



ACTRESS BRINGS SMILES TO YANKS

Actress Carol Baker shakes hands with U.S. soldiers and wishes them a happy Christmas after first performance of the Bob-Hope show at Tan Son Nhut Airport in South Viet Nam. Hope and a troupe of 70 performers arrived in Saigon from Thailand on one of his many Christmas tours to entertain American troops in combat zones. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

Study By Economic Council Reported Well Underway

OTTAWA (CP)—Eight months ago the Economic Council of Canada announced it was hiring special help and taking other steps to "speed up the project of studying the relationships of prices, costs, productivity and incomes to economic growth." The study was sought by the government last spring when there were demands in Parliament for an investigation of higher steel prices. But the study is to be much broader. A spokesman for the council said the study is well under way but there is still no target date for its completion. Council Chairman J. J. Deutsch has said the study will be completed in 1966 but there is no indication

whether it will be early or late in the year. The difficulty is that the inter-relationship of prices, costs, productivity, incomes and economic growth is a massively complex subject. Little data has been compiled on its various aspects in Canada from which to make meaningful judgments. Specialists in various fields of econometrics have been seconded to the council from the Bank of Canada and other government agencies, and economists from several universities have been invited to contribute studies. The work of data processing alone is time-consuming in its preparation, even with high-speed processing equipment once the information is assembled. Officials aren't able to indicate yet what is likely to come of all the work. When the sev-

eral separate studies are completed, they will have to be assessed and their inter-relationships studied by council staff. Then draft reports will be submitted to the 25-member council for discussion and debate. The council comprises representatives of private and public enterprises, labor unions, farmers, consumers and regional bodies. HANDED DIFFERENTLY The problem of juggling the various demands and forces affecting prices, costs, productivity, incomes and economic growth has been handled differently in the United Kingdom and the United States. The Labor government in Britain is pursuing an incomes policy, by which it hopes to hold upward pressures on incomes to levels warranted by increased productivity. The Johnson ad-

ministration in Washington has made much during the last year of setting guidelines and deterring price increases by the weight of public opinion and presidential persuasion. The economic council's study of Canadian affairs conceivably could result in recommendations for an incomes policy, a guidelines policy or some other device. Trying to find such a policy or device acceptable to all groups represented in the council membership, however, may prove to be as difficult as preparing the original data and academic studies. MINISTER ARRIVES MOSCOW (AP)—Foreign Minister Swaran Singh of India arrived here Thursday for talks with Soviet leaders on the forthcoming India-Pakistan summit meeting at Tashkent and on

Newsprint Planned From Salvage Paper

POMONA, Calif. (AP)—Garden State Paper Company of New Jersey has announced plans for a \$10,000,000 plant to produce 100,000 tons of newsprint a year from salvage newspapers. The firm says it has developed a de-inking process that converts old papers into useable newsprint at a saving in newspapers. The firm operates a similar plant in New Jersey salvaging 70 newspapers. other matters, including United Nations questions, the Rhodesian problem and Viet Nam.

WORLD SPOTLIGHT

Skepticism Seen Menace To E. German Communism

The AP World Spotlight reports from Berlin on a possible drive to bridge rebellious writers and artists in East Germany. It also reports on the elimination of the siesta in Chile and on the techniques of battle in South Viet Nam.

BERLIN (AP)—Beat music, bare bosoms and a brooding ballad singer are targets in East Germany. A drive to bridge rebellious writers and artists is expected to get into full swing soon with stepped-up indoctrination and a likely reshuffle in the party's cultural hierarchy. The drive comes as West Germans are still trying to figure out what was really behind the recent suicide of Erich Apel, national economic planning chief. Even some avowed supporters of communism seem gripped by doubts as to whether the regime is on the right path.

Consequently, skepticism is seen by ideological sleuths as the chief current menace to German communism. A young writer-singer has been exposed as representative of the skeptical group. He is Wolf Biermann, whose trademarks are a guitar, a stinging pen and a drooping moustache. Biermann, whose father was killed in the Nazi purge of German Communists, cannot be gauged by cold war clichés. He endorses the Communist future but is critical of its present.

One of Biermann's broody ballads addressed to party veterans goes this way: "The present—sweet goal for you after all those bitter years—is only a bitter beginning for me—it calls for a change."

'FED UP WITH STATE' Another one, about the thoughts of a worker in the imaginary village of Buckow, reflects Biermann's own position: "He is for socialism, and for the new state, but he's fed up with the state in Buckow." The verses were published recently in West Berlin. No East

German publisher was willing to take the risk. Biermann is particularly popular among younger East Germans whose sophistication, some analysts feel, keeps pace with increases in the country's living standard. Such Biermann lines as "in the bunkers of my skepticism I am safe against the radiant brilliance of the bigots" have made the rounds in other East European countries among people disputing the maxim that "the party is always right."

The East German party became alarmed. In 1963 it ousted Biermann from the party, where he held candidate or first-stage membership. Now it has decided this was not enough. Erich Honecker, often called the crown prince of party chief Walter Ulbricht, has denounced Biermann and his like. The ballad writer, Honecker charged at a central committee meeting, has betrayed the Communist state and personifies "petty bourgeois skepticism that is negating life." And Biermann's "anarchist behavior and cynicism" were shared by other writers and artists.

SANTIAGO (AP)—Chileans will bid farewell to more than the old year next week. The Siesta also will be departing. Gone, or at least going from the major cities, will be the stop-and-go system under which a typical office or store opens at 9:30 a.m., closes at 1 p.m., reopens at 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. and closes for the day at 7 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

In its place will come a routine under which the typical office will open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m., with employees taking staggered half-hour lunch breaks. All this promises a revolution in everything from drinking habits to family life. "It's the greatest thing that ever has happened to Chilean wives," one woman said. "At least our husbands will be coming home in the evenings to

help us with the children instead of showing up after we have put them to bed." BARS MUST CLOSE The government seems in sympathy. The decree on the new system of hours specifies that bars and restaurants must close between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The mandatory 5 p.m. closing, the abbreviated lunch period and the earlier starting time add up to disaster for the restaurant business, in the opinion of one owner.

"What can we serve in a half-hour?" he asked. "A sandwich isn't a Chilean meal. That's an American meal—and the Americans can live on it because they eat breakfast. We Chileans don't eat breakfast. We need a real lunch." The new hours may force a major change in the custom of dining at 9 p.m. or later. A man who knows he must be at his office at 8:30 a.m. or 9 a.m. is not going to be enthusiastic about a dinner party that starts with drinks at 9:30 p.m. and ends with brandy at 1 a.m.

The general manager of a major industrial and financial operation predicts a sharp increase in efficiency.

SAIGON (AP)—"If it hadn't been for the air force, we would have been wiped out completely. They were dropping their stuff only 100 yards from our positions and right on top of the Viet Cong."

When the bearded American infantry lieutenant finished speaking, several other survivors of an ambushed U.S. battalion nodded in agreement. "We're alive because of the air force," said the commander of a U.S. special forces camp after a North Vietnamese regiment failed to take his remote post. "They were laying the napalm right on the (barbed) wire." Such testimonials to U.S. air power's ability to rush to the aid of beleaguered ground units are many. Because the Communists

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SOME TRICKS WHILE PARENTS PICKET

Little Gregory White, 2, tries a head stand on Ranch Road 1 Sunday near Stone- wall, Texas, while his parents Mr. and Mrs. Alastair White, LEFT, hold signs protesting United States role in South Viet Nam. The Christmas peace vigil was held near President Johnson's LJB Ranch. (AP Wirephoto)