

Atlantic Unemployment

The Atlantic region is still in the doldrums so far as unemployment is concerned. The latest statistics, released this week by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Labor Department, shows that 11.4 per cent of the available labor force of this region was unemployed at mid-December. This represents an increase of 2.5 per cent over the previous month's figure of 8.9 per cent.

And how does it compare with the rest of Canada? Very poorly indeed. For the rest of Canada unemployment at mid-December stood at 5.8 per cent, a jump of 1.1 per cent from the 4.7 per cent standing of mid-November. For all of Canada, at mid-December, the percentage was 6.3, up 1.1 per cent from the 5.2 per cent of a month earlier.

Thus we are not only lagging behind in the Atlantic region, but our rate of lag in the period between mid-November and mid-December last was considerably greater than in other parts of the country.

This gives added emphasis to the need for getting the new APEC campaign going. The employment target in this campaign is a long-range one—155,000 new jobs in the Atlantic region by 1980 as an "essential ingredient" in reaching the required economic development for the area. There is urgent need for getting this development under way.

Let's hope, in this connection, that every effort will be made to speed up our big Causeway program. In his speech in Charlottetown last June, Prime Minister Diefenbaker estimated that this work would give employment to 1,100 men for six years and provide \$30,000,000 in wages. APEC should keep emphasizing, along with that, the sooner we get this great undertaking started the better.

Adenauer's Problem

As noted in a dispatch yesterday from Bonn, the meeting of Chancellor Adenauer and President de Gaulle next week to sign an agreement on closer relations is expected to stimulate fears of a Paris-Bonn axis. France and West Germany, their old enemies laid to rest, are seen as joining forces to dominate Western Europe. Heretofore they have stood together on Common Market issues, and the question now is whether the West German Chancellor is prepared to go along with de Gaulle's latest pronouncement, declaring his opposition to Britain's entry on terms so severe that there is little risk of Britain accepting them.

In view of de Gaulle's unbending position, it may be assumed that his public statement was both calculated and final. With or without Adenauer's co-operation, he will insist on Britain adopting a policy that would violate Prime Minister Macmillan's promises to the Commonwealth, to the European Free Trade Association, and to the British Parliament and public. Even if Mr. Macmillan concluded that the stakes were so high as to justify an about-turn of this kind, it is more than doubtful if he could carry it off. He would risk public humiliation and crushing defeat at the polls.

Even if West Germany stands firmly with Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg in opposing de Gaulle's ultimatum and

ing concessions to Britain, this will not be enough. De Gaulle has the power of veto at the Brussels negotiations, and it is not likely that he will hesitate to use it.

The situation must be disturbing to Chancellor Adenauer. For despite the talk of a Paris-Bonn axis he is too cagey not to know that de Gaulle's cherished plan is to combine under French leadership the foreign and defense policies of the Common Market states. The "axis" plan is a half-way step in the achievement of his goal, which is to create a new "great power," led by France, that will have an independent policy.

If Britain entered the Common Market, that would be the end of this grandiose scheme for she would inevitably advocate close cooperation with the Commonwealth and the United States. She would insist on maintaining an intimate Atlantic partnership. Adenauer may have to decide whether this would be preferable to playing second fiddle to a man whose dreams of glory for France have become a dangerous obsession.

The terms of the agreement that was worked out after de Gaulle's triumphant tour of West Germany last September have been kept secret. They are expected to be revealed either during the Chancellor's three day visit to Paris next week, or soon after. As finalized at this meeting, they could have far-reaching implications for Europe and the western world.

The Soft Approach

Who would have predicted, a short while ago, that Premier Khrushchev would be inviting Mayor Willy Brandt of West Berlin to come to East Berlin for a friendly chat about their dividing wall? Mayor Brandt has reluctantly rejected the offer, because of political pressure; but the fact that it has been made indicates a new approach on the Soviet leader's part. Recently, the East German Communist chief, Walter Ulbricht, said that efforts to get the western allies out of Berlin should be put off into the future. The big job ahead for the East Germans, he said, is to get the economy moving. Such relatively unimportant matters as Berlin, he implied, can wait for easier days. He called emphasis on Berlin "Stalinist," which is one of the worst epithets in Red jargon today.

Why this change after a series of threats and setting deadlines since 1958 for the western allies to get out of Berlin? The best guess is that the Communist bloc has so many troubles at home that it hasn't the time or the stomach for stirring up more. Another, of course, is that the implications of the Cuban crisis are still being digested at Moscow.

This leaves Berlin where the western allies insist it must be left until an over-all German settlement is reached or until some definite means can be agreed upon for guaranteeing its freedom. All in all, the situation remains. Access is open. Berlin keeps its ties with West Germany. And Mr. Khrushchev beckons genially to Willy Brandt across the wall.

Mr. Gaiskell's Death

When Hugh Gaiskell was elected leader of the British Labor Party in December, 1957, there was some discontent in left-wing circles over the choice. He was distrusted as an "intellectual," and he had no commanding personality. Over the years, he proved his detractors to be mistaken in their estimate of his leadership ability. His authority in Labor circles became established as time went on, and he won a wide measure of acceptance outside party ranks.

His death in a London hospital yesterday was not unexpected, but it will be deeply mourned. Mr. Gaiskell possessed wide culture as well as political experience, and he was noted for his integrity and sincerity. Such men are an ornament to public life in any country.

EDITORIAL NOTE

Japan's wandering students are on the increase. According to a survey conducted by the Japanese Ministry of Education, more than 5,500,000 schoolchildren will have been on educational trips between April 1, 1962 and March 31, 1963.



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BRITISH COMMENTARY

How Long To Kenya's Independence?

By Don Taylor, United Kingdom Information Service

Once again Kenya is coming into the world's news. A new Government is appointed, the reports of the various commissions whose work is necessary to the drafting of the new constitution are virtually complete, a breakthrough move from the major political party, the Kenya African National Union, is reported.

The progress of this East African country, which has suffered so much tragedy, does seem slow. So slow that there are criticisms that Britain is "dragging her feet" over Kenya's independence. How much truth is there in such an accusation? Let us take a careful and objective look at the facts.

It is, I think, wise to take Kenya as it is, and not as other African countries and, particularly by the former Belgian Congo. There is no avoiding the hard truth that for countries entering into independence, if they are to survive, there are four requisites—a severe, realistic, investment program of political experience, a reasonably sound economic base, a strong and reliable government, and a clear-cut leadership.

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Should Be On The Stage

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With 24 hours President Tsou to go, the Canadian Medal of Merit is being awarded to a number of Canadians who have distinguished themselves in various fields of activity.

Medals, Up And Down

Ottawa Journal

France has decided that 200,000 people with the Legion of Honour will be awarded this year. The honor is to be harder to get under a new decree.

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen: Many housewives have complained that the reason in the world to be tired is that for every 20 women who are harassed by their husbands, there are only 10 who are energetic. She can do all this and more. In some instances, she gets more co-operation from her husband and family but in all probability she has everything to lose by trying to do too much.

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U.S. Problem Vietnam

Milwaukee Journal

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Breaking for Useful

It may seem strange for me to write today about two men whose names probably have never appeared before. They are mentioned here particularly widely known elsewhere. The reason for mentioning them is that their lives have had large meanings to me.

At times, I wonder how lives came so close to mine that there are ways in which I'll never be written about. I'm which often seems the main occupation of columnists as I've mentioned the names of Sydney D. Scott, Vancouver, and Bert Smith, Toronto, both of whom died recently.

Scott is the person I think of first whenever I recall my chief editor. Many of the first of the Atlantic World, gave as his definition of the chief function of an editor. It is, he said, to "cast his shadow on the page." He added that it is only a shadow, and never the silhouette or a recognizable image of the editor. It should show on the page.

PAPER CAME FIRST That was the way Syd Scott worked. He cast his shadow on the page—through almost 30 years of newspapering in Vancouver. He was a man who enabled me to understand, through his works although never put into words, what he worked by my side on the Vancouver staff. He was a man who became a managing editor of that fine paper.

Syd never gave much thought to himself as a person. It was his personality, so far as he was concerned. It wasn't his shape or his looks that he was concerned with. His intelligence, his wisdom, his instincts and his integrity in presentation, played a part on every page.

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STUTTERING IN FAMILY BERT SMITH'S MY BROTHER STUTTERED. I DON'T KNOW WHY. I'M INFANT DAUGHTER WILL STUTTER, TOO.

REPLY Stuttering is unusual in girls. Maintaining a steady and unshakable mind to minimize the chances that stuttering will develop.

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