

Public Called Well Informed On Defence, Foreign Affairs

TORONTO (CP)—The Canadian public seems to be reasonably well-informed about defence and foreign affairs, according to a survey by the Canadian Peace Research Institute says.

The institute, an independent research organization, bases its

opinion on a test of public knowledge included in a poll of public attitudes towards defence and foreign policy.

The eight multiple-choice questions posed a year ago to a cross-section of voters and business, political and labor leaders.

The eight questions sought such information as the name of Russia's premier, a definition for fallout and the size of the United Nations budget.

SCORE FAIRLY WELL

Almost four out of five voters gave more than two correct answers—a score of two could be obtained by chance—and more than two-thirds got four or more of the eight correct answers.

Only the four most difficult questions were put to political, business and labor leaders. The politicians were the best informed, 48 per cent of them making no more than one error while only one-third of the businessmen, 14 per cent of the labor leaders and six per cent of the voters did as well on the four questions.

Almost everybody (98 per cent) knew that Nikita Khrushchev is premier of the Soviet Union and 87 per cent hit the right definition of radio-active fallout. Slightly more than half knew that the Bomarc is an anti-aircraft missile.

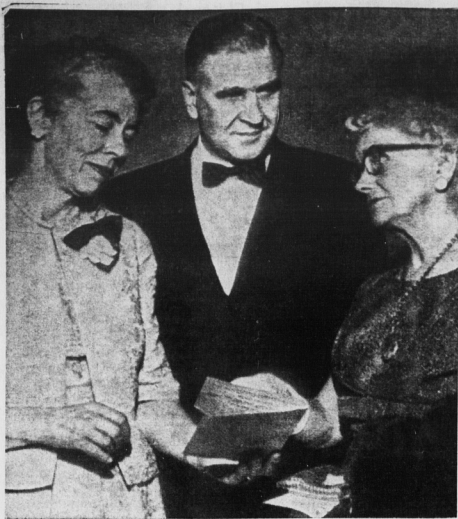
But less than half the voters scored correctly on the rest. Only 38 per cent picked Bagaria alone in a list of four countries including Australia, Thailand and Egypt as having a Communist government.

The worst scores for all groups were recorded for two questions about the United Na-

tions, only 14 per cent picking the number of Canadians with UN forces as between 1,000 and 2,000 and only six per cent estimating the size of the UN budget correctly \$80,000,000 for the regular budget, \$400,000,000 for all UN agencies and forces.

TO STUDY CREDIT

TORONTO (CP)—School children in Toronto will try out a course showing the problems of the credit system, it has been reported by the Toronto board of education.



WINNING PLAYWRIGHTS

George Blackburn of Ottawa and Mrs. Mimi Edgell (left) of Scarborough, B.C., winners of the Theatre Workshop's Canadian of the Ottawa Little Theatre playwrighting competition, talk with Mrs. H. M. Watt, chairman of the competition. Mrs. George Vanier, wife of the governor-general, presented the winners with special awards Sunday. Mr. Blackburn's play, A Walk Through The Valley, won first prize and Mrs. Edgell's play, Beyond Our Time, took second place. (CP Wirephoto.)

Gov't Problems, Credit Lack Hamper Trade To S. America

VANCOUVER (CP)—A Vancouver businessman who was a member of the Canadian trade mission to Latin America says there are two major obstacles to increasing trade.

One concerns the governments of the Latin American countries and the other the need for Canadian government action to extend credit.

W. J. McDonald, export manager for Western Canada Steel Limited, said in an interview that most South American countries are plagued by high tariffs and other foreign trade restrictions, and their governments seem unable to solve the problems.

"They need foreign trade as much—perhaps more—than we do. But they are unable to take steps to harden their currency and increase exports to balance their payments."

Gardens Make Deal With City

TORONTO (CP)—In what Harold Ballard, vice-president of Maple Leaf Gardens described as "a very hard bargain," the Gardens have agreed to pay the city of Toronto \$200,000 annually for air space rights to build an extension over two streets.

The Gardens is seeking approval for a 4,000-seat addition that would extend over side-walks and mid-town Wood and Carleton Streets.

The agreement reached Thursday calls for the Gardens to provide parking-space for an additional 400 cars.

Controller Allan Lamport said the Gardens was being charged 300 per cent more in rental than would be charged for air rights over the Yonge Street subway.

Controller Philip Givens cited controversy generated by the public as the reason for the rental being "so high."

Political instability was always a factor in South America.

"Some of them are dependent on the military for support," he said. "This means they have to spend money on guns and ships that could well be used for other purposes."

Canadian businessmen, however, should not overlook the South American market. Businessmen there want to trade and Canada has a good chance of increasing her sales.

"They think very highly of us throughout South America," said Mr. McDonald. "The businessmen are very energetic and anxious to do business but they have no money. We must provide quality but most of all we must provide financing."

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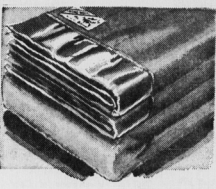
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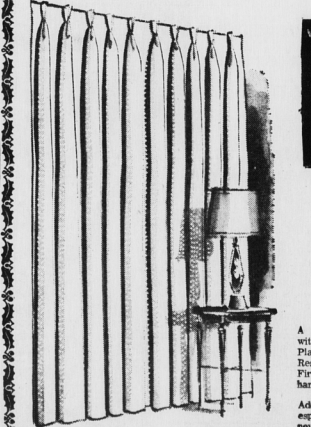
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