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Pearson Gives Details Of Aid To Needy Plan

Charlottetown Included As Proposed Growth Area

HALIFAX (CP) — The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council Tuesday recommended establishment of eight industrial growth centres in the Atlantic region with construction of at least one industrial park in each designated area.

The council presented a 49-page blueprint for regional economic development to a meeting of the Atlantic Development Board here. The submission says development policy must avoid attempts "to spread industrialization too thinly" and suggests the whole region be designated an area for assistance with a number of localities specified as growth centres.

The brief tentatively suggests that the Halifax-Truro area and Sydney, Moncton, Saint John and Bathurst - Belledune, N.B., Corner Brook and St. John's, Nfld., and Charlottetown should be considered growth centres.

"One industrial park should be constructed in each centre by the federal government to be turned over to provincial authorities for administration," the APEC brief says.

However, the submission says assistance should not be restricted to the growth centres. Some firms should be located outside them even though "areas for assistance should not be chosen simply on the basis of surplus labor without regard to the potential of such areas for viable economic development."

Sites of some new industries will be better placed outside designated growth areas, because "the location of such firms as pulp and paper mills, smelters, fish processing plants and sawmills will be governed by the proximity of raw materials."

But the APEC submission says there will be a greater effect on the economy of the Atlantic region if expansion and development of other industries, particularly secondary manu-

facturing, is concentrated in centres capable of industrial development.

ADB should agree to finance the construction of industrial parks, "including the acquisition of land, the preparation of sites, the installation of power, transportation and communication services," the council brief says. Once they are turned over to the provincial governments, they should be managed by provincial agencies.

APEC also suggests an arrangement should be made between ADB and the provincial governments whereby the federal government would provide a grant for construction of "advance factories" on the parks in the growth centres, or to supplement any provincial grants made to companies constructing their own premises in such parks.



COMMENDED
Petty Officer Sydney R. McNevin, 42, of 245 King St., Charlottetown, has been commended for his leadership, organizing ability and personal skill in the rescue of 35 survivors from a storm-wrecked tanker on the North Atlantic March 1, 1964. He was a crew member of the destroyer HMCS Athabaskan. (Canadian Forces Photo)

Dief Makes Motion Of Non-Confidence

OTTAWA (CP) — Prime Minister Pearson unveiled the first phase of the Canada assistance plan including greater help for the needy—Tuesday as he entered the House speech debate on the heels of a Conservative non-confidence motion.

He began sketching details of what the government hopes to do for those who won't get any immediate benefits from the Canada Pension Plan after Opposition Leader Diefenbaker had flayed the government for not taking enough action against "wringing in high and low places."

The non-confidence motion will be voted on Friday.

At a federal-provincial conference this week, said Mr. Pearson, the federal government would propose a series of suggestions to the provinces to give greater benefits under the old age assistance program, to provide more help to needy mothers and to have the federal government pay half the health costs of those persons receiving assistance.

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FIRST MOTION
It was the first non-confidence motion of the new session. The Liberal government is open to several such tests during the eight days of the wide-ranging throne speech debate.

PLEDGE SOUGHT
The opposition leader, said Prime Minister Pearson, would have included in the throne speech a pledge his cabinet non-confidence motion that cited

the government for failing to introduce a medical care program. It referred to the "failure to present specific proposals for a universal and comprehensive medicare program for all the people of Canada."

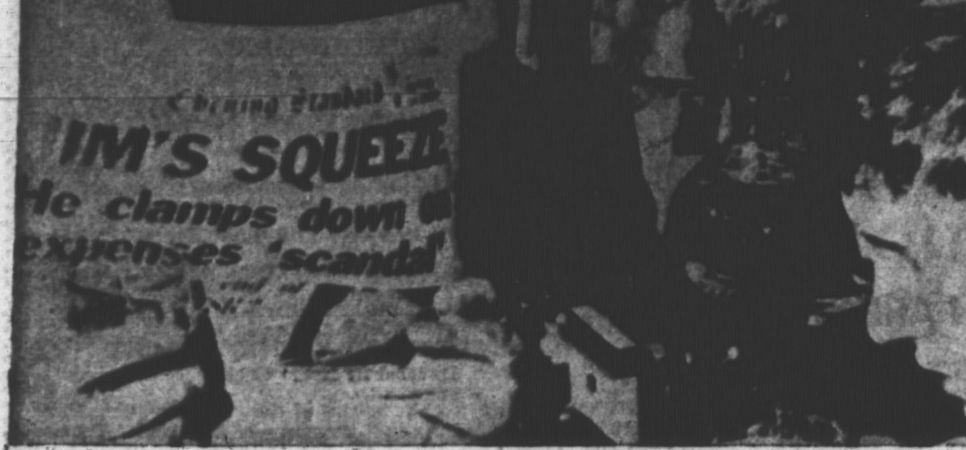
The government should act during this session of Parliament. Some provinces were already introducing "phony" plans, a national health insurance plan. If the government didn't act, it would set the clock back 25 years.

The prime minister did not go into details on all the welfare programs, which he said were interim measures that would provide help until benefits begin flowing from the contributory Canada Pension Plan. Contributions toward the cost of health care for the needy would not interfere with the government's determination to see all Canadians covered under a medical care scheme.

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LONDONERS read the budget news in their evening papers as they enjoy a drink and a smoke at the pre-budget prices in the bar of a Fleet Street public house Tuesday evening. (AP Wirephoto)

High Living Takes Beating As British Taxes Boosted

LONDON (CP) — High living took a beating under the first major Labor budget in 14 years as James Callaghan, chancellor of the exchequer, pushed taxes up on cigarettes, whisky, wine and beer.

He also increased the annual registration fees on cars and trucks and disallowed expense-account entertainment, except in wooing foreign buyers.

In a stiff, belt-tightening budget, Callaghan also cancelled development of the TSR-2 military jet and put new clamps on long-term foreign investment to curb the drain of British gold and currency.

"We are changing direction," said Callaghan in a two-hour budget speech Tuesday, announcing a new capital gains tax of 30 per cent effective immediately and a new corpora-

tion tax unlikely to exceed 40 per cent, effective next year. He estimated higher taxes and reduced government outlays will reduce pressure on Britain's overstrained resources by about £250,000,000 (\$750,000,000) a year.

CIGARETTES GO UP
In Canadian terms, a pack of 20 cigarettes, now selling for 65 or 70 cents, goes up immediately by about seven cents. Whisky, selling for about \$8.50 for 20 ounces, increases by another 60 cents. An average bottle of table wine, selling for \$1.50 goes up by about seven cents or more and beer drinkers will find the average 35-cent pint up by one penny.

The 35-per-cent purchase tax on new automobiles remains unchanged but from now on, the

annual automobile licence fees goes up to £17 10s (\$52.50) from the previous £15 (\$45) with sharper increases for motorcyclists and truckers.

Callaghan anticipated higher licences may reduce road congestion, expected in five years' time to contain about 18,000,000 vehicles.

UP 41 PER CENT
On top of all this, individual income tax, as previously announced, went up Tuesday—the beginning of the new tax year—to about 41 per cent from 38. But Callaghan produced one small relief for heavily-taxed Britons—a £20-a-year (\$60) increase in the tax-free allowance for all income-tax payers.

Some of the sting had already been taken out of Callaghan's budget by emergency measures taken or foreshadowed only a few weeks after Prime Minister Wilson's Labor government took office last October.

Budget Highlights

LONDON (Reuters) — British budget highlights:
Tax increases totalling an extra £217,000,000 (\$651,000,000) a year to curb inflationary consumer demand.
Cigarette tax increased by 6d (7½ cents) for a package of 20 on certain popular brands, bringing the price to 5s 5d (81½ cents).
Liquor tax increased by 4s (60 cents) on a bottle of whisky or gin and a penny on a pint of beer.
Car registration tax to increase to £17 10s (\$52.50) a year from £15 (\$45).
An extra £20 (\$60) of all incomes will be free of tax.
Special tax treatment of

British-owned overseas trade corporations abolished as part of measures to reduce advantages of investing overseas rather than in Britain.
A ban on claiming tax relief for lunches, dinners and theatre entertainments except for overseas buyers.
A tougher capital gains tax on gains on all assets except owner-occupied houses, as well as sales of less than £1,000 (\$3,000). The rate will be 30 per cent for individuals and 35 per cent for companies.
Cancellation of the tactical reconnaissance plane TSR-2, saving £35,000,000 (\$105,000,000) this year.

Battle Ends In Viet Nam

SAIGON (AP) — A fierce three-day battle in the swampy rice field south of Saigon ended Tuesday night with 276 Viet Cong killed and 33 captured, U.S. military spokesmen reported today. Six Americans died in the action.

U.S. B-57 jet bombers pounded Communist positions with tons of explosives during the first major encounter with guerrillas in months in the Mekong Delta paddies.

Yank Spacecraft Planned To Become TV Switchboard

CAPE KENNEDY, Fla. (AP) — A spacecraft named Early Bird rocketed Tuesday night toward an intended stationary orbit high above the Atlantic ocean

where it is to serve as the world's first commercial communications satellite.

The payload, the first launched for the Communications Satellite Corp. is to become a switchboard in space for relaying radio, television, teletype and telephone messages between North America and Europe.

A powerful tad-Thrust-Augmented DeLaval rocket burst away from its launching pad to propel the compact 85-pound package toward an elliptical orbit ranging from 830 to 22,950 miles high.

Once in the transfer orbit, early bird must execute a number of intricate manoeuvres over the next several days to attain its stationary outpost.

Some 40 hours after launching, a ground station plans to send a signal to ignite a small payload motor. This will jockey the satellite out of the elliptical path into a circular orbit in which both the high and low points will be about 22,300 miles high.

The small motor is scheduled to be triggered above Brazil. Then ground controllers plan to delicately fire small jets to gradually nudge Early Bird to his final target point in space—22,300 miles above the equator—just east of the Brazilian coastline.

Allies Demanding End To Berlin Harassment

BERLIN (AP) — Reacting to new Soviet-East German road stoppages and airport buzzing, the Western allies demanded Tuesday night the Soviet commander "put an immediate end to the harassment" of the Berlin lifelines.

In growing displeasure over a meeting of the West German Parliament in Berlin today, the East Germans during the day again temporarily closed the autobahn and Soviet jets swept low over U.S. and French airports.

The high point in the war of nerves may come when most of the 499 members of the West German lower house sit down for the first bundestage meeting since 1958. In this divided city 110 miles behind the iron curtain, Soviet authorities claimed

travel restrictions on the staff of the U.S. mission in Potsdam, limiting it to movement along certain roads in East Germany.

Arriving in Berlin, chancellor Ludwig Erhard told reporters: "We will not bow before terror."

The state department in Washington said the Allies are studying "appropriate measures to be taken" if harassment continues.

The U.S., British and French commanders sent identical protests to Gen Peter K. Koshevoy, Soviet commander-in-chief in East Germany, saying Soviet authorities will be held responsible for any possible consequences of interference with the Allied right of access to Berlin, either in the air or on the ground.

Handling Of Live Lobsters Is Discussed At Meeting

Techniques for handling live lobsters out of water, and keeping them alive, may not fit into the literal meaning of a course on "canning" now underway in the National Film Board theatre in the Dominion Building, but it is in keeping with the ambitious goals of one of the province's most aggressive and advanced establishments that cater to tourists and other travellers here.

Dr. D.G. McLeese, fisheries research board, St. Andrews, New Brunswick told course students yesterday that lobsters are keenly affected by temperature and by lack of moisture in transit from the natural habitat, at the sea, to wherever they may be transported for use as the delicious food delicacy they really are.

"Recently fed lobsters," Dr. McLeese continued, "have a higher oxygen consumption and will die one to three days sooner than unfed lobsters. Before shipment in air," Dr. McLeese emphasized, "lobsters should be starved for about three days."

The desired temperature for shipping lobsters, winter and summer, he said, is somewhere between 32 degrees and 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

WATER QUALITY
The importance of water quality in canning plants was emphasized by D.H. Cullen, public health engineering, national and welfare for Nova Scotia, and D.C. Champion, division of sanitary engineering, department of health, Charlottetown.

A suitable water supply under the act, Mr. Cullen explained, is "an adequate supply of clean, sanitary water from an approved source."

In Prince Edward Island, it was explained, few drilled-well sources are found unacceptable due to chemical constituents in the water, but many are unsuitable because a coliform bacteria contamination."

Having a clean safe source of water the next factor, he said, is to maintain it in this condition throughout the plant by ensuring that it does not become contaminated through faulty plumbing or improper use.

WARNING GIVEN
A warning with a punch was the illustration of the outbreak of food poisoning in the United Kingdom last year "believed caused by cooling of canned meat after it had been cooked in contaminated water." The explanation was that "some of the cans were not properly sealed." If clean water had been used for cooling purposes the illness and deaths would not have been caused, Mr. Cullen said.

The same thing could happen in any other plant and when this occurs "it is not only the one plant which was negligent that suffers, but all plants canning the same product," he cautioned.

Sponsored by the inspection branch of the Canada department of fisheries inspection branch, and the department of fisheries in Prince Edward Island, the course is being attended by nearly 40 managers and foremen from lobster and other fish canneries in Prince Edward Island.

The four-day training course was formally opened by Hon. Leo F. Rossier, provincial Minister of Fisheries, and W.A. Murphy, Officer-in-charge of the federal fish inspection laboratory in Charlottetown who gave an explanation of the agenda and its aims.

NEED MOIST AIR

"Strong, unfed lobsters do well in moist air," he said, at 32 to 40 degrees Fahrenheit for five days, but at one-half will die in a week. At 50 degrees up to one half will be dead in three days, and at 70 degrees none will live for even one day.

"When exposed to a warm, gentle breeze, as may happen in fishing boats, the lobsters will weaken and die rapidly." For example, "one-half will die within six hours at 70 degrees, or almost all will die within six hours at a temperature of 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

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PET GOPHER ENDS LONG SLEEP
"Goofy," a six-inch long gopher befriended by Klaus Gieslich of Calgary several years ago, came out of his burrow Sunday to end a long winter hibernation. Goofy stays in the Gieslich home and ducks back down his hole in the fall. "Kiddi" the cat tolerates him. (CP Wirephoto)

Chou Comments On Solution In Viet Nam

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — United Nations Secretary-General U Thant was reported to have received a message from Communist China's Premier Chou En-lai Tuesday suggesting that a solution to the Viet Nam conflict is up to the parties directly involved.

Diplomatic sources said the oral message came through the Algerian United Nations ambassador, Tewfik Bouattoura, who saw Chou in Algiers last week and arrived back in New York Monday night.

They said Chou took the position that a settlement of the fighting is up to the people taking part in it and indicated that he meant the Viet Cong Communists in South Viet Nam on the one hand and the United States on the other—or alternatively South Viet Nam.

Scholarship Is Awarded City Student

The Canada Council has announced the names of 32 students who have been offered scholarships to study for their master's degree in the humanities, the social sciences and the fine arts.

Included in this list is the name of Ian Ross Robertson of 36 Green Street, Charlottetown. Mr. Robertson is studying at McGill University, Montreal.

The scholarship winner is the son of Mrs. A.S. Robertson, formerly of Mermaid. The average amount of each scholarship is \$1,500.

Debenture Sale Is Announced

Provincial treasurer M.A. Farmer yesterday announced the sale of \$3,500,000 Province of Prince Edward Island 5½ per cent 20 year non-callable debentures, to be dated May 1, 1965, to a syndicate comprised of Gairdner and Company Ltd.; Bankers Bond Corporation Limited; Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner and Smith Inc. La Maison Bienvenu Ltd., and Atlantic Securities Limited at a price of \$97.10 — a cost to the province of 5.69 per cent.

Mr. Farmer said this sale was the result of a call for tenders and bids were received from eight syndicates and the price offered ranged from \$95.14 per hundred par value to \$97.10.

The second highest bidder was the syndicate of Greenshields Incorporated, and the Toronto-Dominion Bank, who offered \$96.875.

The treasurer said the proceeds from the sale of these debentures will be used for paying floating indebtedness of the province.

The issue of debentures is made under the legislative authority of The Prince Edward Island Loan Act, 1965 which authorizes the government to raise "from time to time by way of loan such sum or sums of money, not exceeding \$6,500,000.00, as may be deemed expedient for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the Act."

MISSUS PUTS FOOT DOWN

Herridge Plans To Quit Politics

OTTAWA (CP) — "The missus has put her foot down." New Democrat H. W. (Bert) Herridge, the baron of the Kootenays, was explaining why he has decided to retire from the burly burly of House of Commons politics to his huge ranch in British Columbia when the next election is called.

Several factors influenced his decision: His age—he is 70—a desire to work the ranch again and a banking to write the colorful story about the moving of the Herridge family from Britain to Canada.

But the main reason, he said in an interview, is that his wife wants him to retire so that he can spend some time back in British Columbia.

Mr. Herridge has advised the riding organization to look for a younger candidate of "long residence" in the constituency who "understands the needs and moods of the riding."

This instruction is given with his own 1945 nomination in mind: The old CCF party tried to impose a candidate on the riding, the local association rebelled, and nominated Mr. Herridge under the banner of the Peoples' CCF. In 1948 he and other independent CCF members were re-admitted to the fold.

Mr. Herridge says he has lost no interest in federal politics but feels that "20 years is long enough" in Parliament. During that time he has watched four prime ministers and created difficulties for many ministers while often charming or amusing the Commons with his wit and colorful language.