

Mr. Gordon Interviewed On Commission Report

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TORONTO (CP) — Walter L. Gordon, who heads the royal commission on Canada's economic prospects, leaned back in his big leather chair and talked of a happy people with a tough job ahead.

He spoke of 1,750,000 people in the four Atlantic provinces — the people his commission's preliminary report said face many economic "problems and difficulties."

The chapter of the commission's report dealing with these difficulties has met some criticism, based largely on published summaries. In turn, there have been suggestions that these newspaper summaries were misleading in references to the commission's mention of possible movement of people from the area.

Mr. Gordon said he thought the Canadian Press had done an excellent job of summarizing, in the 60,000-word report, particularly as reporters had only 3½ hours to study it before its public release.

After a check of CP stories on the Atlantic section of the report he said he felt these were accurate ever-albeit might be "open to misinterpretation."

Dr. Raymond Gushue of St. commission, said earlier that published accounts had approached the Atlantic provinces part of the

report "from a mistaken point of view."

Mr. Gordon said he agreed particularly with Dr. Gushue's comment that the commission made no recommendation that people should be "encouraged to leave the eastern seaboard."

(CP's story Jan. 10 on this section of the report said: "A suggestion that Maritimers move to other parts of Canada to better themselves economically is contained in the report of the Gordon economic commission." It went on to quote from the report to the effect that assistance should be given those wishing to move, if it should develop that there are not enough resources on the eastern seaboard to permit a substantial rise in the standard of living.)

WHAT REPORT SAID
On this aspect the report said: "What is required is a positive and comprehensive approach to the problems of the Atlantic region. With this as the objective, it is suggested that the people of Canada as a whole might be willing to assist the people of the Atlantic provinces in discovering, developing and making the best use of resources in that area."

"If it should turn out that there is not the necessary combination of resources in sufficient quantities to permit a substantial rise in living standards in the Atlantic region, generous assistance should be given to those people who might wish to move to other parts of Canada where there may be greater opportunities."

"But even if assistance is provided for those people who might be willing to move elsewhere, many people undoubtedly would prefer to remain where they are, despite the handicaps referred to."

Mr. Gordon said that newspaper accounts possibly had emphasized, more than the commission

intended, its suggestion for assistance in moving workers to better employment areas. And possibly readers had misinterpreted these stories.

SPECIFIC PROPOSALS
The commission's report in recommending a "positive and comprehensive approach" to the problems of the region, made these specific proposals:

1. A comprehensive study of the transportation and communication problems of the area, and a re-examination of the Maritime Freight Rates Act.

2. A stepped-up program of geological surveying.

3. A broad land-use classification program, if the people of the Atlantic provinces and their governments agreed.

4. Altered coal subsidy arrangements to give the Nova Scotia industry "a better chance under existing circumstances."

5. Capital assistance for construction of public projects.

6. Decentralization of purchasing policies where practicable, and placing of orders by large buyers including the railways—so as to avoid violent swings in production and employment.

MOVING LAST RESORT
Mr. Gordon emphasized that the commission said help in moving should be provided only "if it should turn out that there is not the necessary combination of resources in sufficient quantities to permit a substantial rise in living standards."

"All the commission suggested," he said, "was that, if it should turn out that it is not possible to raise the standard of living in the Atlantic region quite substantially, those who might like to move elsewhere should be helped to do so."

"But in any event, people are naturally entitled to stay where they are if that is their wish. And naturally it is to be expected that the majority would prefer to stay where they are even if it should not prove possible to improve their living standards."

"But all of us should be willing to help those of our fellow Canadians in the Atlantic provinces who are living at subsistence levels by North American standards—provided such help is welcome."

Such a case might arise in the coal industry, or among families now on subsistence farms.

Mr. Gordon said he feels any such legislation might also apply to other regions of Canada, such as some areas of Quebec and Ontario.

URGED SPECIAL STUDY
The commission, which has sheer misery — producing power the irritable temper stands first among our faults."

A young Christian was once on her way to a conference in which the chief address was to be given, by an orator of note. She saw him and his wife in the same car. She heard him snap sharply at his wife for some trifling slip she had made, and that young girl's interest in his address dropped before it was given.

What he might have to say on spiritual themes could mean nothing to her when he had shut the peace-giving Spirit out of his own relationships. The love that not exasperated ranks first among the "fruits of the Spirit."

Further, this serenity is necessary for the full and free exercise for our powers.

We recall Addison's famous sonnet in praise of the Duke of Marlborough whose genius shone the brightest in the confusion of battle. It was his perfect calm as he directed the attack of his army that enabled him to see the points where advantage could be taken and the defeat of the enemy assured.

No workman can make the most of his own powers and opportunities if he is upset by every little thing. It is when one refuses to be provoked by provoking situations that he can take command of them and make them serve his ends.

Never let us forget that this perfect peace" is Christ's gift. It is His own peace which made Him Victor in Gethsemane and which He imparts to all who desire it.

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commended a special study of the Nova Scotia coal industry, said in its preliminary report that "generous assistance should be provided for the mine workers who will be displaced... by the difficulties which we foresee..."

"We suggest... there would be every justification for paying the full amount of the transportation costs of all the members of any (mine) families who may be willing to move to other parts of Nova Scotia or elsewhere in Canada; for assistance in provision of housing; and for training for other occupations, possibly in co-operation with industry."

But Mr. Gordon emphasized again that this recommendation was intended to apply only if concerted measures to improve the economic situation of miners fail; and if the miners themselves want such help.

In a soft, even voice Mr. Gordon recalled the commission's findings on the Atlantic provinces and said things are not as bad as many think.

During the last 30 years the three Maritime provinces had made "substantial progress." The per capita income had risen at a faster rate than elsewhere in Canada. The same was true of Newfoundland since that province entered Confederation in 1949. Still, average income in the Atlantic region lagged behind the rest of Canada.

NOT TRUE REFLECTION
But income figures do not give a true reflection of differences in the real standard of living in different parts of Canada." The report said:

"Many people in the Atlantic region would not exchange on any terms their more peaceful way of life and the more comparative ease and quiet that goes with it for the noise and the bustle and the tenseness which one associates with living in the large metropolitan areas..."

For these people, the commission said, it is in everyone's interest to reduce the differential in living standards if possible.

"Our main thought," Mr. Gordon said in the interview, "is that we should have a really serious look at this situation."

"In the main, the differential is due to the very low incomes—by North American standards—of the people in the rural areas who are engaged in subsistence farming combined with part-time fishing and logging."

DEEP WATER
Lake Balkal in Siberia, largest freshwater lake in Asia, has depths of 4,500 feet.

Springhill Mine Survivors Address Local AA Meeting

"I have escaped from three great tragedies in my lifetime including that of losing my life through drinking," said one of the survivors of the Springhill Mine disaster speaking at an open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous yesterday afternoon at the Capitol Theatre in Charlottetown.

The meeting was conducted by members of the Springhill A. A. group and was largely attended.

Speaking of his experiences in a life of heavy drinking the mine disaster survivor said that at one time in his life he was such a disreputable character that other people would walk on the other side of the street when they saw him coming. He asserted that he cared for no one but himself. All his money was spent on liquor while his children went in want and his wife worried about the bills.

URGES ACTIVITY
Through the A.A. program, he said, he had not only gained his sobriety but had found a new way of life. He cautioned members of the organization to keep active in their work of reclaiming other alcoholics, stating, "When you become interested only in your own sobriety without regard for others who are still suffering, you are on dangerous ground and heading for a slip (A return to drinking)."

All of the male speakers were

miners and most of them had either been in the mine disaster or had worked at recovering their fellow workers from the explosion. Several of them spoke of the miracle that resulted in the rescue of 88 men but felt that their own recovery from drinking was no less a miracle.

SOCIAL DRINKER
Among the speakers was a female member of the Springhill group who described her life of drinking as one bordering on insanity for many years. She felt there was absolutely no hope for her and said she could hardly realize after two years of sobriety how her recovery took place. She recalled that her early drinking was of a social nature but eventually became progressively worse.

Rev. A. Frank MacLean, pastor of Trinity United Church was present at the meeting was asked to speak briefly.

Rev. Mr. MacLean said, "One thing your organization does is to assure a minister when he preaches about 'The Grace of God' that such a thing really exists. The reformation that we see in lives through the A.A. program is concrete evidence of the Grace of God working in human beings."

Alberta Bans The Film "Baby Doll"

EDMONTON (CP) — The Alberta government film censor board has announced banning of the film Baby Doll.

E. R. Hughes, deputy provincial secretary, did not give any reasons for rejecting it.

Warner Brothers, the distributor, has 30 days in which to ask for an appeal.

The picture has been under fire in some quarters for what is termed the suggestive and squalid story of a feeble-minded girl in the deep South.

In New York Cardinal Spellman warned Roman Catholics against the film but it has been passed by the movie-reviewing council of British Catholics.

The Manitoba censorship board passed the film without deletions and labelled it for adult showing. It also has been approved in Ontario and several other provinces.

column it was mentioned that attempts were being made to organize a variety show.

Well, true to human nature, very few showed up at the meeting, maybe if we could get an argument up about this show everybody would turn up. It's too bad, that after the Council had so many hopes, so few showed up to do so little. Why? The least we of the student body can do, is support our representatives, so let's try again, once more to raise the spirit to the heights it once was.

Once more, the second time, we've heard strange, inhuman sounds echoing up and down the corridor. But this time we were prepared for the moans and outbursts of laughter, and we knew, just as spring announces summer, that the College Times staff were collecting and reading their material in preparation for publication, which should take place in a few weeks' time. Maybe they'll raise the spirit up.

Culture is once more edging into the social whirl. We notice, in addition to the R. C. A. Band concert, that the P. W. C. concert series has planned another concert. The office, every year, has talented artists give concerts, which are open to members of the Student Body. These concerts are included in Student Council fees and one may do much work by not attending, as the programmes have been found to be educational and interesting. It is hoped these conditions and the P. W. C. Band concerts will be well attended.

One may not refer to Army Cadets as social work but it would be hard to class them as sport. It was noticed that a meeting of the first year boys was held in conjunction with the organization of the Corps. P. W. C. is always well represented in this field and the attendance of drills is planned, or we should say hoped to be characteristic of previous years.

And lastly, but not least, as many P. W. C. students have been told, the Stratford Players are producing Shakespeare's play "Hamlet", Feb. 1 and 2. It is understood special prices will be offered to members of the student body. Maybe, as we've heard, this play will be of much use to students of third year as Hamlet is on that year's English course.

Sports are running like a thoroughbred now, and unlike the old saying of thoroughbreds run faster down hill, the college seems to be in reverse.

Girl's basketball has been started. The water boy, or at least we were told he was water boy, plans a big year for this team. Last year, lets hope my memory is good, was fairly successful. This year will be, we hope, outstanding.

Hockey is now fairly quiet. Even after much searching a college team couldn't be found. But it seems the athletic committee plans to send this unfound team, unknown also, on a trip to the west end of the Island. The difficulties presented in trying to

find out anything in this matter cannot be imagined but I've come to the conclusion the athletic committee is hiring the same people the Pentagon in Washington hire.

The boys basketball team have put in an indent to the Physical Director for football padding. It seems the teams last game was wrongly called "Hoop" match and the team ended up playing football. The results again couldn't be gleaned, but we know the team played because of the lumps, etc., picked up almost overnight.

Well, so much for rambling. Guess its time some more mid-night oil was burned so we'll leave you with this thought: If anybody knows what happened to "Pogo" in this paper, would they please send an explanation to the Faculty; the students cannot continue this course as the strip is not run in the comics any more.

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LET THE PEACE OF GOD... RULE IN YOUR HEARTS'

Every soldier has his Gethsemane. It is the moment when full realization bursts on his souls of what the battle may mean to him personally.

Once, in a grim old room in Divion, France, I showed on a screen a colored picture of Christ in Gethsemane. It is quite impossible to describe the effect—it was so still and deep.

A number of soldiers had gathered there and were "standing to"—ready to be called into action at any hour.

They were confident of victory but had no assurance that they themselves would come through, and everyone was gripped with the realization of what that struggle had meant to Jesus.

The outcome depended on the faith behind the soldier's self-dedication to his country's cause.

One of England's most brilliant authors has given us a vivid account of what his Gethsemane meant to him. He was a lone English soldier in a French train carrying men to the front. He had bidden his friends farewell and knew that he would soon be in battle.

The horror of the possibilities before him seized his soul. Why grudge about the hero's honor and the glory of victory when the result for him might be to be turned into a mass of bloody pulp?

The contrast between what lay ahead, and the tenderness and promise of life he had left behind was too horrible to contemplate. He could not see his way through or understand how he could go through with it all.

"Out of the depths" he cried to the Lord, and a peace to perfect that he defied analysis took possession of him. His serenity was deeper than his desperation had been; it was founded on a rock. His realization of what was ahead of him was clearer than ever, but he faced it without fear or anxiety.

PERFECT PEACE
That "perfect peace" never left him through the conflicts in which he had a part, not even when a shell half buried him in a trench.

The peace that Christ promises is far more than the absence of worry. It is a pervasive influence that literally captures the soul. St. Paul said: "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts."

You can keep that peace out, but if you consent to its entrance it will rule your spirit.

Here is a young person who has committed his life to a great cause. It means a break with his

past; it is an adventure with all the risks that go with the staking of life on its success; and for years he has prepared himself for it.

But when the moment comes for the decisive step the realization of all that it involves bursts upon him and he wonders if he had really counted the cost.

That moment came to Christ in Gethsemane in the Upper Room. He saw it just ahead of His disciples. It was in the immediate prospect of that supreme test for which He knew that they were unprepared that He promised them "the Comforter" and through the Comforter, His own peace.

Imagine the son of God, an hour before His passion, thinking first of what it would mean to His friends, and saying: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

This peace, therefore, means first inward calm in the face of impending calamity.

Look at its setting in John 14: 26-29. It is preceded by the promise of "the Comforter" who is active in thus taking possession of the soul. It is followed by Jesus' warning that He was about to leave them and that His departure meant returning to His Father. If the Eleven had only let these words register, how different the story of the next few hours would have been.

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Bonshaw Hall Friday, January 25. Scottish concert and dance. Sale of lunches.

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Unloading car of coal Saturday and Monday, Court and Sons, Bedford Station.

Rummage Sale to be held at St. Peters Cathedral Hall, Monday evening, Jan. 21st at 7 p.m.

Shur-Gain Cavalcade, Kingston Hall, Wednesday, February 13th. Unwood W.I. Entries to Mrs. Stanley Colville, Clyde River.

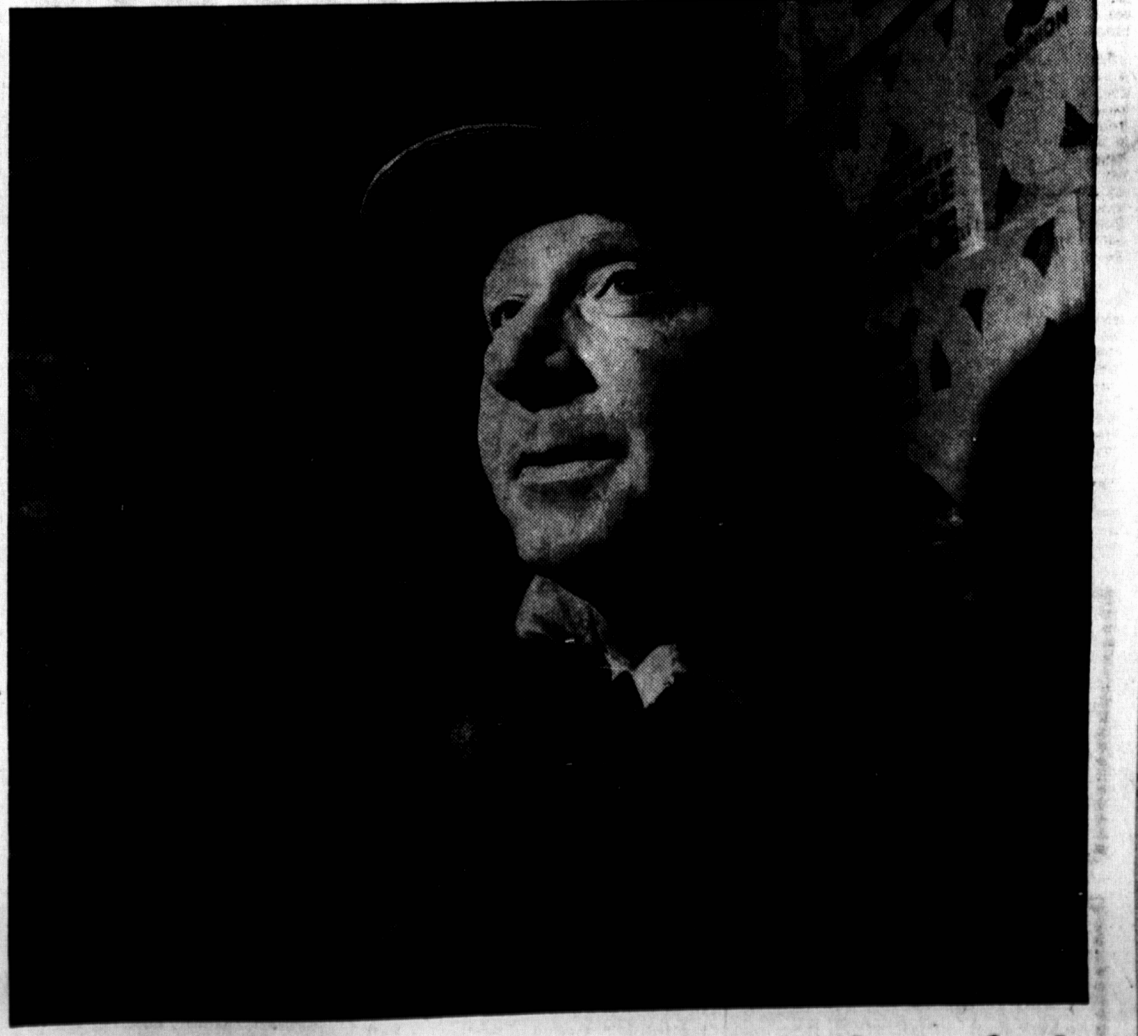
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