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motions against the government being carried a few days ago, and another general election being called at this time, it is obvious that the emphasis would shift entirely to vote-catching policies, and the dire state of the economy receive even less attention than it is getting now.

"For five years," it said, "the nation has been living beyond its means, both in its domestic public expenditures and in its international balance of payments. Domestically it has spent on current account alone something in the order of a million dollars a day more than it has raised in taxes; internationally it has supported itself by selling off its assets to foreign investors. The emergency measures of last June temporarily slowed the hemorrhage, but did nothing to heal the wound: The federal deficit this year will be about \$500 million and the deficit on international trade will be larger than last year's."

If Mr. Pearson was bringing forward measures to correct this situation, now, he would be on sound but not very popular ground in demanding a change of government. But the Free Press didn't see him in this heroic role at all. Though naming no names, it concluded with this blunt admonition: "If the present process continues—which is to say that if our political leaders continue to evade reality by making new promises instead of meeting old problems—there will be more and more crises in the future."

This warning, we note, the Free Press has repeated in a subsequent comment in which it gets down to naming names, and to advising Mr. Pearson as to the kind of leadership he should be giving at this time. "When, for example," it asks, "does he propose to balance the national budget? Is that balance to be the first or second priority of his program? Are large capital expenditures to precede or follow an increase in revenue? Are expanded social services of various sorts to be attempted now or postponed until the nation can afford them? Does Mr. Pearson's attack on 'light money' mean that he would greatly expand the money supply or merely make credit a little easier as a stimulant to business? These and other questions have yet to be answered understandably in Mr. Pearson's speeches but they must be answered soon if he is to make a decisive impact on the voters."

Should Be Bilingual The Social Credit bloc appears to have a legitimate complaint that, while bilingualism is officially recognized in the Parliament of Canada, the rules of Parliament, as found in Beauchessne's authoritative volume on the subject, are published only in English. There is no French edition available to a French-speaking member anxious to brush up on the rules and practices of the House. When this point was raised in the form of a question the other day, Mr. Speaker Lambert promised to take it into consideration and report to the House later.

This is due, apparently, to the fact that works of this kind are not published by the Queen's Printer at public expense, but printed as a commercial venture, with the copyright held by the author as is done in the case of legal texts. It seems unreasonable indeed, as several commentators have pointed out, to expect French-speaking MPs to grope for practices and precedents in weighty volumes written in a language with which they are not familiar. After Mr. Speaker has looked into this matter, it is likely that he will authorize their publication through the Queen's Printer as a means of overcoming the difficulty.

EDITORIAL NOTE Finance Minister Nowlan continues to spice his speeches with his own refreshing brand of humor. "I must say, Mr. Speaker," he remarked the other day, "that as a private member it is much simpler to enter this chamber with an envelope stuck in your pocket and you could look at it, than it is, as Minister of Finance, to come in with a text, the pages of which I invariably get mixed up."

STERN LIBERAL COMMENT Since the Winnipeg Free Press is a strongly Liberal newspaper, we may assume that it was chiefly to its own party leaders that it directed a trenchant editorial the other day, in which it complained, apropos the debate on the Speech from the Throne, that "not a single spokesman for either the government or the official opposition was willing to face up publicly to the real issues of the present crisis, and as a result much of the debate became little more than an excuse in political cynicism."

IT WILL BE A LITTLE WHILE BEFORE WE INVENT THE WHEEL



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RUSSIA INTRODUCES ITS NEW MODEL

OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

Public attention will soon be attracted by the important battle for the political allegiance of French-Canadians which is being waged daily on the floor of our House of Commons.

Against this historical background, we are now seeing in Parliament a vigorous and subtle battle by Social Credit to win recognition as the party which champions French-Canadian rights. Of course, it will encounter tough competition, as was shown by a Conservative spokesman in the very first skirmish.

The Tories are actively lining up French-Canadian nationalism — not separatism — as a desirable spokesman in the very first skirmish.

THE DAILY JAB So it went on daily, always

Vicious Guerrilla Warfare

By Carman Cuming Canadian Press Staff Writer

The shooting down of two, and possibly three, United States aircraft by Communist guerrillas this week has rekindled the controversy over the involvement in a violent, dangerous war in South Vietnam.

There now are some 8,000 to 10,000 Americans acting as advisers in the South Vietnamese forces. At least 16 Americans have been killed in the past few weeks.

The story of the war has been one of hit-and-run tactics, ambushes, intimidation of the civilian population and the kind of cruelty that often seems to go with civil war.

VICTIMS BEEHIVED Last summer a U.S. congressman, Democratic Representative Robert Kastenmeier of Wisconsin, protested to President Kennedy over alleged mistreatment of Viet Cong prisoners.

The war is a crucial test of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia and of the ability of the United States to keep the struggle localized as the Atlantic Agents Association said at the closing session of their annual meeting in Montreal yesterday.

It is a dirty business. It is repulsive to decent people in the United States. Nations don't like it either but sometimes they have to use it. The crackle of anger could be heard in various parts of the United States when the latest effort to retrieve the bodies of prisoners in Cuba became news, especially since the United States had earlier announced that part. Earlier ransom efforts were private and this one is ostensibly so.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The man of the hour never gets down in a minute. — Brandon Sun. If the weather has been mixed up lately perhaps it is because it has been torn between the conflicting demands of the baseball season, the football season and the hockey season. — Ottawa Journal.

Price Of Castro's Prisoners

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Ready, Aye Ready

In a city in which rumors of all kind abound few have aroused quite so much interest in recent weeks as one which suggests that Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa may be appointed to the post of ambassador to Eire, Ghana — or The Congo. There have been a number of reports in the past about Miss Whitton's imminent appointment to this or that high office under the patronage of the Conservative government (she has been a lifelong Tory), but each has proved to be unfounded.

Cashing In On Space

There may be nothing legally wrong with the Project Mercury astronauts doubling as land-rovers but their part ownership of the lush Cape Colony in Ireland created at least the impression that they were trying to cash in on their exploits.

INTERRUPTION NOTICE

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