC SOLA-FIA SYSTEM? Sir—You could have made a mistake, for I am strongly of the opinion that there is hardly, today, a rural school district on Prince Edward Island, in which the school pupils have even a passing acquaintance with the time-forgotten tonic sola system of singing by note—the term, by the way, being the name of the singing of music in general, and singing of music is generally described, I believe, in fact, that which is being sung by note, and say that there are today in our province, very few country churches that are still using by note, any one of the four-part hymns in our great Christian hymnals—a thing that their grandparents and their parents could well ease after attending the old sola singing schools for a year or two.

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provinces—all but Quebec—are said to have indicated they would favor the proposed amendment. Premier Lesage is said to have implied that he would agree on condition that the contribution rates under the federal plan were increased to 4 per cent.

According to the Toronto Globe and Mail, Mr. Lesage has come to realize that a Quebec plan could only build up funds if it offered substantially lower benefits, or collected substantially higher premiums, than the Canada plan. He is looking for a way out of his quandary not by changing his plan, but by forcing the rest of Canada to change its plan. This is the price he has asked for his agreement to the inclusion of invalids and dependent persons in the Canada plan, which is an entirely separate issue and of no direct interest to Quebec.

It may be that the Quebec premier's attitude toward the Canada plan is no more than a bargaining position, that he is merely seeking the best deal he can get for his province and is prepared to compromise on this matter for a concession of some other kind. In any case, it would seem that far from being "ready to roll," as was suggested after the recent conference, the federal plan still faces constitutional hurdles and a great deal of detailed examination.

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Now there is widespread joy that this barrier has been breached for the purpose of allowing West Berliners to visit their dear ones in East Berlin. The flow of West Berliners into the Communist sector of the city begins Friday morning. Some 200,000 of West Berlin's 2,200,000 inhabitants are eligible for the one-day passes offered by the Communists in this temporary arrangement which will continue until next January 5.

It will be a one-way traffic, for East Berliners will not be allowed to visit West Berlin. Their free-world relatives must come to them. This, incidentally, shows how unattractive their lives must be under Communist rule, when they cannot be trusted with even a temporary measure of freedom. Too many of them would go and not come back! But even for them, this will be a brighter Christmas, and we venture to hope that the precedent thus established will be followed by further evidences of a lessening in cold war tensions in this troubled part of the world.

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DO YOUR CHRISTMAS GIVING EARLY

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Here And There On Parliament Hill

This being the season of good will, frustrated moose-hunters who have returned empty-handed from our northern bush will congratulate the young woman who has just bagged a bull moose with her small car in the comfortable heat of civilization 60 miles south of Ottawa.

Would-be hunters from this Capital normally have to journey over 100 miles north of here into the uncomfortable but unsettled country beyond Maniwaki; and of course they traditionally use a rifle. But Marie Myers hit her little car on a moose with her rifle car, unerringly aimed on Highway 404 beside the St. Lawrence Seaway. She did \$300 worth of damage to the grill and windshield of her car, but she only immobilized her moose, breaking its two front legs. It was dispatched by an armed policeman, unprepared to see a live moose so far south.

LOWER FOR PEACE

The Canadian delegation to the annual conference of NATO Parliamentarians has just returned from Paris—not hailed as veterans of the night's spoils in Place Pigalle as was the delegation last year. Reynolds

PUBLIC FORUM

were in actual and intensive practice for four or five years. I believe an acquaintance with the music staff, and singing by note, would be more or less general throughout our province. One of the things to be regretted on Prince Edward Island, and perhaps on every other island—and I am told there are other islands—is the fact that young boys, endowed with good singing voices, sing quite freely and enjoy singing, and their parents, piano voices, they then become self-conscious and awkward when they are losing their pure soprano voices. They then become self-conscious and awkward when they are losing their pure soprano voices.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

You're an old timer if you remember what a whiffetee (or a stinger) is; or if you recall the days when the automobile was put up on blocks for the winter; studied oil lamps; or took your bath in the wash tub in the kitchen—Cumberland Advocate.
A film actor took his wife to the hospital for the birth of their first child. For the purpose of the film on which he had been working, the father-to-be sported a two-weeks growth of very dark beard. While waiting anxiously, he was joined by another expectant father—a haggard young man who paced the floor for several minutes before noticing the first man sitting in a corner. When he did spot him, the young man turned pale. "Good Heavens!" he said. "How long have you been waiting?"—Galt Reporter.

Setting For Winter Olympics

National Geographic Society
The Earl of Dundee, visiting Montreal, said Canada may one day be more powerful and influential than the United States. Time will have to judge Lord Dundee's ability as a prophet. But this much is certain now, he is an expert at saying the sort of thing Canadians love to hear.—Ottawa Citizen.

EMPEROR LIKED IT

One of Trol's greatest admirers was the "Last Knight" of the Holy Roman Empire, Maximilian I. The 18th-century monarch, affectionately called "Emperor Max" by Troleans, often waited for his guests at the entertainments in Innsbruck's Old Town from a balcony surrounded by a gleaming canopy of gilded copper tiles. The balcony is one of Innsbruck's best-known landmarks.

FOUR YEARS OF WORK

1964 Winter games are scheduled for January 23 through February 9. But the 10,000 residents of Innsbruck and 400 of the neighboring communities of Igls, Luzzm, and Seefeld have been preparing for the Olympics since 1960.

New ski trails, lifts, and jumps were the mountaineers. There is a new, plumbing-bolted run. Roads and rail lines have been improved. A new bridge, the Europa, crosses the Sill River valley at a height of 624 feet to link the Austrian and German autobahns with the high-ways of Italy.

To house the competing teams, Innsbruck has built a compound of some 150- to 160-story buildings, each topped by a roof garden. The practical-minded Austrians plan to use the 406 apartments as private residences after the games.

An Olympic Ice Arena seating 10,000 has been built. The figure and speed skating, ice hockey, and curling.

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SWELLING FROM HIVES
Mrs. J. H. writes: Can nervousness cause the body to swell?
Yes, provided you mean hives resulting from nervousness. The swelling is usually stem from allergy, often to food, but occasionally they are traced to emotion!
REPLY
The ovaries may be removed post a tumor is a cancer. This is because the ovaries manufacture the ovaries increase the growth of malignant cells.

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APPROVE PLAN

MOSCOW (AP)—The Emperor Soviet gave its expected unanimous approval Thursday to a plan for expanding the Soviet chemical industry and greatly increasing production of chemical fertilizers. The parliament also approved the budget for 1964 and the plan for the first phase of Khrushchev's seven-day plan for the chemical industry.

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