

EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

Colombo Plan - Self Help With Outside Assistance

At the request of a number of teachers the following article has been prepared by Mr. J.A.S. Williams, vice-principal, Queen Charlotte High School, on the Colombo Plan.

The Colombo Plan had its origin at a meeting of foreign ministers of the Commonwealth at Colombo, Ceylon, on January 9, 1950.

The fundamental purposes of the conference were: 1. To decide upon measures to prevent communism from spreading across the borders of Malaya, Indo-China, Burma, and India, and

2. To find means of expanding agriculture and industry to feed, clothe, and shelter upwards of 600,000,000 people swelling the population of Southern Asia.

The program would give technical as well as financial aid. On the other hand, the possibility of any sort of military pact was definitely out. It was to prevent communism by giving the Asian people all the technical and financial help they need to escape from the poverty, disease, and illiteracy that afflict them.

In May, 1950, at a meeting in Sydney, Australia, seven countries of the Commonwealth, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, agreed to set up a fund from which loans or gifts would be made. The Asian countries were asked to submit schemes for improving their farming methods, developing hydro-electric power, irrigating land, building roads and railways, utilizing mineral deposits, etc.

TECHNICAL BUREAU

Even before the whole scheme had been launched, there was set up in Colombo an 8,000,000 pounds of sterling technical assistance bureau. This bureau was open to any nation wishing to join, and it trains personnel from all parts of the area in modern techniques, provides expert instruction and advisory missions to assist under-developed countries in their development work, supplies equipment, and seeks out new techniques.

It was not, however, until July 1, 1951, that fifteen countries officially started the plan which was originally outlined as a Commonwealth scheme, but which later grew in scope to include the following: Australia, Canada, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, New Zealand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, Sarawak, Britain, and the United States.

JAPAN JOINS

In October, 1954, at a meeting of the consultative committee in Ottawa, Japan was admitted as a donor; and Thailand, as a recipient. At this time, Canada was contributing slightly over \$25,000,000 a year, which was used largely to assist economic development in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon. It had also sent technicians to Burma and received trainees of different sorts from Indonesia.

For each year, 1956 and 1957, Canada spent \$34,400,000, \$5,000,000 of this was used to meet Canada's share of the cost of building an atomic research reactor in India.

CANADA'S SHARE By March 31, 1958, Canada had contributed \$198,800,000 to the plan, her payment going to India, Pakistan, and Ceylon.

Its biggest Indian project has been the Kundah hydro-electric installation, costing \$20,000,000. Other contributions have included the Mayurakshi power and irrigation project, a diesel generator for rural electrification, Beaver aircraft and spraying equipment, trucks and buses, 120 locomotives, and 50 locomotive boilers.

Pakistan's chief benefit has been the Warsaw hydro-electric project, costing \$29,400,000. Other items have included a second hydro-electric project, a power plant, a cement plant, a high-tension transmission line, an aerial resources survey, railway ties, and Beaver aircraft.

Ceylon has received, among other things, a fisheries development project and fisheries harbour, an electrical development, rural road development, diesel locomotives, an aerial resources survey, and tele-communications and electrical equipment for Colombo airport and port.

SCHOLARS In addition, 492 fellows and scholars from the three countries have been trained or are under training in Canada so they may return home and give technical assistance in various fields of development.

Also 74 Canadian experts have been sent to the three countries. Besides the \$34,400,000 grant, the plan costs Canada \$190,000 a year in administration costs.

Thus, for over eight years has the Colombo Plan been waging its struggle against the spread of communism in Southern Asia. And as a participant in this struggle, Canada may feel a justifiable pride in realizing that during these years she has been playing no insignificant role in helping democracy in its fight against the infiltrations of communism within another important area of our Commonwealth of Nations.

This column is conducted by the Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Contributions are welcomed and should be sent to the General Secretary, Estelle Bowness, 98 Prince St., Charlottetown.

Gov't Likely To Go Ahead With Production Of CF-105

By DAVE McINTOSH Canadian Press Staff Writer OTTAWA (CP) - The Defence Research board has advised the government that the supersonic Arrow interceptor armed with an air-to-air missile would be a useful weapon system for the next several years, it was learned Monday.

This expert opinion, advanced by the board after a careful evaluation, makes it all but certain that the government will decide to go ahead with mass production of the CF-105 Arrow.

However, informants said, such a government decision could be changed overnight if intelligence reports out of Russia provided reliable information that the Soviet Union planned to halt bomber production soon.

Defence Minister Peckar said March 26 at Victoria that latest information on advances by Russia in manned bombers will give the Canadian government "one of its knottiest problems" in deciding the fate of the Arrow.

The program would have to be reviewed this summer and a decision made "whether to proceed with the Arrow or adopt some other course."

FLOWN AT 1,000 MPH

The plane is being developed by Avro Aircraft Limited, Malton, Ont., and was flown last week at approximately 1,000 miles an hour, still some 200 miles an hour short of its design speed.

Officials have estimated it will require another two or three years before the plane is ready for operational service in RCAF squadrons, assuming the government decided to purchase it.

There are several indications that the government has already made up its mind, more or less, to put the aircraft into production at a cost of about \$4,000,000 apiece.

Says Human Element Often Can Balk Safety Programs

TORONTO (CP) - A man can come away from a safety rally with his head full of slogans and plans for safety, and still walk in front of a street car.

J. R. White, president of Imperial Oil Ltd., thus summed up the place of the "human element" in safety programs, in an address Monday to the annual conference of the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations.

"One part of the man's mind," Mr. White added, "has accepted the safety gospel, but another part isn't living up to it."

Figures, indicate that management can reduce a bad accident rate by about 15 per cent by simply doing the obvious, such as seeing that equipment is sound and properly designed.

HARDER TO DEAL WITH "But the other 85 per cent of accidents are progressively harder to deal with. "One quickly enters the field of human relations, and this is a phase of the campaign which can only be won by the company which sits down and deliberately organizes to do so.

"A management which achieves real progress in accident prevention is one which builds the safety concept—and machinery to implement it—into its very fabric.

E. H. Gilbert, chief inspector of the Ontario Department of Labor, also cited the human element as a fundamental cause of accident—with analysis showing 16 per cent due to lack of mechanical guards and 84 per cent to human failure of one kind or another.

"It would seem," he said, "that the 'organization' le... employer bodies, manuf... of machines and safety... groups — reasonable suc... been achieved, but at the... level the same accident... neness persists.

"Dangerous machines are frequently easily recognizable as a hazard, but familiarity with an operation repeatedly carried out without an accident can dull our perception and lead us to unsafe practices which a little analytical thinking would correct."

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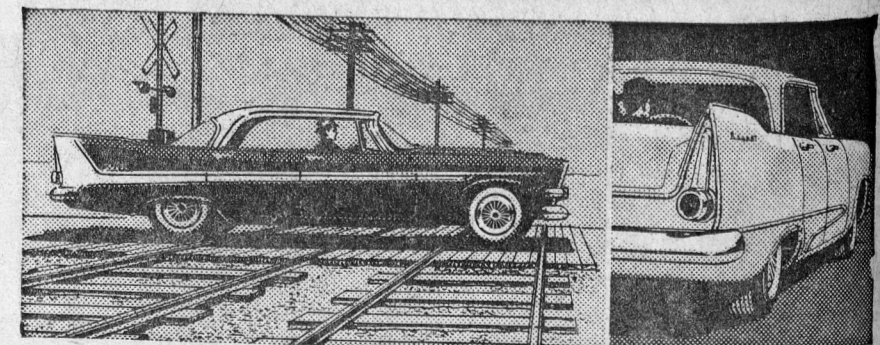
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R. C. A. F. C. W. L. Re-elects Mrs. Vivian As President

The R.C.A.F. sub-division of the Catholic Women's League held its regular monthly meeting followed by the annual meeting on Monday, April 14th in the chapel room. Rev. Father J. MacGillivray, spiritual director, was present and Mrs. C. A. Vivian presided. Twenty-six members answered roll call.

Business proceeded with the minutes of the last meeting and of an executive meeting, read by Mrs. J. Forestell, recording secretary.

Correspondence was read by Mrs. C. Monty and included letters from Scarborough foreign missions remite box donations and from the P.E.I. T.B. League re their annual meeting in Charlottetown.

Mrs. J. Sampson, treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$174.04. Conveners reports were heard from the following: for social welfare Mrs. G. Conway Brown, Library, Mrs. J. Roy, Radio T.V. films, Mrs. J. Drawandy, press Mrs. K. Doucette.

Members were reminded that Saturday, April 26th, is the feast of our Lady of Good Counsel, and that mass and a special blessing of the children will take place at 4:00 p.m.

A motion was made to donate \$15.00 towards the purchase of a flag for the Girl Guides and Brownies for their church parades.

Mrs. J. Rochelau agreed to convene an open house to be held by Rev. Fr. Costello when he visits here April 22. It was voted to give donations of \$5.00 to the usual organizations to which this sub-division contributes yearly.

ANNUAL MEETING

Following a motion of adjournment by Mrs. J. Karwandy, the annual meeting was called to order. The minutes of the last annual meeting held April 8th, 1957, were read and approved.

The following reports were given by officers and conveners for the past year: Secretary, Mrs. J. Forestell reported nine general meetings and ten executive meetings were held during the year with Mrs. C. A. Vivian presiding at each one. Following first communion on June 1st, a communion breakfast was served. Gifts were given to the catechism teachers and children in the various classes were given gifts.

Transportation to Miscouche was arranged. The sub-division also shared in the expense of bringing a group of children from St. Vincent's Orphanage to the station for Air Force Day. Mrs. C. Vivian and Mrs. R. MacKenzie attended the Provincial Convention in Charlottetown in August and six members attended the regional conference in Summerside in September. A rummage sale, a

pantry sale and a doll lottery were held during the year. Three needy families were adopted and given food, clothing toys, and household articles.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. Sampson reported the total amount taken in during the year to be \$727.56. Spiritual - Mrs. Kines reported very generous contributions towards the Scarborough foreign missions mite boxes the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel was observed on April 26th with blessing on the children and mass. A holy hour was held on the first Friday of each month cleaning and decorating of the altar, and mending of the altar linens was taken care of by the committee.

Library - Mrs. John Roy said catechism gifts were provided for the children. Religious Christmas cards, nativity sets and church calendars were made available to the parish. A good turn over was realized on religious articles.

Social welfare - Mrs. G. Conway Brown. Patients confined to hospitals were visited. New babies were given medals. A great deal of used clothing was collected for the Prince County Social Welfare Bureau.

Membership - Mrs. A. Sawyer. There was a paid membership of over 50 members.

Radio TV and Films - Mrs. J. Karwandy. Three letters were sent out during the year. Press - Mrs. K. Doucette. All meetings but one were advertised in the three local papers and at least one was carried in the Antigonish Casket. A total of 32 newspaper articles were published and five radio announcements made. Approximate advertising for the year was 171 1/2 inches.

OFFICERS

Following these reports, the election of officers for the coming year took place. Mrs. J. Forestell acted as chairman of the elections committee. The following slate of officers was chosen: president - Mrs. C. A. Vivian (re-elected); 1st vice-president - Mrs. A. MacQueen; 2nd vice-president - Mrs. J. Korwandy; 3rd vice-president Mrs. Doucette; recording secretary Mrs. C. Onty; corresponding secretary - Mrs. F. Sullivan; treasurer - Mrs. J. Sampson.

The newly-elected officers recited the league prayer with Fr. MacGillivray who also commended the president for her good leadership during the past year. Mrs. Vivian in turn, thanked the members for their co-operation with her.

Following adjournment there was a social hour during which refreshments were served by the entertainment committee.

ANCIENT RANK The name "sheriff" for county officials comes from the ancient English "shire reeve."