

# Opposition To Tax Sharing Is Not Expected To Diminish

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OTTAWA (CP)—Quebec's long-lived opposition to tax-sharing agreements with the federal government is not expected to diminish with the death of Premier Duplessis.

Since the Second World War the Quebec leader had been the persistent advocate of provincial autonomy. As the great dissenter at federal-provincial conferences, he kept demanding that Ottawa stop collecting taxes he said should go to the provinces.

At the last conference here in July Mr. Duplessis said bluntly it was "stealing" when Ottawa collected those taxes and spent the money for provincial purposes. Now Quebec's Youth and Welfare Minister Paul Sauve has said the dead premier's colleagues "are convinced the best way to honor his memory is to continue his work."

**CARRIES WEIGHT**  
That statement carries weight with the general expectation that Mr. Sauve will be named to succeed Mr. Duplessis. Although Mr. Sauve did not specifically mention federal-provincial relations, one of the key bases of the Duplessis government's policy was its insistence on provincial autonomy.

Mr. Sauve is known as a strong supporter of that position. The central issue is the sharing of taxation fields between Ottawa and the provincial governments. It will again come to the fore in a meeting here Oct. 15 and 16 between Finance Minister

Fleming and the provincial treasurers. At their last meeting July 6 and 7, all the provinces but one—Quebec—urged the calling of a full-scale conference with heads of government to negotiate a better tax-sharing deal for the provinces.

Mr. Fleming explained then: "Mr. Duplessis indicated frequently he was interested more in cash than in conferences."

**NECESSARY MOVE**  
The Quebec leader told reporters at the time that it was "not only possible but necessary" to restore provincial taxing powers.

Quebec is the only province which has not signed a tax-sharing agreement, under which the provinces are allocated 13 per cent of the federal personal income tax yield, nine per cent of taxable corporate income, and 30 per cent of inheritance taxes.

Quebec collects its own personal and corporation income taxes and death duties. Federal taxes in the province are reduced by the 13-9-30 formula of the tax-sharing agreement. Quebec also gets from Ottawa a federal equalization payment under the tax share plan amounting to some \$55,000,000 this year.

However, the Union Nationale government has steadfastly maintained that under the constitution the provinces have a prior right of taxation in those three tax fields. It has been bitter over the fact that Ottawa revenues from these tax fields are spent for purposes which Quebec feels are purely provincial in scope.

Thus the Quebec government has turned down not only federal grants for universities, but also Canada Highway plan and so far has stayed out of the National Hospital Insurance Program, has refused to enter the Trans-

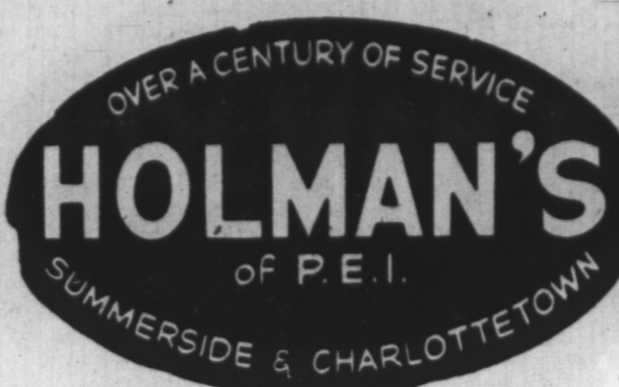
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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt was standing in a light rain outside the plot where her husband is buried as Khrushchev arrived by car from New York.

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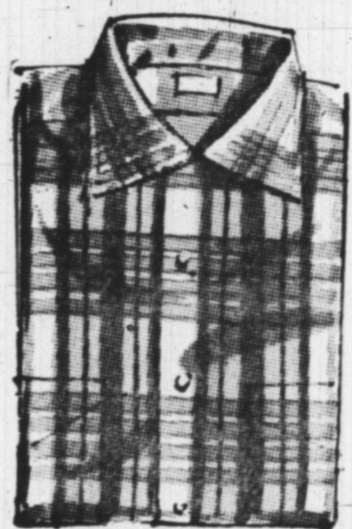


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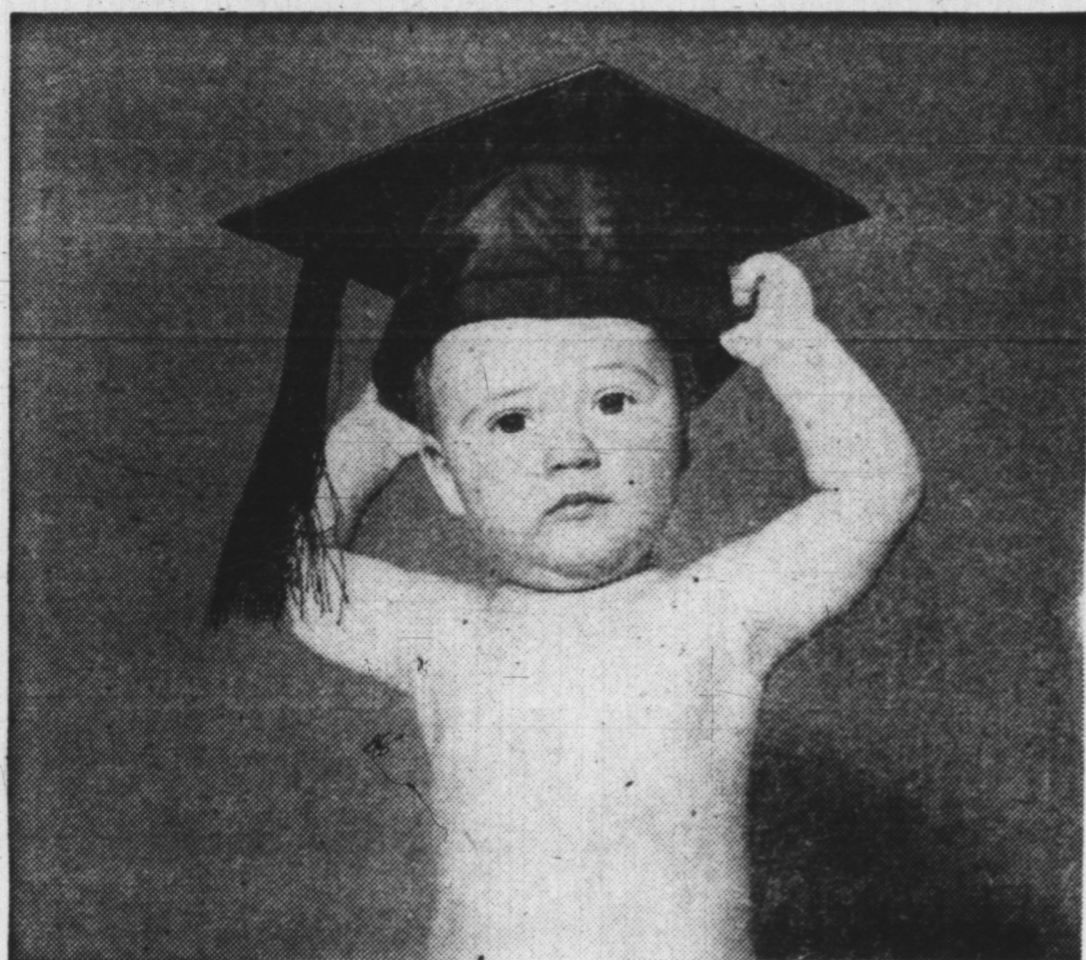
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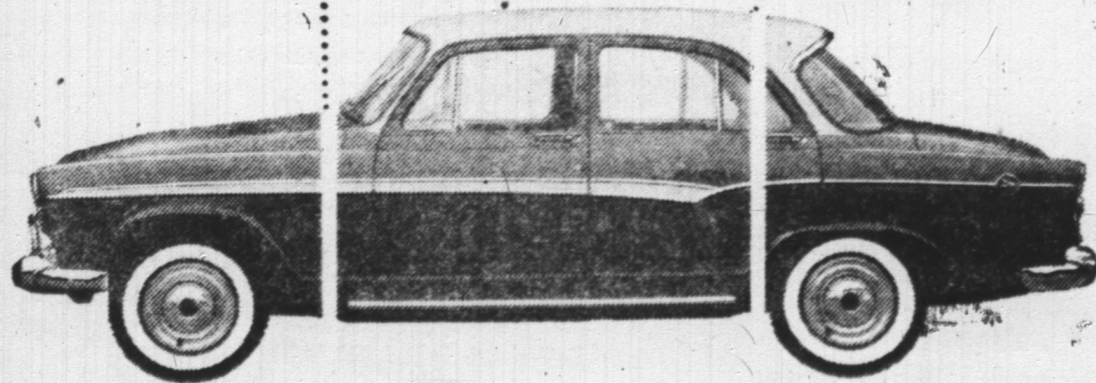
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