



RUSSIA'S 700-PLUS PASSENGER PLANE

Resting on a runway is the Antares, the Soviet Union's turbo-prop transport plane that is said by Russian officials to be capable of carrying more than 700 passengers at speeds approaching 500 miles an hour. The plane was flown from Moscow to Paris Tuesday and unveiled at the International Air Show at Le Bourget Airport. The plane lands on six dual landing wheels. It powered by four huge double propeller turbo-prop engines and is more than five stories high. Tass, Soviet agency, released this Tuesday and said it was made June 12 but did not disclose the location. (AP Wirephoto by cable from Moscow).

direct influence on Canadian public policy. These are eventualities the government believes we should guard against in time.

He said the proposal interferes only with one freedom. "It means that a Canadian publisher wanting to sell his newspaper will have to accept the best bid he can get from other Canadians. The whole point is to establish a safeguard to prevent foreigners from out-bidding Canadians in this field."

UNDERSTANDS WORRY
The finance minister said he could understand the objections of publishers who may want to expand their operations to other countries.

"Obviously, if this same approach were adopted elsewhere, such expansion would not be possible unless the parties concerned were prepared to apply for citizenship in such other country. . . . But this is an objection which should be stated clearly for what it is: Fear that businessmen or wealthy financiers may be discouraged from acquiring the communications media of other countries, and having done so, perhaps attempting to influence public opinion in those countries. That kind of objection should not be confused with freedom of the press."

Mr. Gordon said he couldn't believe that any Canadian government would ever contemplate any measure which could be construed as interfering with freedom of the press.

He said it was surprising that controversy arose over the question of freedom of the press, when no such arguments arose when the proposals applied only to periodicals.

"It is difficult to accept the fact that a principle can be right and good—and widely accepted as such—when applied to one field of communications but not when it is applied to another."

European College Students Query U.S. Vice-President
NEW YORK (AP)—An English college student in London, talking face-to-face via television with Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey in Washington, accused Humphrey of giving him "a politician's glib answer" concerning the Viet Nam conflict.

The student, Michael Smithson, 20, of Manchester, England, was one of six European college students—four boys and two girls—who questioned Humphrey in the transatlantic television interview via Early Bird Satellite.

Smithson, starting off with the first question, said: "American military action is steadily being increased in Viet Nam. Will the United States stop short of all-out war, possibly with Red China?"

Humphrey answered: "Well, our desire is surely not to accelerate this conflict. Our desire . . . is for unconditional discussions to bring peace to all of Viet Nam and also . . . economic and social development for the entire area of Southeast Asia."

"I would say, in direct answer to your question, that the government of the United States surely does not contemplate nor does it seek to have any major conflict, anything that would jeopardize the peace of the world."

Smithson responded: "It seems to me, vice-president, that your just giving a politician's glib answer and that every additional force that you put into Viet Nam merely means that the Communist forces are strengthened. And as this goes on and on, you're just going to get this all-out war."

EXPRESSES CONCERN
Humphrey retorted, calmly, that "my desire is not to give you what you call, quote, the politician's answer, end quote. I'm as concerned about the peace of the world, I'm sure, as the students, having students in my own family."

"And I might add, sir, with all of the criticism that is given to our government in these matters, that I know of no other government that is asking for peace: that is, Hanoi or Peking. . . ."

At the end of the interview, moderator Hugh Downs, in London with the students, asked Humphrey if he'd like to ask any questions of them.

ASKS FOR SUGGESTIONS
"I want to know," Humphrey said, "if they have any suggestion that they could make as to how we could get the government of Hanoi in North Viet Nam, or in China, in Peking, to sit down at the conference table and talk about peace."

Gordon Outlines Position On Newspaper Ownership

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Gordon said here that the government's proposals for maintaining the Canadian ownership of newspapers must either be accepted by the House or dropped altogether. No alternative had been found.

In introducing his budget resolutions to the Commons, Mr. Gordon said there had been objections to proposals to prohibit tax deductions for advertising in non-Canadian publications, but no other method had been found to safeguard Canadian ownership.

"The fact is that no practical alternative has been found, despite careful thought and much discussion with the people concerned."

In practical terms, we have the alternative of proceeding with the measure which is be-

fore the House or of dropping the question altogether. If we were to do the latter and one or more of our more important newspapers or chain of newspapers were to fall into foreign hands, neither the government nor Parliament could shirk responsibility for having allowed this to happen."

INCLUDE PAPERS
Mr. Gordon announced in his budget speech April 26 that legislation would be introduced to prohibit tax deductions for advertising in non-Canadian publications. It was similar to proposals made earlier by both the Liberal and Conservative governments, except that this time it covered newspapers. Mr. Gordon described it as a preventive measure.

Two periodicals would be exempt from the legislation—Time and Reader's Digest. Both are published in Canada.

Mr. Gordon told the Commons Monday night that the proposals did not arouse objections when advanced earlier, but since it now is to be applied to newspapers there have been suggestions that it infringes on freedom of the press.

RETAIN FREEDOM
"The government's proposal asserts no control whatever over newspapers or other publications. It does not alter in any way the complete freedom of businesses to advertise in any way they choose in existing publications or in any future publications owned by Canadians. It provides no precedent for any kind of government interference in the complete freedom of the press."

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He said the majority of newspaper publishers have not objected to preventive measures being taken against the transfer of Canadian newspapers to non-residents. The controversy appeared to involve the timing and the method.

"As to timing, let me say the obvious. There is no point in locking the stable door after the horse has been stolen."

He said his announcement last fall that legislation would be introduced to prevent the foreign take-over of banks had the effect of blocking such a take-over.

STRESSES DANGER
"The same thing could be true in the case of some Canadian newspapers. I do not think we would like it very much if we woke up one morning to find, for example, that control of the Toronto Globe and Mail had been acquired by certain American interests who wished to exert a direct influence on Canadian public policy. Nor do I think we would like it very much if we woke up one morning to find, for example, that control of La Presse had been acquired by certain European interests who wished to exert a

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