

More Shattered Hopes

Shot to pieces now is the forecast of the Canadian Tax Foundation, to the effect that in the tax year now ending, Ottawa's budget will total about \$550 million, or \$100 million less than the figure expected last summer. This would be the smallest deficit in three years, and in the tax year ahead a giant-sized \$500 increase in revenues could whittle the 1964-65 deficit into between \$300 million and \$400 million.

Even so the Financial Post, in its latest issue, warned that "loud hallelujahs" over this indication of Ottawa's move toward balanced budgets and relief from today's confiscatory tax rates would be sadly premature.

Premature indeed, according to Finance Minister Gordon, who presented the House of Commons on Friday with a \$240,884,747 bill to wrap up the government's spending program for the fiscal year ending March 31. He also served notice of a \$76 million boost in his budget deficit for the year resulting from adjustments in the armed forces pension fund.

An official estimate of the 1963-64 deficit won't be known until Mr. Gordon's budget speech, expected in three to six weeks. But according to a Canadian Press report, the size of the final appropriation bill, combined with the \$76 million pension fund item, has added strength to speculation that the deficit will top the \$700 million mark.

The total budgetary estimates for the year do not include an estimated \$807 million in universal \$75 old age pensions, which aren't counted in budget accounts, but of course have to be paid for.

Mr. Gordon's fiscal spending program for next fiscal year, starting April 1, is \$6,705,513,508 in budgetary estimates and \$3,882 million in old age pension costs. Supplementary estimates will boost this total considerably.

Whatever the cause, the problem has become acute, politically and economically. And it could have repercussions in Canada larger than any in the last decade.

As the poet says, "Man never is, but always to be blest." Even the Canadian Tax Foundation will have to admit that it has been indulging in wishful thinking, which is consoling to all of us who have been indulging in the same thing with more excuse for not knowing the score.

Royal Ups And Downs

The death of King Paul of Greece on Friday automatically made his only son, Crown Prince Constantine, the new ruler of this Atlantic alliance nation of 8,500,000 people, since under the Greek constitution no coronation is required to confirm the right of succession.

The late monarch came to the throne after grim experience of the ups and downs of fortune. With others of the royal family he left the country in 1941 to escape invading German armies, and was a refugee for five years, first in Crete, then in Egypt and finally in South Africa.

Prince William, of the Danish royal house of Glücksburg, and in 1863 he was crowned George I, king of the Hellenes.

The long suffering Glücksburgs, as one historian puts it, have been going into and out of office like the platoon. King Paul's father, King George II, was crowned twice and kicked out twice. Paul's predecessor, George II, was enthroned three times and dethroned twice.

Paul's two brothers were kings before him. Alexander died in 1920 after being bitten by a pet monkey. He was succeeded by the pennurious George II, who was on the throne intermittently until he died of a heart attack in 1947.

A confused situation followed Paul's accession, with guerrilla warfare, backed by Communists from Bulgaria, Albania and Yugoslavia, being waged, and with the throne again tottering. Paul and his queen, Frederika, worked hard to win their people's support, and succeeded. Together they visited all parts of the kingdom, travelling in jeans, riding mountain trails on mule back, consoling hospital patients and organizing charity drives. Paul himself went to the battle fronts 50 times.

The country now is on a more stable basis, and it is hoped will continue to play a strong role in the Atlantic alliance. It is interesting to note the new tie with Denmark which was formed by Constantine's engagement to the lovely 17-year-old Danish princess, Anne-Marie, whom he will wed in January.

U.S. Beef Problem

U.S. beef producers are in trouble, and the government has attempted to come to the rescue by buying choice-grade beef to support sliding cattle prices. The purchase of beef will go to the school lunch program and to the needy. This is the first time that any major "luxury food" has been included in Washington's surplus food program.

The directive for the purchase came recently from the White House, which is evidence of President Johnson's alarm over proposals to force a further cutback in meat by means of an amendment to the farm bill. This bill is in trouble enough already with Congress, its supporters believe, without tacking on another controversial issue.

Critics of the government's farm policy claim that falling prices of beef are not due primarily to importation, but to overproduction at home. This overproduction, they claim, is a result of the present feed-grain program, under which wheat growers who cut back acreage are compensated by payments in the form of government-owned wheat. It is this additional feed, going to fatten cattle, which allegedly caused a glut on the market and weakened prices.

When the names are acronyms—words formed from the initial letters of compound names. In this category are such well-known space projects as Samoa (Satellite and Middle Orbitations Systems), Midas (Mistle Defense Alarm System), and Tires (Television Infrared Orbital Television Satellites).

ORBITING LABORATORIES. Ego, Ozgo, and Pogo are only three—Corkscrew Space Sanctuary and two nesting colonies in Everglades National Park—are protected. They have been there for some time, having a sufficient number of breeding sites and feeding areas.

Often hunted in the past, the 10-pound stork tastes—some people say—Turkey. A South American bird, it is being introduced to the United States as a pest control agent.

Government health departments are faced constantly with troublesome decisions as a part of their new health care program. The task of protecting the public against injurious products must be done in a way that those who must, at the same time, make sure that ailing members of society are not deprived of helpful new drugs.

For example, a drug called polythionin has been made available to the public to combat mental depression. Claims have been made that this drug has been most effective. Yet the fact is persons died of stroke while taking the drug has led to the decision in the United States that the drug is not safe for continued distribution.

The Canadian federal health officers may take it off the market in this country. Coincidentally, West German scientists claim to have discovered a derivative of vitamin B6 that combats mental fatigue, or lack of concentration and memory. The results of meningitis and head injuries as well as headaches, poor circulation and intellectual degeneration due to old age.



SECOND RUN ON THE PENSION SLALOM

WHIZZING THROUGH SPACE

Lengthening Parade Of Satellites

thousands of miles into space and then back close to earth. Ogo is an Orbital Geophysical Observatory. The "P" in Pogo specifies that the satellite orbits over the poles. Some satellites have utilitarian names, notably Relay A and Echo. Relay is a communications satellite that receives and transmits radio from one point on the earth to another. Echo's aluminum skin reflects signals. "There's a touch of the poetic

Impaired Storks

National Geographic Society

The skinny-legged wood bird, the only stork native to the United States, is fighting a seesaw battle for survival. The spectacular bird with a five-foot wing span was once common throughout the southeastern and Gulf states. Now, drainage and housing projects are depriving feeding areas in southern Florida. Lumbering and clearing operations encroach on wilderness nesting sites.

Wood ibises once numbered 100,000 in Florida alone. Now between 8,000 and 10,000 breed. The birds' bulky, stocky bodies, and metal fragments make up what is probably 10 percent of their diet. The birds' highest collection of scrap. Most of the objects fall back to earth, but some are ingested. Some always newer, bigger, more sophisticated ones to take over.

BIRDS HURT BY DROUGHT. Mr. Allen began worrying about the big, black-and-white bird in 1950 when a severe drought reduced its numbers to an all-time low of 8,000. "For the first time in ornithological history, wood storks in large numbers left their usual haunts and wandered across the U.S. and States as far north and west as Colorado. The birds were looking for enough water to provide food," he wrote.

On warm days, the birds spend much of their time in the water, but they are unable to feed. They are unable to find enough water to provide food. They are unable to find enough water to provide food. They are unable to find enough water to provide food.

The Pill Problem

Fort William Times-Journal

This drug is named Pyritin. In the Germans say they have tested it for four years in the Max-Planck Institute for Psychological Research in Heidelberg and in the Neurological Clinic of the University of Bonn. They claim the results were overwhelming.

72-year-old pensioned teacher who had suffered from severe mental degeneration and break down of his mind. He was given to give tutoring lessons after a six-weeks' treatment. Three patients were treated in a similar way. They were freed from pain within four days and were able to return to work a few weeks later. In order to obtain lasting results, however, the body must continually receive pyritin.

DEPOSIT DISCOVERED. One of the world's largest deposits of natural gas has been discovered in the Hasi-Ri area of Algeria.

Leukemia Victims May Live Longer

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

The last three beds on the west side of our ward at County hospital were occupied by victims of leukemia. One was 28 years old, another 35, and the third over 55. All had white blood counts in excess of 25,000 (normal is 10,000).

The young man had acute leukemia, the variety most common in children and young adults. Jack was critically ill and looked it. He was pale, feverish, and uncomfortable. Many of the glands in his neck were enlarged, though not tender to the touch. His skin was black and blue in several areas because of hemorrhagic infarcts of the surface. A few of these marks had been infected and bled chronically into the skin.

The other two men had the chronic type of the disease. They were not sick, and they had been hospitalized for a much longer time. Their stories were similar, but different, though they had different forms of the disease.

The patient with chronic lymphatic leukemia had involvement of the lymphatic glands in the neck, chest, and groin. Some of the nodes were so big, they protruded from the neck like the same enlarged glands in the chest pressed on the bronchi and the under side of the breastbone. X-ray treatments reduced their size and relieved distress from this source.

The third man had chronic myelocytic leukemia. His spleen and liver were enlarged, in contrast to the lymphatic nodes of the man with chronic leukemia. He sought medical care because of a bulging abdomen and frequent dizziness. In addition, he was weak and anemic.

These men were hospitalized in 1958. The older patients lived out their life expectancy. The younger man survived twenty months after developing the disease. This is typical of what happened in acute leukemia if those days. Today we are able to prolong life a year or more with isotopes, X-ray and chemical agents. If current research pays off, it may be possible to keep some of these people alive indefinitely.

GRA writes: I'm a college student and my mother tells me I'll keep on smoking I'll get emphysema. Is this disease becoming as prevalent as lung cancer?

Emphysema is the leading chronic disease of the lungs and the major single cause of disability of pulmonary origin. It occurs more frequently than a lung cancer.

KIDNEY DISEASE. Mrs. H writes: How is nephritis treated in a 4-year-old?

This kidney condition responds to the use of some of the advanced corticosteroids like prednisone or ACTH. A nutritious diet, rich in protein, is advisable. Diuretic drugs also are used for water-loaded tissues.

An intimation that the Rocky Point ferry Fairview will be removed from service was given in the Legislature by Premier A.W. Johnston while speaking on the Draft Address. The Premier pointed out that it cost \$100,000 a year to keep the ferry in operation.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Now we know why they call them "widows" left. If we have been widowed, it's not because we were widowed. It's because we were widowed. It's because we were widowed.

A hospital lets new fathers listen to their baby's first cry while they are in the hospital. We call that a wall of a wall. It's because we were widowed. It's because we were widowed.

Can anyone remember what used to occupy the space in the living room now absorbed by that serene eye on the TV set commonly known as the TV set?—Slaughter Courier.

Grandeur And Pettiness

By Alan Harvey Canadian Press Staff Writer

Grandeur and schoolboy pettiness coexist in the lonely emulsion that is General Charles de Gaulle.

On as many nights the Eiffel Tower seems dimmed from Paris, looming ethereally over the city. The Gaulist personality creates a disembodied effect floating high above the heads of ordinary mortals.

There he sits brooding, twirling the globe in his big hands, concentrating on the day before yesterday and the day after tomorrow, challenging the United States from Peking to Panama.

They crash-down he comes to earth, betraying the Olympian facade with an oddity mingling act, such as his decision this week to keep his social rival for the presidency, Gaston Defferre, off French radio, television and even news bulletins until two weeks before an election next year.

MY TELEVISION. The Gaulist and radio are notoriously servile to the regime. De Gaulle is said to speak of "my television" as if it were a pet. His celebrated TV appearances and sometimes hilariously limited by some of his own means—constitute his outstanding achievement. It is his chief means of reaching the people.

How far de Gaulle will go to pollinate with any opposition viewpoint was hammered home this week. A program contributing from several European networks was shown in France minus a German interview with Defferre. In a ead, appropriate French audiences saw a film about Napoleon.

The Economist, a London weekly, says the decision to freeze out Defferre is "inconsistent as well as petty undemocratic."

A much harsher indictment, unrelated to the most recent action, was shown in France minus a German interview with Defferre. In a ead, appropriate French audiences saw a film about Napoleon.

CONTROL UNIQUE. "Gaulist France," he wrote after a visit, "has become the first Western country to construct a state-controlled information apparatus whose program potential exceeds that of the pre-war dictators, and approaches that of the present-day Communists."

The government reply has been that TV and radio constitute an essential balance against the press of France, which is regarded in the man as hostile to the regime. Meanwhile, the administration is building up provincial TV networks, and there are reports of subtle pressure on provincial newspaper editors.

Such exercises of Gaulist touchiness can be found in many spheres of French life, and contrast with the grandiose claims the regime makes for itself.

Advertisement for a car sale. Text: "Sacrifice Prices! ALL STOCK TO BE CLEARED DUE TO MOVING AFTER 7 DAYS IN THIS LOCATION. AT REDUCED PRICES WHILE THEY LAST. 50% OFF THIS WEEK. ENTIRE STOCK MUST GO. LOWEST PRICES EVER ON ALL MODELS IN THE SHOWROOM. 35% SAVINGS ON FULLY EQUIPPED CARS."

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When you see what you want—see the people at your neighbourhood B of M about a Family Finance Plan loan.

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Advertisement for 'The Foot's Corner'. Text: "MARCH WINDS. March winds were swirling around me. Circling, as they come back. The March winds at the sky. Stood out like an empty clothes rack. Mounds of snow near the roadside. Spotted brown, and smudged, and streaked. And a child with a dirty face. Like a tear stained and freckled cheek. Strewn sheets of an old newspaper. Dried by like a boy cutting caners. Smoke from an old man's pipe floated toward me, in rancid vapors. A discarded Christmas tree that I saw me idly cut down. Stood in the ice all scorched and brown. As I leaned like the 'Pia' lower. Once more the wind came swirling. Like wild hares on rampage: Shivering I turned toward home. Like a bird that's in search of its cage." Cecil B. Smith of Siewiacko, N.S.