

# Reaction Generally Favorable To Bladen Commission Report

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Provincial and university leaders, even in Quebec, reacted generally favorably to a recommendation by the Bladen commission for a massive increase in federal spending on universities.

"Let's see some action," commented Duff Roblin, Manitoba Conservative premier.

"The federal government has put us off time and again, asking us to wait for the report. Now it is here. There is no excuse for further stalling."

Paul Gerin-Lajoie, Quebec's Liberal education minister and acting premier, said his province would ask for a larger share of income taxes to finance its own university grants if federal grants were increased.

This is precisely the machinery that was recommended in the Bladen report to get around Quebec's traditional position that direct grants to universities from Ottawa violate the provinces' constitutional prerogatives.

**PREFER ABATEMENT**  
Mr. Gerin-Lajoie said his government will press for a tax abatement equal to any additional federal grants that would otherwise be given to Quebec universities.

Dr. Roger Gaudry, rector of the University of Montreal, said, "I agree with the general lines of the report and welcome higher aid by the government."

He added that the new benefits for universities would have to respect the constitutional rights of the provinces.

Liberal Premier Ross Thatcher of Saskatchewan said any federal aid to the province for university construction and operating costs would be welcome. It would enable the province to spend more on lower levels of education.

**SEES MORE AID**  
George Trapp, Saskatchewan education minister, said he was confident the report, drafted by a four-man commission headed by Dean Vinchet Bladen of the University of Toronto, would result in increased federal aid.

University heads generally agreed that the report accurately reflected their critical

problems. The need for federal assistance was very great.

Dr. John B. Macdonald, University of British Columbia president, said the report "seeks realistic expression of the federal interest in higher education, while recognizing provincial rights and responsibilities."

The most controversial recommendation in the report was a suggestion that tuition fees be held at their present level and that provinces resist popular pressure for their abolition.

**CUS AGREES**  
"We agree with much of the report," commented Richard Good, 22, vice-president of the 38,000-member Canadian Union of Students. But he added:

"Dean Bladen is like an 18th century capitalist in his appreciation of the problem of university fees for students."

Newfoundland's Liberal Premier Joseph Smallwood announced Tuesday night fees would be abolished at Memorial University in St. John's. Mr. Gerin-Lajoie said in Quebec City his government still is committed to introduce free university education, but no action would be taken until two provincial royal commissions on education submitted their reports.

Dean Bladen said at a press conference in Ottawa students across the country probably will burn him in effigy, but the commission felt it would be too costly to eliminate fees in the next 10 years at least.

He said federal grants of \$150,000,000 now and jumping by \$30,000,000 annually would be needed to abolish fees, and this would not leave enough money for capital and research grants.

**SAID UNREALISTIC**  
Dr. Macdonald said in Vancouver it would not be realistic to abolish fees now.

Patrick McTaggart - Cowan, president of Simon Fraser University in New Westminster, said the Bladen report is a good one, but it was too bad it came in the middle of an election campaign.

President Murray Ross of York University in Toronto said

he regretted the fact that the would be based on each university's enrolment. Some universities might take on more students than they could teach properly to get higher grants.

## Council Votes To Modernize Garb Of Religious Orders

VATICAN CITY (Reuters)—The Vatican Ecumenical Council voted overwhelmingly Friday that nuns, monks, friars and other members of Roman Catholic religious orders should modernize their dress.

An article of a draft decree which says the religious garb of both men and women should comply with the requirements of health, modern circumstances and the demands of their ministry.

It approved 2,110 votes to 20.

Several orders of nuns have

already modernized their robes and others are expected to do so.

But male religious orders—including monks and friars who often wear medieval-style robes—have shown little sign so far that they will change theirs.

The bishops now have completed a series of 19 votes—all carried by overwhelming majorities in the last three days—on the various sections of a draft decree on how religious orders should adjust themselves to modern life.

It says they should avoid

every suspicion of luxury and use their property for the benefit of the church and the needy.

Strong statements on war were also made at Friday's assembly.

Bishop William Philbin of Ireland said among the signs of modern times are "wars vaster and more savage than ever before, which are waged against whole populations, including women and children."

Bishop Pierre Boillon of France called for a stronger statement outlawing all war as immoral.

In what was interpreted by observers as oblique criticism of the policies of President de Gaulle, Bishop Alfred Ancelet of France spoke out for supranational authority and condemned exaggerated nationalism.

**CLAIMS NEUTRALITY**

TORONTO (CP)—A Cambodian cabinet minister said his country's position of neutrality has never varied despite suspicion by the United States government that Cambodia shelters Viet Cong guerrillas from neigh-

boring South Viet Nam. Phnom Penh, secretary-general of the Cambodian cabinet, said here Thursday his country must be constantly vigilant against "aggression" by Thailand and South Viet Nam.

**PLAN ATOM PLANT**

TAIPEI (Reuters)—Li Shih-chung, director of power generation at the state-operated Taiwan Power Company, has left for Canada to seek possible Canadian technical assistance to establish an atomic power generating plant in Formosa.

# The Canada Pension Plan and its benefits

Here is what the Canada Pension Plan will do for people like Mike Thomas, a 25-year-old production worker who earns \$92.31 a week (\$4,800 a year).



Mike works in a plant where the normal retirement age is 62. If he continues to work until age 62 at the above salary, at age 65 he will receive a Canada Pension Plan retirement pension of \$100 a month plus \$75 a month Old Age Security. The retirement pension is the same as he would receive if he worked until age 65 because under the Plan a certain number of years of low or no earnings do not affect the amount of the pension.

Should Mike die anytime after 1967, having contributed until his death, his wife will receive a widow's pension of \$62.50 a month providing she has young children to support. She will also be entitled to \$25 a month for each child, which means that if she has three dependent children, her monthly income from the Plan will be \$137.50. At the time of Mike's death, Mrs. Thomas will also receive a lump sum payment of \$500.

All benefits under the Plan will maintain their value. The actual benefits payable will probably be higher than those given here since benefits will be adjusted to meet changes in living costs and in wage levels before they are paid and changes in living costs after they become payable.

What will the Plan cost you?

If you, like Mike, are employed and have earnings of \$4,800 spread evenly over the year, you will pay at the rate of \$1.45 a week. Your employer will pay the same amount.

Benefits for children cease when they reach 18, or 25 if they continue full-time education. If Mrs. Thomas is over 45 when her youngest child reaches age 18, she will continue to receive a widow's pension of \$62.50 a month until she is 65. From then on she will get \$75 a month from Old Age Security, plus a widow's pension of \$60 a month—a total of \$135 a month.

This advertisement is one of a series which relates some of the important benefits of the Canada Pension Plan to individual circumstances.



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## Polymer Corp. Shares May Be Put On Sale

SARNIA, Ont. (CP)—Some Crown-owned shares of Polymer Corp., the wartime-inspired synthetic plant here, may be sold to the general public but ownership will be concentrated in Canada, Finance Minister Gordon said here.

Addressing the Sarnia Canadian Club, Mr. Gordon said the government—if re-elected in the Nov. 8 general election—will establish the proposed \$1,000,000 Canadian Development Corp. and have it take over all of Polymer's shares initially.

The development Corp. is to be financed by the sale of shares to individuals with the federal government retaining no more than a 10-per-cent interest. It will be a holding company for new and existing enterprises.

Mr. Gordon, fulfilling an engagement he made before the general election call, said the development corporation would initially acquire all of Polymer's common shares. Some may be sold to the public later in order to permit Polymer employees to acquire a direct interest in the firm.

**FEAR TAKEOVER**

The finance minister said the government wants to carry out a recommendation of the Glassco royal commission on government organization and free Polymer from government ownership. But it does not want ownership to pass "into the hands of some special interest group."

"We live in an age where many industries, including the petrochemical industry, are dominated by a relatively few large companies," he said. "If the shares of Polymer were sold to the public it might not be long before a majority of them were acquired by one or other of the large companies in the petrochemical field, all of which are controlled by non-residents of Canada."

He said this risk would be avoided if the government sold its Polymer shares to the Canadian Development Corp. But this would not preclude some of Polymer's shares going into individual ownership.

**STATES CONDITION**

"The government will insist as a condition of the sale that CDC retains control of Polymer. There will be no danger of it falling into the hands of its competitors. The provision for some direct public participation in Polymer will make it possible for Polymer employees to buy shares in their company if they wish to do so."

Mr. Gordon traced the history and financial success of Polymer. Formed as a government agency in 1942 to produce synthetic rubber when natural supplies were cut off by the war, it began filling 90 per cent of Canada's needs and some export demand two years later.

From 1954 to 1964 its sales, profits and shareholder equity doubled. In the last three years, sales averaged \$99,850,000 a year, net profits after income taxes averaged \$9,624,000, and it paid the government \$38,250,000 in dividends in the last 10 years. Text of Mr. Gordon's speech was released in advance of delivery.

### OBITUARY

Inserted by the family.

**REV. D.K. ROSS**

Rev. Daniel Keith Ross, a Minister of the United Church of Canada, passed away on September 29th, 1965. He was born in Lorne, Pictou Co., N.S. on Sept. 14, 1874. He attended Lorne Public School, Halifax Academy, and graduated from Halifax Business College in 1896. He attended Dalhousie University from which he graduated in 1905, and also graduated from Pine Hill College in 1907, and was ordained the same year.

He served the following pastoral charges: Barney's River, N.S. Sunny Brae, N.S., North Bedeque, P.E.I., Grand Falls, N.B., Cornwall, P.E.I. and Pownal P.E.I.

He was twice married. His first wife, the former Mrs. Mabel Moffatt, predeceased him in 1941. He is survived by his second wife, the former Mrs. Mabel Moffatt, also by one son William C. and one daughter Etta (Mrs. Ed. Wood of Pownal, P.E.I.) and one step daughter, Mrs. David M. Jones of Grange, Mass., U.S.A. and three granddaughters.

Mr. Ross was a man of pleasing personality and an effective and faithful preacher of the Gospel. He was respected and well beloved in all the congregations where he ministered.

He retired from active work in 1944. His death came as a shock to his friends. He had been a patient in the Aberdeen Hospital, New Glasgow, N.S. for less than a month. He was considered well enough to leave the hospital, when he suddenly passed away. The funeral which took place on October 2nd, was under the direction of the Pictou Presbytery and held at St. Columba's Church, Hopewell, N.S. Interment was in the Lorne Cemetery.

## Two Killed On Highway

ST. JOSEPH, N.B. (CP)—Two teenagers were killed Friday night when struck by a car while walking along the highway near here.

Dead are Rosa LeBlanc, 18, of nearby College Bridge and Robert Belliveau, 16, of Dorchester. RCMP are investigating the accident. Further details were not immediately available.

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