

Que. Upper House Leader Suggests Prairie Speakers

By CY FOX
MONTREAL (CP) — George Marler, government leader in the Upper House of the Quebec legislature, said here a top political figure from Western Canada should visit Quebec to explain how the West feels about national problems.

Back from a speaking trip in the West, Mr. Marler said: "I don't think French-Canadians realize that Anglo-Saxons in the West do not form a single monolithic group."

"It would be a great thing if outstanding political figures were to come, East and West, to the dialogue."

The Liberal House leader, a former member of the Quebec and federal cabinets, said he found audiences in the Prairie provinces and British Columbia "sympathetic and attentive" as he tried to explain an English-speaking Quebecer's view of Quebec's aims and aspirations.

He said in an interview: "You don't attract people from the outside by knocking out their front teeth."

MUST SHOW STABILITY

"One of the essential points in the immediate future for Quebec is that, because of the large number of young people now coming on to the labor market, we must attract outside capital and we can do so only if we can persuade these outsiders that there is true stability here."

Business coming into Quebec has the right not to use French as its language if it so prefers, "though this may not be wise."

"It would be foolish to put too many imperatives in these statements (about the language situation)," said Mr. Marler, himself bilingual.

He said individuals "in other parts of Canada think that when Quebec asks to be allowed to exercise its own constitutional powers, this is a form of disloyalty."

"That's an instinctive reaction, not one of mind at all."

"For the Anglo-Saxon in the West, it makes no difference whether some useful program is carried out by Ottawa or by his own provincial government. If good, the program should be carried out, regardless of which government."

IS PROVINCIAL JOB

"With Quebec, people want provincial matters handled by their provincial government. It's a difference in mentalities."

Mr. Marler, federal transport minister from 1954 to 1957, said the attendances at his western speeches were good. His appearances were sponsored by the Canadian clubs.

He found "quite a hard core" of non-French-speaking people in Manitoba oppose the teaching of subjects in French for school pupils with that language as their mother tongue.

He heard praise among French-speaking persons in Edmonton for the Alberta government's handling of education problems.

"I don't think French-Canadians (in Quebec) understand the problems of the Western governments."

"All governments want to get re-elected because they feel they can do a better job of administration. Granting educational rights to French-Canadians in some of the Western provinces would provoke a reaction from some of the other minorities."

It is difficult for westerners to regard French-Canadians in their midst as belonging to a different category from the local Ukrainians, German and Dutch minorities, especially since these groups sometimes are numerically larger than the French-Canadian minority.

EXPECT ENGLISH

"The other groups came to Canada in apparent expectation of living in an English-speaking country."

Why French-Canadians should have different expectations may be hard for westerners to comprehend. "I don't subscribe to this point of view, but I see there are two sides to the matter."

He said "no general settlement but only a piecemeal settlement" now seems feasible. French-Canadians should have education in their own tongue wherever they are numerous enough to make this practicable.

Mr. Marler's tour came several months after a speaking trip through the same area by Quebec Premier Jean Lesage. Such trips served to "improve the climate" and promote meaningful agreements by officials on the problems of Confederation, he said. Similar trips east by Quebec officials might be useful too.

TORONTO (CP)—IBM Canada announced Thursday it will participate in Expo 67 with an exhibit of advanced computer technologies. The exhibit, a display of computer concepts, will be located in the "man the producer" theme building and in the Canadian government building.

MP Praises Safety Plans For Vehicles

OTTAWA (CP) — The automobile industry announcement last week that it was adopting collapsible steering columns and a double-braking system is welcome, says Howard Graffley, the Conservative MP who is spearheading a drive for federal government auto safety action.

"But we have no way of knowing how significant the safety changes will be until they can be measured against standards of performance set by the federal government," he added in a statement here.

Mr. Graffley, MP for Bromont-Missisquoi, said it is imperative that the federal government complete without delay a "definitive code on safety feature standards at the production stage."

Wednesday Mr. Graffley testified on automobile safety before a New York state legislative committee where "I learned

that legislators from all over the continent now agree that the law must be brought under the rule of law as are ships, railway rolling stock and aircraft."

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ELECT PRESIDENT
TORONTO (CP)—Joseph A. Beirne of Washington, president of the Communications Workers of America (AFL-CIO), has been elected volunteer president of the United Community Funds

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