

Lesage School Debt Plan To Be Studied At Meeting

By JOHN YORSTON
QUEBEC (CP) — A proposal by Premier Lesage that the government take on debts run up by Quebec Roman Catholic school boards probably will be discussed this weekend at a meeting of the executive of the Quebec Federation of School Commissions.

Mr. Lesage near the end of the Nov. 14 election campaign, said "Liberal government intends" to consolidate and pay off on a long-term basis the debts incurred by school boards

as a result of higher operating costs.

He estimated the total debt at \$27,000,000.

The issue of the school commissions and their mounting deficits is a growing problem in Quebec and all involved feel a permanent solution must be found.

Deficits of the province's school boards totalled more than \$12,000,000, including capital expenses, during both 1959 and 1960, the last two years of Union Nationale government.

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DISCUSS UN

OTTAWA (CP) — Mrs. Golda Meir, foreign minister of Israel, conferred for 45 minutes with Prime Minister Diefenbaker Thursday, mainly about Israeli-Canadian cooperation in the United Nations.

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Gov't Interest Caught By Chamber Proposal

By ALAN DONNELLY
OTTAWA (CP) — Government interest has been stirred in a proposal by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce for a study of Canada's trade problems by a special commission of inquiry.

In its annual brief to the federal cabinet, the chamber said the study would produce greater business-government co-ordination in working out trade policies which will best serve Canada's interests.

A committee of representatives from the Federation of School Commissions, the teachers' federation and the provincial government was set up last winter to probe the whole financial structure of education in Quebec. But nothing has been heard from it as yet.

The chamber argued that permit greater savings and capital investment "and less on new welfare programs," the chamber argued.

Trade Minister Hees told reporters he is interested in discussing the matter further with the chamber.

Following a private meeting of more than two hours Wednesday with a chamber delegation, Prime Minister Diefenbaker indicated that world trade—one of many subjects covered in the wide-ranging submission—was the chief subject discussed.

Mr. Diefenbaker said he told the delegation of plans for an international meeting of ministers early next year in preparation for a world tariff-cutting conference in 1964. He said the conference is supported by Canadian businessmen.

CITES RECEPTION

Chamber President Victor Oland of Halifax said afterwards that the suggestion of a trade policy inquiry got "a very good reception" from the cabinet.

The brief said that the inquiry report should be completed within a year. Mr. Oland said this would insure that trade problems were sorted out prior to the world trade conference.

The submission by the chamber — a federation of more than 850 local boards of trade and chambers of commerce across Canada — said Canadian trade faces a period of dynamic change in which effective communication between business and government is essential.

A commission of inquiry would "amass the necessary facts, stimulate exchange of information and thereby promote more co-ordinated policies."

NEED FAST ACTION

One concern expressed in the brief was the need for the government to be able to take fast action in meeting trade situations that harm employment and industry in Canada.

It said also that, in setting an example for freer trade, Canada cannot cut tariff protection on manufactured products faster than is justified by the actions of other leading trading nations.

The brief also requested the chamber's disapproval of fast-rising government expenditures. It called for cuts in income taxes and "early efforts" to balance the federal budget.

"There should be more emphasis on government expenditures," the brief said.

PRESENTS AWARDS

OTTAWA (CP) — Indian Affairs branch scholarships amounting to \$1,000 and \$1,750 were presented Friday by Prime Minister Diefenbaker to two Indian students attending the University of Ottawa. Sharon Stone, 17, from the Muscowequia band of southern Saskatchewan and Sydney Snow, 24, from the Coughnawaga Indian band near Montreal.

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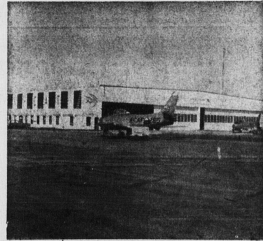
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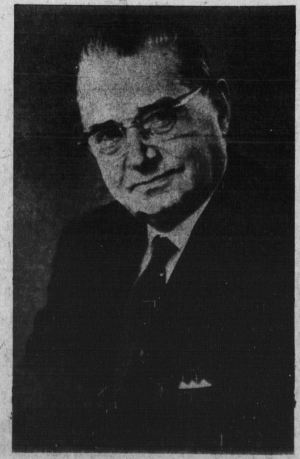


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