

Retaliation Called Possible Over Banking Legislation

OTTAWA (CP)—Canada will invite retaliation by the United States and other countries if it "earns a bad reputation by acting in a discriminatory manner" with its banking legislation, the president of the Bank of Montreal said here.

G. Arnold Hart devoted most of two sittings before the Commons finance committee to a Bank Act revision that he claimed singles out the U.S.-owned Mercantile Bank for unfair treatment.

Mr. Hart found little sympathy among Liberals on the committee. They sought to break his claim that the Mercantile Bank is ill-used by a controversial asset-limiting section of the Bank Act.

RESTRICTS GROWTH
The section restricts the possible growth of any bank that is more than 25 per cent foreign-owned. Only the Mercantile, among Canada's seven chartered banks, falls in this category.

Mr. Hart in turn was not impressed when committee members took him back to a controversial 1963 meeting, in which Walter Gordon, then finance minister, warned Mercantile executives of the restriction if a plan went through to sell the bank to the First National City Bank of New York.

Later in the year, however

No Evidence Drugs Flushed Down Toilets

OTTAWA (CP)—The defence department has no evidence unwanted drugs are being flushed down toilets at Canadian military establishments in Europe, the Commons committee on drug costs and prices was told here.

H. H. Poyntz, the department's director of requirements equipment (air), said although "we have no evidence of it" such disposal of drugs could happen at a military unit.

He said, however, that if drugs were being so destroyed the amount would be small compared with the quantities used by the armed forces.

Dr. Lewis Brand (PC—Saskatoon), who first brought the toilet-disposal of drugs before the committee a few weeks ago, denied he had said it actually was taking place.

"I most certainly did mention it was only a rumor," Dr. Brand told the committee.

He said Lt. Col. W. N. Thurwell, an army pharmacist, could possibly elaborate on the rumors and suggested he be called before the committee.

Chairman Harry Harley (L—Halton) suggested a written report from Col. Thurwell would be sufficient, but Dr. Brand disagreed and said only the officer's appearance before the committee would satisfy him.

GUNFIRE EXCHANGED
TEL AVIV (AP)—Syria and Israel exchanged gunfire for 20 minutes Sunday morning, official Israeli sources here reported. They said the exchange started when Syrian hillside positions east of the Jordan fired shots into Israeli territory south of the Sea of Galilee. There were no reports of casualties.

Journalist Dies At 53

TORONTO (CP)—Ralph Allan, a modern great of Canadian journalism and writing, died Friday at 53.

The red-haired, freckled editor and author, died in hospital from a hemorrhage, an unexpected complication of an operation Sept. 30 for removal of a malignant growth in his windpipe.

He had been managing editor of the Toronto Star for two years. His drive, imagination and organization led to such exclusive stories as the finding in Brooklyn of labor leader Hal Banks and in Munich of Gerda Munsinger, the German girl who stirred a sex-and-security scandal in Canada.

Prompt Action Said Needed On Control Of Population

LONDON (AP)—The head of Britain's family planning association today warned the world to restrain its excessive breeding—even if governments have to penalize people for having too-large families.

Sir Theodore Fox, 67, writing in the medical journal Lancet, said the world is facing "a new Noah's flood—the flood of rising population."

He said that if people fail to do something fast about over-population, "the old and horrible triad of war, pestilence and famine will return to control man."

"Contrary to what many people suppose," Sir Theodore wrote, "man is a fertile animal, capable of multiplying rapidly. In the past half-century he has escaped from the high mortality

that formerly kept his numbers down and he is replenishing the earth at a rate previously unprecedented."

BRINGS POVERTY
Sir Theodore said the first result of over-population is widespread poverty.

"But the old horrible controls of war, pestilence and famine are not inevitable. We can prevent them if we are prompt."

"Noah's new flood is advancing, but the remedy this time is not to build an ark for the few. It is to show the many how, if only they can refrain

from becoming too many, the can live prosperously in the land the lord has given them."

He said it had taken "hundreds of thousand of years" to reach the world's present population of 3,400,000,000 "and yet a second 3,400,000,000 would be added in only another 35 years."

"Where knowledge and means of contraception have been provided, but the public refuse to see that family limitation is in their interest, the argument can be strengthened by taxation—by axes that encourage later marriage and benefit the small

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