

Soviet Criticism

The Soviet blast against Canada and other nations for trying to create a "military apparatus" under cover of the United Nations is not likely to be taken seriously. The excuse for the outburst was the 23-nation conference held last week at Ottawa, to discuss technical aspects of UN peace-keeping operations. The purely technical nature of the discussions was emphasized by Prime Minister Pearson in advance, and Russia offered no objection until the conference was over.

It may have been an afterthought on the part of the new Russian leadership to seize this opportunity of exploiting an issue which is bound to come before the next session of the UN General Assembly. The assembly was to have opened in September, but it has now been postponed until December 1 to allow time for a compromise solution to the problem of peace-keeping assessments. Russia's refusal to pay its share of the Congo and Middle East operations is based on the contention that these operations were initiated by the Assembly and not by the Security Council as provided in the charter. It is obviously to buttress this argument that it took issue with the countries participating in the Ottawa conference. It was well aware of the true purpose of the discussions, but its concern was to avoid a propaganda point. It is unlikely, however, that any of the unaligned nations will be misled.

Not Repatriated

In announcing the results of the last federal-provincial conference, Prime Minister Pearson said it had agreed to a formula to "repatriate" the constitution. The word seems to have caught on; we have used it ourselves in these columns, and news reports have carried it extensively. But the Ottawa Journal raises a good point in suggesting that it should be discarded before it becomes too firmly lodged in official language. It is inaccurate, and misleading.

"Repatriate," in its verbal sense, means "to restore or return to native land." As our Ottawa contemporary points out, the Canadian constitution never has been in Canada. "It is, basically, the British North America Act passed in London in 1867. As an immigrant, it will be welcome and it will be a pleasure to make it feel at home. But it is not being repatriated."

What, then, are we to say of it? Some newspapers have solved the problem by dropping the prefix and calling it an act of "patriation" or "re-constitution." We can't find this word in the dictionary, but it means just what we mean. It has not been able to take of a better one.

Progress Report

Of interest to all concerned in the development of the Atlantic fishery industry is the progress that is being made in the Newfoundland College of Fisheries, a report on which has just come to hand. With an initial grant of \$1 million, this institution opened in St. John's last year to an experimental class of about 100. This year's class of 200 which began studies on Sept. 23, is using the most modern equipment available. The school offers more than 50 courses, from net-mending to marine electronics and bacteriology. The only

qualification for admittance is that the candidate must be at least 16. The curriculum was made flexible so that whatever formal schooling a student had he can start at his own level.

There is little, if any, cost to the student, the expenses being shared by the Newfoundland Government and Ottawa through the Technical and Vocational Training Assistance Act. The provincial government brought lecturers and instructors from Norway, England, Japan, France, Romania, and schools in Newfoundland. The college now has five senior lecturers, nine lecturers, 27 instructors and three assistant instructors.

The academic year is broken up into four quarters of about three months each so that maximum use can be made of the facilities. On completion of required courses, students will receive either a diploma of technology or a vocational certificate, depending on the level of training and length of time spent in the school. The technology diploma will require two or three years of study and is expected to provide personnel for industry.

The college, it is emphasized, has no intention of trying to teach its students how to fish—only how to fish more efficiently and profitably than their forefathers. A great future is seen for the industry, but that will depend on the competency of those engaged in it.

A college dedicated to meeting this need is surely an asset of importance to the whole Atlantic region.

Need To Be Curbed

Before the next federal election comes round, it is to be hoped that the committee appointed to study ways of limiting campaign expenses will come up with some helpful proposals. The unanimity of support in the House for an inquiry into this matter shows that even the parties and candidates with the richest and most generous supporters are perturbed. The next general election is expected to cost the country about four times as much as that of 1949 when the bill was \$4,328,188; and the bills for the candidates have been rising just as fast.

If history repeated itself the Liberals, being in office, would have more money than the Tories for an election next Spring; but Mr. Pearson has been as firm as Mr. Diefenbaker in saying that elections have become too expensive. And of course, if the pressure for more and more campaign funds has to be increased in every election, parties and politicians will be forced into more and more unwise commitments to their backers.

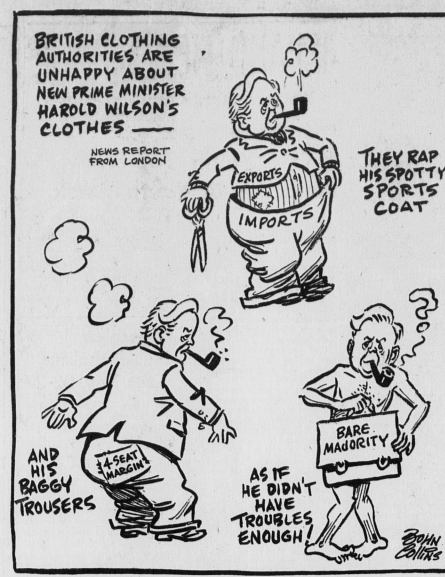
What remains to be worked out, suggests the Ottawa Journal, is how a limit on election expenses can be policed. Experienced campaigners such as Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Arthur Smith of Calgary, who are on the newly-appointed committee, should have an eventful time on this point. In an earlier election, the cost of running was rising so fast that political candidates need protection as does the public. The details of how that protection can be created should not prove an insuperable problem.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Squeamish fishermen who don't like handling worms can now take heart. A container has been developed that ingeniously has the worms crawling along tubes into slots—ready for easy hooking.

Signs of new quickening in the pace of Canadian news are the Financial Post, suggest that the rise in Gross National Product during the third quarter of the current year have been as much as 1.5 per cent, or half again as fast as the second quarter.

We were incorrect in stating on Saturday that Social Credit Leader Thompson is receiving extra indemnity as leader of his party in the House of Commons—this went by the board when Mr. Caouette and his Quebec followers broke away and formed the Creditiste group, leaving Mr. Thompson with fewer than the required number of supporters to qualify for the bonus. This, however, does not explain why he should be sent abroad to represent the Pearson government, without Parliament's knowledge or even an order-in-council being passed to cover his appointment and the payment of his expenses.



CLOTHES AND THE MAN

OTTAWA REPORT By Patrick Nicholson

Choice Of Sky-Fighters A Vital One

I recently referred to "The skirmish of the sky-fighters" which has been fought in the corridors of power within our Defence Department. The RCMP has issued a statement that it is not supporting the purchase of the F-4 Phantom II. The RCMP has issued a statement that it is not supporting the purchase of the F-4 Phantom II.

Rhodesian Threat

Britain has issued a severe and threatening warning to the White-minority government of Southern Rhodesia, and the United States has made a similar statement. This warning makes clear what will happen to Southern Rhodesia if its government declares itself independent of Britain, in a last-ditch effort to prevent the country's Black majority from achieving political power.

USA PLANES Picked

The choice has narrowed down to four planes. Two are high level 1600 m.p.h. interceptors. The McDonnell F-4 Phantom II is a very sophisticated plane which has complete electronic guidance, would cost about \$2,600,000. The F-105 is a variable wing aircraft with a variable wing which can be swept back for high speed flight, while at lesser speeds it can be swept forward for ground forces. Both these planes, like a thoroughbred dog, are delicate and temperamental; they require considerable maintenance, and can operate only on highly prepared hard-top runways.

Why Dogs Grow Fat

Far from being ecstatically happy, a dog's life is becoming as regimented as a taxpayer's. Especially a city dog. These city slickers seldom have a place to romp and play. If their owners possess a large domain with high walls around it, however, dogs can live the traditional dog's life. Otherwise, he cannot get much exercise, because he must by law be kept on the streets and boulevards unless accompanied and escorted by his owner.

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West German Program

West Germany's new blueprint for European unity appears to be a diversionary move to draw attention away from the crisis within the Common Market and to muffle the outcry by French President de Gaulle that West Germany must submit to a common agricultural price policy if the treaty is to be ratified. Without giving any pledge to reduce its grain prices, which is the crux within the Common Market progress as the foundation for European unity, Germany is calling on the community's six member countries to consider a two-step unity program which some governments feel may turn out to be just more empty conversation.

The Green Light

C. J. Harris in Clip-Sheet

It is reliably reported, though not yet officially announced, that the federal government is moving rapidly towards implementation of more of the recommendations of the Glassco commission on government organization. Even more significant is the report that the civil service, whose co-operation in the changes was expected to be lukewarm at best, is moving faster than the Cabinet.

Charlotte town to:

Table listing travel fares from Charlotte town to various destinations: Sackville \$2.20, Moncton \$2.90, Truro \$3.70, Saint John \$4.30, Halifax \$4.80, Antigonish \$5.20, Sydney \$9.50, Quebec \$12.15, Montreal \$13.00, Ottawa \$15.70, Winnipeg \$35.00, Edmonton \$47.00.

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