

Beggarly Treatment

After the intimation that an additional \$40 million in equalization grants would be available to the Atlantic provinces under the new formula to be proposed by Ottawa at this week's federal-provincial tax structure committee conference, it comes as sobering news that once again, the fiscal needs of this province are being bypassed with what would seem to be the utmost indifference by Finance Minister Sharp and his cabinet colleagues.

In a statement issued Tuesday evening by Premier Campbell and Provincial Treasurer Hickey, our representatives at the conference, it was complained that the formula now being considered adds only \$400,000 to our present tax-sharing agreement. But even this appears to have been an over-optimistic estimate. According to a Canadian Press release, it would seem that our increased share would be \$200,000. Against this beggarly handout, Newfoundland would receive an extra \$22,000,000 under the new formula, Nova Scotia \$18,800,000, and New Brunswick \$15,700,000. Why we should be fobbed off in the manner above indicated, is beyond comprehension.

Perhaps there are some details in the Sharp formula which have not come to light at the time of writing, some recognition of our special claims for consideration on the basis of fiscal need, which we have long been seeking. We were hopeful, from earlier statements of federal policy, and from the exhaustive studies made over the past two years in preparation for the conference, that this would indeed be the case. If not, our prospects are bleak indeed.

As emphasized in the brief presented by Mr. Hickey yesterday, one of the prime necessities of federalism in national consideration is to compensate for the disparity in natural resources. Tax revenues are the result of the collective effort of all our people and should be distributed in such a way as to equalize standards of services between provinces.

In their press statement Tuesday night, our representatives said that in the event of a satisfactory solution not being found at this conference, they fully intend to place our problems before the Prime Minister and are determined not to tolerate any further widening of the gap between the standards of living in Prince Edward Island and other provinces. Let them keep this goal in the forefront. Nor can they use language too strong to voice the views of all our people on the subject.

End Of An Era

Representatives of several Commonwealth parliaments have honored us with a visit this week, and have been generous in expressing their appreciation of the province and its people. Other groups are touring other parts of Canada, we hope with equally gratifying results. Meanwhile in London, despite predictions that the Commonwealth is on the verge of disintegration, its leaders have so far been able to discuss the controversial Rhodesian situation with commendable restraint. And it is a matter of pride to Canadians that Prime Minister Pearson has made an important contribution to the efforts to seek an acceptable compromise.

It is not without interest that with Commonwealth nations increasing in power and influence, Britain's once mighty Colonial Office has finally decided to give up the ghost. Recently, like the global empire it once ruled, it passed into oblivion. The event, notes a London correspondent, went almost unnoticed. Among the national newspapers, only the faithful old Times—which has shown more pres-

tigious days itself—commented editorially on the Colonial Office flag coming down.

The imperial remnants consist of 30 territories with a total population of about 8 million. The most populous is Hong Kong, with 3,800,000, while the south Pacific island of Pitcairn has only 89—most of them descendants of the Bounty mutineers. Less than 30 years ago there were more than double that number of possessions, and the total population topped 80 million. Earlier, before a separate Dominion Office (later the Commonwealth Relations Office) was created in 1925, the Colonial Office empire took in everything from Australia to Zululand—territories acquired through settlement, conquest, cession or annexation.

The liquidating process is continuing. In May this year, Guyana was born out of what was formerly British Guiana. On Sept. 30, the 220,000-square-mile protectorate of Bechuanaland, on the southern end of Rhodesia, achieves independence as Botswana. Basutoland, a 12,000-square-mile "island" surrounded by South Africa, will follow on Oct. 4. Barbados, in the West Indies, takes the big step Nov. 30. Others are on the way, although no specific dates have been set.

Nothing here for regret! On the contrary, that there is hardly anything left testifies to the success of the Colonial Office in achieving its avowed objective of putting itself out of business. Its most fitting epitaph, it has been suggested, comes from its most illustrious state secretary. Before he ever occupied the office, with its large yellowing globe symbolizing imperial sway, Winston Churchill told the Commons: "It is known, alike by peoples and rulers, that, upon the whole, British influence is a kindly and healthy influence and makes for the general happiness and welfare of mankind."

For Safer Cars

President Johnson has now signed legislation that will require automobile manufacturers to build safer cars and encourage states to develop effective traffic safety control programs. The bill became law at a ceremony in the White House Rose Garden last week, when the President admonished the automobile industry to "build in more safety without building on more costs." He also appointed an administrator of the National Traffic Safety Agency which will be set up to administer the new legislation.

The measure requires the Secretary of Commerce to devise safety standards for all motor vehicles in the United States by next Jan. 31 and to put the first set into effect by Jan. 31, 1968. The standards thus will apply to most and perhaps all 1968 models, which will go on the market in the late summer or early fall of 1967.

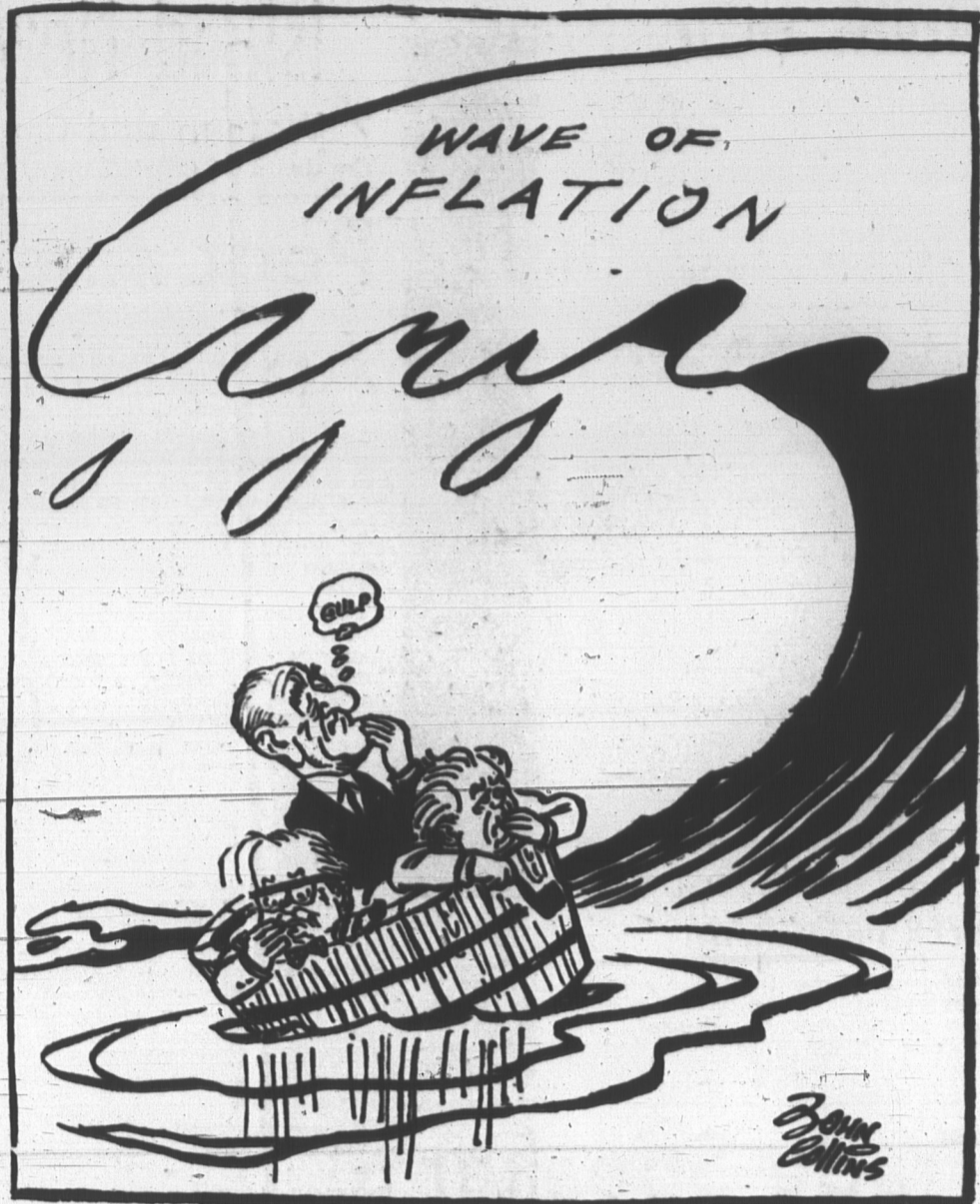
The standards will be based on 26 requirements established in the last two years for cars purchased by the federal government and on existing regulations of the Interstate Commerce Committee for trucks and buses. They range from impact-absorbing steering columns to backup lights. Others include front-seat headrests to reduce neck injuries, comprehensive interior padding, rear-window defogging devices, recessed or break-away knobs and handles, minimum-glare interior and exterior surfaces and signalling devices for stopped vehicles.

The act requires the Secretary to issue revised standards by Jan. 31, 1968, and to establish new or revised standards periodically thereafter. Minimum safety standards and a uniform system of quality grading for tires must also be formulated and put into effect. Penalties of \$1,000 are imposed for each violation of the safety law, with a maximum penalty of \$400,000 for any series of related violations. States that do not adopt programs conforming to criteria to be established by the Secretary of Commerce by Jan. 1, 1969 will be subject to a 10 per cent reduction in federal aid for highway construction.

Canada has been dragging its feet in safety measures of this kind. But the impetus given by our American neighbors should have its effect on the car industry of the whole continent, and on the accident toll as well, which it is aimed at cutting down.

EDITORIAL NOTE

To mark Canada's Centennial year the Alberta government is producing a half-hour film to depict the past, present and future in Alberta. Who is the narrator? Burl Ives, prominent American folk singer.



RUB-A-DUB-DUB

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Impressed By Recent Visit To Poland

The twelve most constructive Members of Parliament would be a fascinating list—varying of course with the compiler's definition of the word "constructive." Any party which would of course rate as constructive the performing seal who attends regularly in the House, votes with his party leader, and never makes a speech which attracts surprised headlines.

The constituency chairman would nominate the attentive home-town MP who can persuade the Minister of Public Works that a new post office is needed, and rates a visiting cabinet minister to open it. I would look for other qualities: the perspective to place Canada above both constituency and party on occasion; the skill and knowledge to pinch-hit with a profound speech; a mind always open, and directed by common sense; to command friendship and respect on Parliament Hill across party lines; and which is becoming increasingly important—the savoir faire to conduct himself as a delegate to a foreign country with credit to Canada and with benefit to Parliament Hill's pool of knowledge.

High on my list on those terms would be Bryce Mackasey, the 45-year-old Liberal MP for Verdun, Quebec. He was born in Quebec City, is an alumnus of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), a former alderman of Verdun, ex-chairman of the Liberal party caucus, now parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Labour and trusted friend of Prime Minister Pearson ("You and I think alike, Bryce, we've both got a lot of Irish in us," he once said).

DELEGATE OF DISTINCTION Bryce has recently returned from Poland, which he visited as a member of the Canadian Parliamentary delegation especially invited by the Speaker of the Sejm. The visit was in connection with this year's "Polish Millennium," marking the 1,000th anniversary of the creation of Poland and also the 1,000th anniversary of the acceptance of Christianity in that subsequently highly religious country.

"But doesn't Communism frown on religion?" I asked Bryce. "Yes, but in Poland they seem to be building a new kind of Communism which embraces religion. On our first day at Krakow, I attended evening Mass at the church of Our Lady. It can seat 400 worshippers, and accommodates 2,500 more standing, but it was jammed." The Canadian Parliamentarians were taken far, shown much, and met many Poles whom they found charming, interesting and interested in Canada.

By Bryce fell ill while there and was sent to hospital, where all the doctors appeared to be youngish women. His treatment was skilful and effective, his doctor is married to a surgeon, and they both lecture at night to add to their income. This evidently is not unusual in a country where workers seek economic viability by undertaking two or even three jobs. The state-run economy seems to be based on the principle: "Big Brother knows best; he will handle your budget." So pay is low, covering diet essentials but leaving little over; services are provided by the all-powerful intrusive state.

As a Canada heading towards similar government control of private spending? Bryce was not impressed by the material comfort of private life. Practically no cars; costly but abundant TV sets; books and records admirable and very cheap; but the goods in the stores pitiable by Canadian standards.

A Lesson In Spelling Hamilton Spectator Talking of enterprise, the Governor of South Carolina has it in the proverbial spades. Thanks to him, the publicity his lovely state has been receiving at the Canadian National Exhibition should attract thousands of Canadians to that part of the American southland this winter and next spring.

South Carolina has a booth at the CNE. The governor himself and members of his family came to Toronto, entertained scores of citizens at a wing-ding of a party, and generally charmed the bark off all within earshot. Canadians could learn something from the performance of the South Carolinians. A good selling job is all this country needs. What it most definitely doesn't need is the off-hand assumption that the average American is simply dying to come to visit us.

The truth is that the average American is blandly ignorant of Canada and what we have to offer the tourist. A Canadian or an Ontario booth at leading fairs and exhibitions in the United States (what isn't beneath the dignity of an American government or shouldn't be beneath a provincial premier's dignity) would do much to make our tourist industry even more Goliath-like than it is. As an example of our approach to publicity gimmickry, Canada itself ignored the World's Fair in New York on the grounds that it wasn't an officially sanctioned world's fair. That blunder cost us millions of additional tourist dollars. In addition it so annoyed American officials that the U.S. pavilion at our world's fair is about a quarter the size it might have been if we had participated at New York.

What this country needs is a little more of that South Carolina omph.

Music, Red Style Sault Ste. Marie Star Music has been used for many things, from Congreve's potion for charming savage beasts, to coaxing chickens into laying more eggs. (Or was it cows to give more milk?)

In recent years the market has been flooded by phonograph recordings of music to do things by, ranging from the fairly obvious "Music to Get Romantic By" to the somewhat extreme and slightly kooky, "Music to Detest Your Neighbor By." One would think that between these two extremes we must surely have covered the entire spectrum of this kind of music. However, apparently we overlooked one.

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Just in case would-be composers feel limited, the party has issued a booklet for their use containing several thousand suggestions upon which they might base their work.

Following this "music to indoctrinate by" line, a recent festival in Shanghai, China's biggest city, saw "more than a million" (Peking's figures) spectators wildly applaud the opening piece "Who is the Greatest Leader in the World?" (The question was purely rhetorical and no prizes given for coming up with the right answer.)

Chatham Daily News plentiful and foodstuffs are too scarce. Its progressive advocates take the stand that in times of famine, drastic measures of food conservation are justified.

The swamis and sashus, for some obscure reason hidden in a distant past, regard the cow as sacred, by way of protest they have been squatting outside the Lok Sabha for a fortnight and more in a deluge of rain.

Bombay city fathers are growing panicky at the prospect of widespread squat-ins and cow-ins. They have enacted a local ban on cow slaughter, though whether this invalidates the national "kill the cows" ukase is a constitutional question.

India, a new voice is becoming audible. It even may be heard one of these days in the lower house of Parliament, the Lok Sabha.

In an effort to persuade Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to ban the slaughter of cows in Asia's great sub-continent, Swami Rameswarandani in all the glory of his saffron robes has threatened to introduce a cow on the floor of the lower house.

M-O-O-O-O! The officially approved slaughter of useless and worthless cows in India is not due to animosity against the fairly obvious "Music to Get Romantic By" to the somewhat extreme and slightly kooky, "Music to Detest Your Neighbor By."

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Stay Alive Mentally

By Dr. Theodore N. Van Dellen Vigorous men and women who enjoy the world about them and are too busy to die live a long time. The adage "a person dies when he no longer contributes to life" may be applicable. The critical period appears to be late in the fifties and early sixties. Many of this age decide they are over-the-hill and become so depressed that they count the years until retirement. These individuals are existing, not living, and the change of life often is blamed but rarely is the cause.

Many successful professional men including physicians, lawyers, and executives find themselves in a rut at this age. They when they have gone as far as they can go and lack the ambition to work harder. They begin to refuse responsible civic and professional tasks and excuse their apathy with "I've done my share, let a younger man do it."

The situation is aggravated when their business or professional status is crowded by the still ambitious and energetic younger generation. The older man is set in his ways and finds it difficult to keep up with advances in his field. He makes the mistake of withdrawing or disengaging himself from his associates and may refuse to attend meetings, conventions, or join in discussions of mutual interest.

The only solution is to call a halt to this apathy. Get off the shelf, out of the rut, and into the frying pan again. It may take force and determination to rekindle interest. Avoid alcohol as an escape mechanism. One way to stay mentally alive is to keep up with current events. Calculate how many years are left and make plans for every day of it. Hobbies, or new interests are important. I have known physicians who learned to predict weather, became locksmiths, or artists. They are doing what they have always wanted to do. Thumb your nose at Father Time by becoming active and alive again.

SALT GARGLE V. C. B. writes: It is safe for a person with high blood pressure to gargle daily with a salt water solution.

REPLY Yes, but unwise because it may aggravate an existing hypertension. It is true that the amount of salt absorbed through gargling is small but there are other gargles that are equally effective.

DANGEROUS FORTIES G. Q. writes: Could a man of 40, who has never been robust, build himself up to become strong.

REPLY Yes, but it takes time. It is safer and easier at 49 to get a good tan, wear a strong abdominal binder, and go to a tailor who will build up the shoulders of your jackets.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE G. D. C. writes: Since giving up smoking I feel so relaxed and contented I can hardly stay awake during the day and sleep like a top at night. I find it difficult to get my work done and wonder if I need the stimulation provided by tobacco.

REPLY No excuses, please.

SELECTIVE FOODS A. M. F. writes: I've heard that eating too many starchy foods will make fat settle from the waist up and too many sweets will make a person fat from the hips down. Is there anything to this?

REPLY What makes the waistline fat? This is a whopper of a story that only the most gullible would believe.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT— Dieting requires persistence and determination.

Still A Hazardous Road

By Arch MacKenzie Canadian Press Staff, Washington

WASHINGTON (CP) — The elections in South Viet Nam have been more successful than the United States evidently dared hope.

The voting turnout was comparatively high and the anti-election tactics of the Viet Cong guerrillas relatively ineffective. But the elections represent only a minor step along the hazardous, difficult and expensive road the U.S. has chosen to follow in South Viet Nam, it is generally agreed.

The successful candidates are simply responsible for drawing up yet another national constitution—the fourth—for the battered area.

The key unknown in the situation in which Viet Nam is just a part—the 750,000,000-manpower enigma of China—remains unchanged.

The official U.S. attitude continues to express optimism that China will continue to avoid direct armed intervention unless North Viet Nam is invaded from the south.

EDEN PESSIMISTIC Other observers are less sanguine than the U.S.

"In the present situation in Southeast Asia, the danger of direct conflict between the U.S. and China is real," writes the Earl of Avon. As Sir Anthony Eden, later prime minister of Britain, he presided jointly with a Soviet counterpart over the original Geneva conference on Indochina in 1954.

"There is... a tendency in the Anglo-Saxon world to underestimate this danger, which will not grow less just because the war in Viet Nam makes us fa-

miliar with it," he writes in a prelude to a 12-point peace formula.

"The reverse is nearer the truth." Says a Canadian source, with direct knowledge of the area: "It seems useless at this period to forecast just what the Chinese may do."

If the Chinese have unleashed a wide-eyed ideological purge internally via the rampaging young Red Guards, he says, it can be assumed that China will continue to exercise its caution about an anti-Communist war raging on its doorstep.

MANPOWER BEACHHEAD China is believed to have 40,000 men inside North Viet Nam now. These are labelled as laborers working to maintain the two railways which connect the North Vietnamese capital of Hanoi with China to the east and west.

In one sense, this force can be regarded as protecting a vital Chinese interest.

In another sense, observers note, the force can be regarded as a manpower beachhead and a precedent for any expansion China might choose to institute for military purposes.

Lord Avon's analysis, taken from his recently published book called Toward Peace in Indochina, credits U.S. President Johnson with statesmanship so far for resisting a war broader than now exists.

But Lord Avon says that while China likely seeks no wider war either, "neither will she flee from it so that the field of manoeuvre may not be large."

The Edge Of Autumn

Ottawa Journal

There is a different feeling in the air now that the ninth month's mellowness broods over fields and meadows. Dawns are moist and foggy and one can sense nature's patience as the sun lifts into the sky and the fog lifts from valleys and fields. September does not hurry; it is a lingering remembrance of summer. It also has the taste of on-coming autumn.

Not yet the blazing bonfires on the hills; not yet the harsh searing of black frosts. Now for a heart-lifting interlude. Royal colors paint the land. There is the purple of asters and the rich hue of thistles. Ironwood holds bright pennants on stiff stems. Goldenrod paints pictures along dusty roadsides and brightens corners of upland fields.

Along pasture lanes sumacs display maroon candles. Around the edges of swamps, chocolate brown cattail heads blend with sun-cured reeds and grasses. In shadowed woodlands the check-

berries are red jewels beneath waxy leaves.

The voices of autumn are beginning. Blue jays fly across the orchards and bugle to the changing season; friendly chickadees come from summer woodland haunts and explore the old Russet trees behind the woodshed. Crickets fiddle at noon in the aster bed beneath the kitchen window and bumble bees drone from blossom to blossom.

At dawn, at high noon and in mid-afternoon, one knows it is September—the ending of summer and the beginning of a new season in a cycle of time that man cannot control. But it is at dusk when one feels it most definitely.

When a man comes in from evening chores, he stops a minute in the yard. The sky is blazing with stars, a fox barks from the upland ridge. And then the sharp edge of a northwest breeze touches the cheek. It is September—a still a remembrance of summer, but the scouts of autumn are here.

Don't Keep Them Too Busy

Guelph Mercury

Mothers who feel their children should be endlessly kept busy at a variety of activities to keep them out of trouble are not doing their children any favor. Keeping them from "going wrong" can also, in a deeper sense, keep them from "going right."

Writing in the Christian Science Monitor, Darren Stone says children do not need to be amused all day long. The mother who feels her youngster must be on the go continually runs the risk of producing a restless, demanding adult who feels that normal living consists of doing, moving, joining, with no time for being, contemplating, enjoying.

Living a life of perpetual motion deprives a child of develop-

ing poise, contentment and self-assurance which remain after all the club meetings and lessons have been dropped. In "Education and a Radical Humanism," Max Lerner says mediocrity begins when the child's marvelous struggle to learn is blunted by parents who hand him experiences, supply him with endless plastic attitudes and devices intended to keep him happy, unharmed and handsome.

Children need—and want—to be tested. The child who has everything given to him and has all his activities directed by adults becomes bored and uncertain of himself—and may be more easily led into destructive adventures inflated to escape the boredom.

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