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### Fortnight Speaking

A vote of thanks from thinking Canadians everywhere is due to Premier Robichaud of New Brunswick for his fortnight address before the Montreal Chamber of Commerce this week. As the first elected Acadian premier of his province, Mr. Robichaud is in an excellent position to appeal for English-French harmony. He did so from the standpoint of his own ethnic group, rightly assuming that "healthy conclusions" could be drawn by the whole country from a study of its history.

For 200 years, he pointed out, the Acadians and the descendants of the United Empire Loyalists who left New England after refusing to join in the American revolution against Britain had shared the territory of his province. There was a marked difference at the beginning between the situation of these two groups, which it seemed was destined to hold them in a state of perpetual hostility. But understanding emerged and the "accent moved gradually from recriminations of the past toward the creation of a better future." The results have been almost miraculous.

The art of compromise, "without sacrifice of ethnic rights or characteristics. It was a triumph for the ir-  
resistible force of patient moderation," and it stood in marked contrast to the "small separatist group in Quebec in its dangerous and pessimistic adventure." Acadians wanted no part of the "over-  
passive friendship" of these zealots.

"They would like to force me, willy-nilly, and without even consulting me, to move right here with them," said Mr. Robichaud. "I am referring, as you have guessed, to the recent paternalistic suggestion voiced by a lawyer connected with the Societe Saint-Jean Baptiste, that a part of my province should very simply, and without any more ado, be annexed to the province of Quebec. I am sure that all Acadians will agree that the suggestion stems from a good sentiment—it is thought to be necessary to protect us from the big bad wolf, the English. This brings to my mind one of Aesop's fables where the elephant wanted to lie down on the chickens in order to keep them warm!"

He went on to voice his conviction that this was "the true Quebec," and that it was destiny of that great province be the depositary, the guardian, the maintenance and diffusion of the rich French culture in Canada.

Acadians have found a spokesman for their views spoken in Mr. Robichaud.

### Pollution Problem

Air and soil pollution are together as subjects for the conference which the Canadian Council of Resources has undertaken to sponsor in 1966. It may seem amid our "ozone laden" air that air pollution is of "vintage," but this is not larger centres, and it is a problem of particular concern in the United States. So it is costing \$11 billion in corrosion, discoloration, alum formation, and other ailments, and increased attention to speak of its air health.

Attention was given at a meeting in Boston of the Institute of Chemical Engineers in a panel of experts.

This discussion is emphasized that the causative factors of air pollution are the same in all cities, the major cause being the use of automobiles, incinerators, and open burning. The technology to solve most air pollution problems, it seems, is already available; but before that can be applied, the public and industry must be educated. The public at first will have to pay more for the products it buys: automobiles with after-burners, blow-by, or catalytic converters; heating oil that has been desulphurized; and products produced in factories which have installed expensive pollution control.

However, companies are beginning to realize that it can be profitable to control pollution; it leads to "good will" and in some cases to improved production techniques, as, for instance, in the removal of sulphur from fuels which can provide a new source of sulphuric acid and prevent the depletion of sulphur reserves.

The whole problem, of course, is related to urbanization and industrialization. In the United States, 50 per cent of the population is now living on 1 per cent of the land. We haven't reached that state of congestion in Canada, but the trend is that way. By the time the Resource Council gets round to dealing with it, the problem will be more acute than it is now.

### Brave New World

Recently we carried a note about a prediction by an English scientist, Sir Leon Bagrit, that "conversational computers" are in the offing. These electronic devices, small enough to fit into the pocket, will enable individuals to carry on a full conversation even though they do not understand each other's language.

Already, it seems, man can convert human vocal sounds into numerical symbols and has made some steps toward converting the symbols into sounds. So it's just another step to have the computers reproduce the human voice. Once they can do that a man will be able to speak into a computer and have his voice translated into electric symbols. And the symbols could reproduce the proper words in any language "with which the sounds are compatible."

So the day will come when we can talk English into one of these gadgets and an instantaneous translation in, say, Chinese will come out the other end. That would solve the bilingual problem for every nation; but the Milwaukee Journal professes to see in this invention an even brighter future.

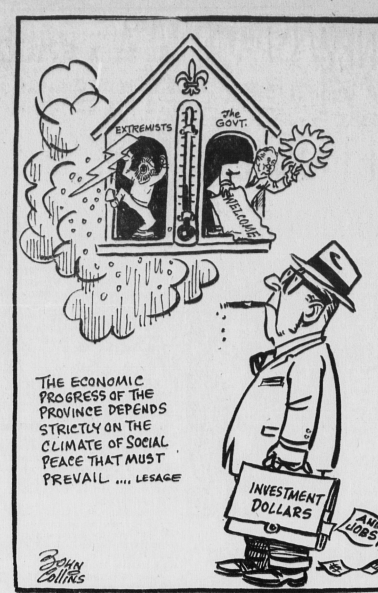
"The greatest day of all," it says, "will be when the computers can carry on conversations of their own. Then you can go to a cocktail party and sit silent and in peace while your computer talks to the inevitable 'bore.' But think of its possibilities from the political point of view!"

### EDITORIAL NOTES

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As announced in our news columns, Mr. W. E. Massey has been relieved, at his request, of the duties of Deputy Provincial Treasurer for the purpose of taking a responsible new position, that of Director of Federal-Provincial Relations. His work will involve lengthy and exhaustive study, and we can imagine no one better fitted, by ability and experience, for such an undertaking. The province is fortunate, indeed, in having a man of his qualifications available. His assistant Mr. G. Douglas Dennis promises to be a worthy successor as Deputy Provincial Treasurer.

Truth is hard to take in unadulterated doses. But a salute to Senator Ferguson of Ontario for giving us in this way the flag debate. A First World War veteran, he recalled that for the bulk of the four years of war on the western front the soldiers lived in trenches without a flag to be seen for miles. If anyone had been so silly as to raise one, the only result would have been to attract the fire of enemy artillery. Anyway, he added, "we were more concerned with when the next rum ration was coming around and more important, how we were going to get rid of our lice."



### POLITICAL WEATHER REPORT

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

### Western Alliance Now At Crossroads

When the time comes to select delegates for the British-Norwegian and Luxembourg with the Belgians. And of course the De Gaulle delegates are going like the song says: "I walk alone." If this leads you to the belief that NATO is in real danger of disintegrating, that is just the feeling I had from this year's conference.

**VOICE OF GOOD SENSE**  
Murdo Martin, the 47-year-old ex-fire fighter, has a mental stability which matches his stocky figure. He is being reasonable, not sensational, when he concludes: "We do not find some answers soon. I fear that NATO will lose any effectiveness it has if it does not appear altogether."

This column has from its inception been applauded by those who think that the North Atlantic Alliance should be more than a mere bluff to associate with the fear of communist arms and murdered solely for self-defence.

**THE CANADIAN CLAUSE**  
This hopeful development was matched in Canada, where Mike Pearson, then our Foreign Minister, predicted that NATO should and could develop into "an economic commonwealth, and perhaps ultimately a political commonwealth of the North Atlantic powers."

These fifteen years ago, statesmen were foreseeing exactly what Mr. Pearson now says is coming to pass: with the recession in the Communist bloc, the North Atlantic Alliance would start quarrelling at arms themselves.

**Strange Friends**  
Milwaukee Journal  
Consider these countries: Cambodia, Ethiopia, India, Iran, Ivory Coast, Malagasy, Mali, Sierra Leone, Syria, Tanzania, the Soviet Union, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. One would think that these nations at home would keep them from fighting imaginary ones abroad. But they are busy in the United States insisting that the United States "free" Puerto Rico.

This indicates how little some of these nations know about the world and how few of them are to stir up trouble.

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Canada lags far behind most European countries in providing low-rental accommodation. In Britain, a country not greatly afflicted by homelessness, almost half the houses erected in the last decade have been government-subsidized. Municipal housing has a long history there. In the First World War, Lloyd George promised the men fighting in the mud of the western front "homes for heroes." After the war these turned out to be sharply budgeted modestly designed little homes in housing estates. There was nothing "heroic" about them, but they were low and any stigma that might have been attached to living in them in the early days was washed when their numbers increased and the designs improved.

### Southern Justice

It was almost as though the voice of southern justice was giving its report to Martin Luther King. He is now in the hands of the charges against those arrested in connection with the murder of three civil rights workers. In our economic climate there is a real need for low-rental housing for the older workers torn down for urban renewal schemes, alternative accommodations must be found for tenants. Provision must be made for those whose income does not allow them to buy homes or rent at the going rate. If homes are financed in such a way that rents pay for them over a set period of years, there can be no suggestion of "charity," they are social assets.

### Flu and Measles Favors Young

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen  
Infectious m or n o n a cleo sis (flu) and measles (measles) are called the kissing disease. But this is not the only means of transmission. The disease is spread in those who have not indulged in vaccination. More than 90 per cent of the victims are between 15 and 27 years of age.

The cause is not known but a virus suspected to be the disease is becoming more prevalent, even though not very contagious. With college students the infection, it is most unusual for his roommate to "catch" it from him. The freshman and sophomore are more susceptible than juniors and seniors, suggesting that the older students have developed an immunity, probably from an attack so slight that it has passed off as a slight cold.

The disorder begins, like most infections, with malaise and fever. The lymph glands in the neck are enlarged and the glands are enlarged. The nodes vary in size and are neither painful nor tender. The glands are enlarged and the glands are enlarged. The nodes vary in size and are neither painful nor tender.

**NIPPED HEELS**  
Mrs. G.L. writes as a young girl my heels were frosted but when I got warm they melted. I was especially bad but they are other things. Do you think?

**REPLY**  
Yes, Frostbite does damage the capillaries or nerve endings, leading to this sensation, especially when the feet are cold or too warm.

**SURGERY FOR BACKACHE**  
Mrs. M. writes: For six years I have had backache from a worn out vertebra. It is better to live with this condition or have the operation?

**REPLY**  
The answer depends upon whether the amount of disability is worth the risk of a spinal operation. Firsthand advice is necessary. Consult the physician who has examined you and seen the X-rays.

**REPLY**  
H. W. writes: Is there any help for an obese bedwetter?

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The disorder may be difficult to correct, especially when the valve guarding the entrance to the bladder is weakened, injured, or paralyzed.

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### NOTES BY THE WAY

Each year when Christmas starts closing in on us we think about other Christmas-old boys in less happy places and circumstances. One late in the year is the boy who survived the bullet it lodged with pointed end upward and the eggs couldn't take hold. Men you ever needed a perfect excuse for having a cockroach around the house this Christmas is it—Port Arthur News Chronicle.

### The Real Test In Cyprus

By Carman Cumming  
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The job of the United Nations Cyprus force seems to be almost over. But some of the Western diplomats who helped set it up and make it go are far from happy about the results. The UN troops have done exactly what they were sent to do. They have caused the Greek and Turkish factions and headed off a real threat of war between Greece and Turkey, the "big brothers" of the Cypriot fighters.

But a disturbing question remains whether the UN has simply given the Greek-Cypriots of President Makarios a breathing spell, a chance to bolster their forces and entrench themselves.

Some Western diplomats say flatly that this is just what has happened. They predict that Makarios will continue to line up as the UN withdraws. And they think he now has the power to do it.

**ANOTHER CONGO?**  
Thus, the real test of the success or failure of the UN intervention will come after the UN troops leave. There is considerable fear that it could be an African Congo. The UN withdrawal earlier this year was followed almost immediately by a wave of chaos. Congo, on the other hand, there is little sentiment for keeping the UN troops in Congo indefinitely—even if Makarios would permit it.

The betting is that the Security Council will in the next few days will authorize another three-month extension, then pull the force out at the end of March. Reports from Cyprus say Makarios will insist that this extension be the last one.

By March, the force will have been in Cyprus exactly a year. UN reports make clear that during that time the Greek-Cypriots have greatly strengthened their forces both in arms and manpower.

This possibility was not unforeseen when the force was set up. One of the main conditions set by Canada for her participation

### Important

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