



BEAR GOES BACK TO WORK ALSO

A tame brown bear was among the leaders of a procession of animal trainer, who produces a work 70 days after the television

Hospital Plan Finance Given Painstaking Consideration

"You can readily see from the Public Accounts for the last five years, that we do not have the volume of revenue from local sources, enjoyed by other provinces, to allow us to even consider a minor reduction in present tax rates," said the Hon. B. Earle MacDonald, speaking of the Hospitalization Plan in his Budget address. "Therefore, we must carefully consider and re-consider all new and even supplementary expenditure proposals, weighing the merits of each, as to the need and requirements, before approving the spending of public money."

"The most difficult, most pressing, and certainly the most important problem right now is the provision and method of financing a reasonable degree of security against hospital bills for the people of this Province in case of illness and hospital services required, at a fair and equitable cost."

"The painstaking consideration that has been given to hospital insurance over the past year by the Government, and the interim Hospital Insurance Service Commission, established last summer to prepare a plan whereby basic hospital care and technical diagnostic services can be made universally available to all people of this Province, regardless of age, financial circumstances, or conditions of health, has resulted in the proposed legislation relating to hospital insurance plan now before this legislature."

"In considering how to finance the hospital plan, I may say, Mr. Speaker, that the Government gave serious thought to the subject and the methods by which we could raise the required funds to meet the tremendous costs. Recognizing the importance of this to the people of our Province, we studied all alternatives known, or suggested to us, and had a choice of financing the plan by collecting premiums, or by collecting more tax revenue."

FEASIBLE METHOD

"To us, the most feasible method by which the costs of hospital services can be spread over the entire population, and over extended periods of time, is through the system of insurance. By adopting the insurance methods of paying regular premiums, people are able to meet the frequently large and always unpredictable hospital care bills that come along."

"The method of insurance has been adopted by several of the provinces, and the growth of the Blue Cross movement and the sales of insurance companies are evidence of the practicability of the method."

"Considering the benefits offered to the people in every walk of life the premiums will be very moderate, amounting to \$2.00 per month per single person and \$4.00 per month per family."

"We must also keep in mind the fact that to maintain these exclusive services requires an understanding on the part of the citizens that the revenue must be sufficient to meet the costs."

"As the whole question will be fully discussed in this House this Session, I need not deal with the details of the proposal here, suffice it to say at the moment, that hospital insurance does not mean that services will be free. There is no magic in public finance; someone has to pay."

British PM Leaves Today For Paris Talks

LONDON (Reuters) — Prime Minister Macmillan leaves today on a two-week trip that will take him to the capitals of the Western world for talks on the Berlin crisis.

His first consultations, with President Charles de Gaulle and Premier Michel Debre in Paris, are expected to centre on the East-West crisis and problem of "disengagement."

After his two-day visit, Macmillan and Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd return to London before going to Bonn Thursday for further talks. On March 17 they leave for Ottawa and Washington.

French Reds Make Gains in Municipal Vote

PARIS (AP)—The French Communists Sunday apparently won back in municipal elections most of the voters they lost in last November's National Assembly balloting. The Socialists also picked up strength.

Last fall the percentage of votes for the Communists dropped from the 24 per cent or so they had maintained in most post-war French elections to about 18 per cent.

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Biggest Brainpower Pool Works For Federal Gov't

By ALAN DONNELLY Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP) — The biggest single pool of brainpower in the country works for the federal government.

Some 12,000 university graduates are in the federal civil service, and more are wanted all the time to meet the increasingly complex needs of public administration.

Their jobs range from forecasting weather to the more ticklish task of forecasting the nation's economic weather. Together they are known as the "professional" public service.

Their numbers were reported by Finance Minister Fleming in a recent speech. He said the 12,000 holders of university degrees work in some 50 different fields of government service. More than 500 classifications are required by the civil service commission to set out their varied activities and responsibilities.

HAS HUGE NEED

"Never before has there been such a need for the trained mind in the public service," he said.

To meet its ever-broadening needs, the government employs virtually every professional type: bacteriologists, lawyers, entomologists, doctors, accountants, veterinarians, geologists.

Most of these are on the operating end of the civil service, carrying out their specified jobs far from the policy-making field.

Some, however, have the heavy responsibility of helping to formulate government policy. They don't decide policy; that is for the cabinet on the political level. But a cabinet minister, to make his decision, needs information, policy alternatives, and expert advice on the probable result of proposed policies.

Those who do that are known as the "senior" civil servants, and Mr. Fleming's speech dealt specifically with them.

DECISIONS POLITICAL

"It is for the appointed public servant to administer and to advise," he said. "It is for the political authority to make the decisions of policy and to accept responsibility in Parliament and before the people for them."

The growing role of government, he said, has produced significant changes in the senior civil servant's role.

"Research becomes more and more important. The professional man becomes increasingly responsible for the study and interpretation of the fruits of re-

Airmen Killed In Italy Friday

OTTAWA (CP)—The RCAP Saturday night identified two airmen killed in a car accident in Italy Friday night.

They were LAC Joseph M. A. Lavitueur of Montreal and LAC Harold L. Kiley of (236 Brunswick Street) Halifax.

The two Canadian airmen were on leave from their station at Marville, France, when their car was involved in an accident between Turin and Campagnola, Italy.

Repair Ship Leaves Halifax

HALIFAX (CP) — The Navy's new mobile repair ship Cape Scott leaves here today (Monday) on a shake-down cruise to Caribbean ports.

The ship carrying 248 officers and men will call at Montego Bay, Jamaica, March 19 to 26, Kingston March 27 to April 1, Bermuda April 6 to 13 and Norfolk, Va., April 16 to 20. She returns here April 24.

WHO'S FIRST?

MONTREAL (CP) — A tense race is shaping up among ocean ships for the honor of being the first to enter the St. Lawrence seaway after it opens about April 20, Seaway Authority vice-president Jean-Claude Lessard said Monday. He said the ships will go through on a "first come, first served" basis.

HISTORIC MARKET

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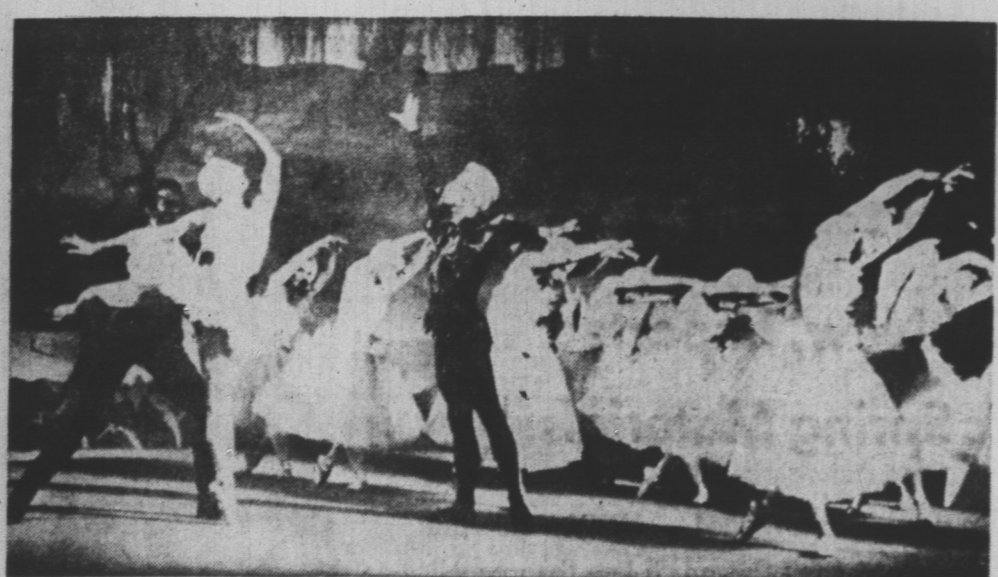
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The Hart House Orchestra, formed in 1954, is a Canadian counterpart of the Boyd Neel Orchestra. The basic group consists of thirteen strings, with additional strings for certain works. It specializes in music of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and in contemporary music; and Dr. Neel has chosen his players from the best in Canada.

The Hart House Orchestra served as the nucleus of the first Stratford Music Festival in the Summer of 1955. Since then, it has toured the United States, Eastern Canada, played on the C. B. C. and appeared in many Ontario centres. Its series of Sunday evening concerts at Hart House is its outstanding feature, of Toronto's musical season.

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