

Canadian Guidelines Blast Draws Yank Comment

By ARCH MACKENZIE
WASHINGTON (CP)—Canadian criticism of United States economic guidelines that curb foreign operations of U.S. business corporations drew brief comment from two American cabinet members.

It coincided with an article in the Washington Evening Star warning that a "very serious quarrel" threatens Canadian-American relations on the issue. Treasury Secretary Henry Fowler told a press briefing on the U.S. balance-of-payments situation: "I would say that it is largely a matter of internal politics in Canada."

There have always been exchanges of views between the two countries on such matters and more can be expected shortly, Fowler said. The joint Canada-U.S. committee on trade and economic affairs, annually bringing together cabinet members from each government, is scheduled to meet here March 4-5.

Commerce Secretary John Connor told the briefing that "it is gratifying that American capital is so highly prized in Canada."

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ings, encourages more exports and urges foreign subsidiaries to buy more from the United States.

Connor said there had been considerable reaction not so long ago in Canada and elsewhere about too much American investment, rather than too little. Perhaps all countries concerned now are better informed about the job-generating capacity of American capital.

He said latest indications are that the impact on Canada is minor. The full story would not be available for several weeks, pending study of the individual forecasts for the 900 firms for 1966.

Each was asked to submit these by mid-February, showing where direct investment would be reduced—Canada or elsewhere—plus other planned contributions.

REDUCE DEFICIT
The target of the voluntary program is to bring the U.S. international payments deficit to within a range of \$250,000,000 surplus or deficit.

The total deficit for 1965 has been given as \$1,300,000,000 compared with \$2,800,000,000 in 1964.

The Evening Star comment is contained in an editorial-page article by Foreign Editor

Many Children In School Face Emotional Problems

TORONTO (CP)—An elementary school guidance counsellor says an overwhelming number of children come to her with emotional problems.

"In the new year, I almost had to send for mops for the children who came crying into my office," Ruth Gilson, student counsellor in the guidance department of Givins Street Public School said Monday night.

The school is one of two elementary schools in Toronto that offer this service.

without inviting new ones. To recognize American firms in Canada as a basic and integral part of the Canadian economy would not be an enormous concession to make if it results in avoiding the very serious quarrel that threatens our relations with Canada today."

Miss Gilson, speaking during a panel discussion at a meeting of the Ontario Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, said some children's worries feature dying, what they will become, and of childhood as a happy time of life but it is one with great periods of stress.

Miss Gilson said some children who have acted up in class have later unloaded their problems in discussions with her and "cried their hearts out."

She said that "without a sympathetic ear, a lot of these children will become ill."

ONE IN TWO OFFICES
William Howard Taft is the only American to become both president and chief justice.



GOING TO DISNEYLAND

Toronto's Ward 2 Ratepayers' Association is raising funds to send leukemia victim (Troy Dodson to Disneyland, California. Doctors say Troy, 3½, has only two years to live. "Disneyland" is Troy's favorite TV program and the visit has always been his fondest dream. (CP Wirephoto)

Bold Reforms Are Changing Outlook In Czechoslovakia

By ANDREW BOROWIEC
PRAGUE (AP)—Bold reforms are changing the economic structure of Czechoslovakia, not so long ago a bastion of Marxist orthodoxy.

They are coupled with new trends in art, literature and the theatre, bringing the country closer to the West to which it belonged culturally before the Communist takeover.

Western experts doubt that the ruling Communist party will permit the reforms to go too far. The party's own existence and power are at stake.

The bulk of economic reform plans, carefully spread out over the next five years to "reduce the shock," involve de-centralization of the Czech industrial apparatus, flexible prices for some products, more realistic price setting, plant autonomy and production to be determined to demand.

"You may call it a form of capitalism," a Czech official said.

LAUNCH FIRST STAGE
The first stage of reform went into effect at the start of the year. The whole program comes up for discussion at the congress of the Czech Communist party in May. Agreement is expected but certain modifications may be made.

What is known here as "the new system of socialist management of the national economy" will mean harder work for many—and some uncertainty for those no longer used to working efficiently.

Job security, one of the pillars of Marxism, may no longer be a part of Czech life.

Czechoslovakia before the Second World War was perhaps the most industrialized country in Eastern Europe. Today it is suffering from bad past investments in prestige and useless projects, from politically-inspired trade agreements and from the general apathy of its workers.

LACK ENTHUSIASM
Party officials admit that there has been no enthusiasm for the reforms.

To make sure there is no open, wide-scale grumbling, there is always the watchful eye of the party—an apparatus of 1,800,000 members, one of the largest Communist parties in the world. One out of seven Czechs belongs to the party—compared with one out of 30 Hungarians. But the party, too, is moved by intellectual and economic changes that have been reaching far into Eastern Europe.

This winter Prague theatres give an impressive selection of Western plays including such authors as Tennessee Williams (Cat on a Hot Tin Roof—Hocka Na Rozpalene Strese"), Arthur Miller, William Faulkner and Ibsen.

The Czech film industry has been thriving since Marxist rigidity was removed. Abstract artists are allowed occasionally to exhibit.

In scholarship, there has been a gradual reorientation from admiring everything Soviet. In new history manuals the Soviet Union does not always figure as the source of every blessing for Czechoslovakia.

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All 10 are for three-year terms. No salaries are involved.

The new members: Roger Perreault, economist with the Catholic Farmers Union, Montreal; Professor Andre Raynauld, University of Montreal; J. R. Murray, managing director of the Hudson's Bay Co., Winnipeg; and R. R. Atkinson, president of the National Farmers' Union, Saskatoon.

Reappointments:
Francis E. Cleya, president of Cleya and Tinker Ltd., Huntingdon, Que.; Stanley Little, president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), and Mrs. A. F. W. Plumptre, president of the Consumers' Association of Canada, both of Ottawa; William Ladyman, Canadian head of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Toronto; Francis George Winspear, Edmonton chartered accountant; and Walter Charles Koerner, chairman of Rayonier Canada Ltd., Vancouver.

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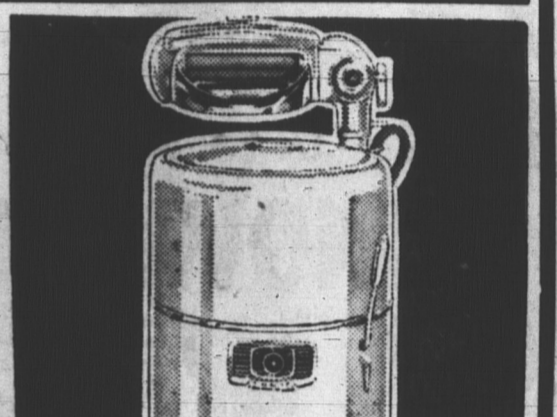


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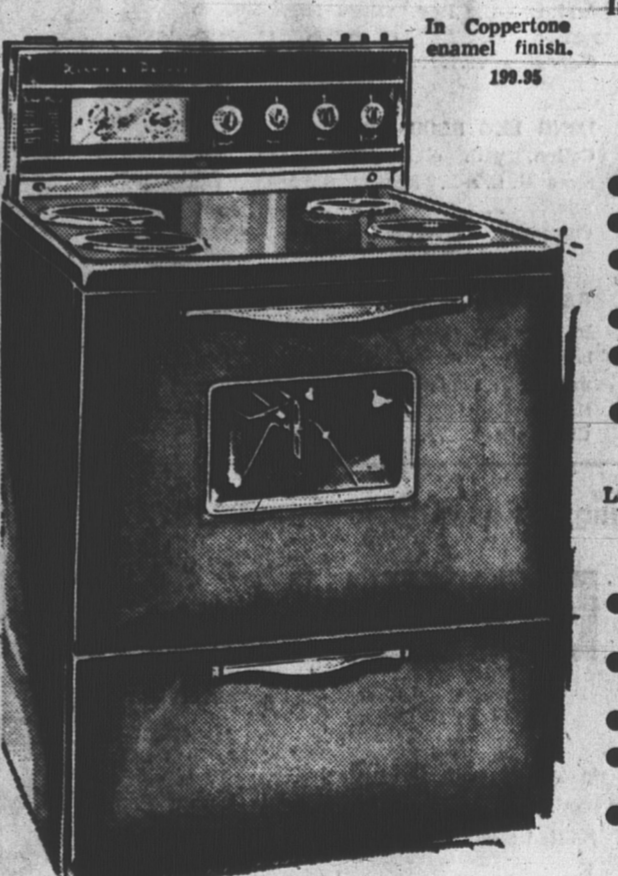
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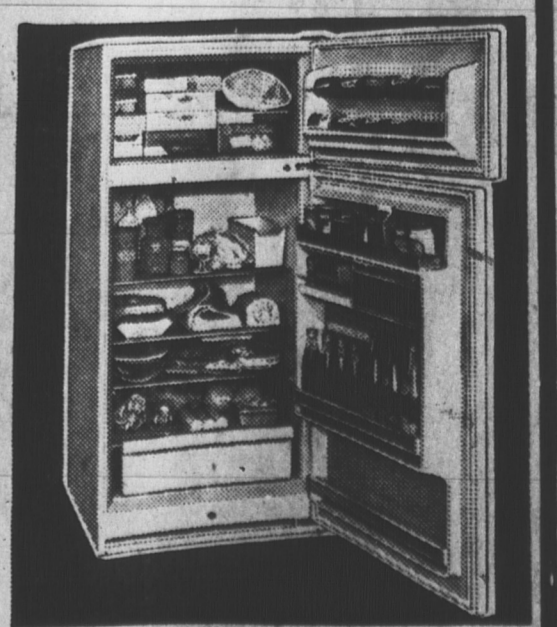
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