

**SCAF Base at Summerside, at least for the present, though he has warned that efforts should be made to get more industry into the Summerside area in the event that the base may be phased out in future.**

Yesterday he met with the Secretary of State, Miss LaMarsh, to discuss the status of the Confederation Centre and received an offer of help to solve the financial crisis, but not enough to meet the trustees' requirements. The Premier is hopeful of obtaining "somewhat better terms" before an agreement is announced.

And there is the obligation he has, as well, of reminding Prime Minister Pearson and Transport Minister Pickersgill of their promised consideration of our claims for a guarantee of uninterrupted car ferry service between Borden and Tormentine. His hand has been strengthened in this matter by the strong resolution passed this week by the Maritime Provinces Board of Trade, urging that an agreement be expedited between the federal and provincial governments and the Canadian National Railways to this effect, to safeguard both our vehicle and passenger traffic between these ports from being disrupted by labor disputes of any nature. The brief stressed the need for making such a pact and making it public "without delay," for there is no more opportune time than the present of bringing this issue to a head.

These are matters of cardinal concern and importance to our citizens, and our spokesman on this occasion rates a salute for the efforts he is making to deal with them. They add up to about as heavy a responsibility as any premier of this province has had to shoulder in so short a space of time.

**Federal Ante Boosted**

The tax conference at Ottawa started out this week with a brave declaration from Prime Minister Pearson, asserting the federal government's right to act in the fields of manpower, culture and research—all of which have been claimed by the Quebec government as matters of provincial jurisdiction. Ottawa, it was indicated, was offering the provinces \$300 million a year in additional tax rights and equalization payments to meet the costs of higher education. It would pay the full cost of training allowances for workers, the full costs of providing training plus help in making amortization costs and providing loans for capital costs.

It seemed like a generous new deal. But the joker in the pack was the provision for discontinuing next March 31 the grants for operating costs of technical and vocational training programs and the phasing out by 1973 of grants for the capital costs involved.

There was a great deal of confusion as to how this scheme would work out. For the most part, provincial spokesmen were sceptical as to its advantages. What concerned us chiefly, as Premier Campbell well said, was the diversity of opinion as to how much Prince Edward Island would receive under the proposal and how much it would lose because of federal withdrawal from vocational training programs.

Yesterday, after two days of pressure from the premiers, Mr. Pearson boosted the federal ante by \$275 million, doubling the value of the phase-out arrangements and raising the payments to this province to \$4,400,000, as against Nova Scotia's \$4,300,000 and New Brunswick's \$3,400,000. The deal would leave Quebec with \$251,000,000 to be drawn in technical and vocational grants, which goes to show that there still is something in the old adage about the squeaking wheel getting the grease.

Certainly the new proposals represent an all-round improvement over the old, and the reaction from the provinces has been more favorable. The conference discussion has now moved into other fiscal areas, including the proposed equalization grants formula which was introduced at last month's conference, and which proved so shattering to the hopes of our Island representatives. This is another case where Ottawa has come up with some second thoughts, so far as recognition of its obligations to this province is concerned. We stand now to gain at least \$3,500,000 under the formula, which is a big improvement over the original proposal, though still not completely satisfactory, as Premier Campbell maintains.

**Inequitable Taxes**

Finance Minister Sharp is to present his "baby budget" to Parliament within the next few weeks and increased taxation is in prospect, largely for social welfare purposes. Or, as Mr. Sharp expressed it, to prevent any inflationary effects from new welfare and pension programs to which the government is already committed.

This measure, of course, will serve to skim the cream off what the trade unions have received during the past few months. This, in fact, appears to be government policy; not to hold the line on wage increases but to permit substantial raises—and then with the other hand take the money, or a large part of it, back in the form of taxes.

This point is noted by that staunch Liberal organ, the *Winnipeg Free Press*, which makes no bones about protesting the unfairness of the policy. Those wage earners who have obtained healthy wage boosts, it concedes, will not be worse off, relatively speaking, than they were before, though they are not going to be happy to see their gains immediately eroded by higher taxation. But what about the many wage earners who have not had an increase in pay of the size given the Seaworkers, longshoremen, rail workers, and CBC technicians, to cushion the blow of higher taxes? The burden of new taxes will rest just as heavily on them as on anyone else, but they have no increase in income with which to meet a larger tax bill.

It is axiomatic that taxation should be as fair as it is possible to make it. It is never completely fair. But if Mr. Sharp introduces higher taxes for Canadians at the end of this month, this, in the context of today's economic picture in Canada, will be an inequitable measure—and the government can expect to hear about it.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

District offices have now been opened in all provinces but Quebec to provide information and services on the Canada Pension Plan, according to an announcement from the federal health department. The district offices are located in all provincial capitals and other major population centres, and will total 37 by the year's end. There are no offices in Quebec because it has its own plan.

Something awful has happened in Edinburgh—of all places. A new record of bagpipe music was released recently. It included four favorite Scottish tunes. But it sounded strange to experts. Finally it was discovered that the entire master tape had been recorded backward. What is so humiliating is that more than 1,000 records went out to stores; four hundred were sold immediately—and no one has complained.

**Many Pressing Chores**

Premier Campbell may have reason to look back upon the present week as one of the most arduous and most important of his career. His attendance at the Ottawa conference is a full-time job in itself, for upon its outcome will depend our fiscal prospects for the months ahead. But he has had other important chores lined up as well. One of these has been his contact with the Norwegian and American interests involved in the affairs of Gulf Garden Foods and Bathurst Marine Limited at Georgetown, and the arrangements for a full cabinet meeting here on Saturday to discuss the problem with these people. It is gratifying to note his statement, meanwhile, that the industries will be maintained and continued in one way or another.

The Premier has also been seeking assurance, and apparently with success, from Defense Minister Hellyer with regard to the continuance of the



OTTAWA REPORT by Patrick Nicholson

**Tories Prepare For Big November Rally**

Despite the advice of Senator Tom Crerar that a change in the leadership of both old parties would be good for Canada, and despite the one-man drive by Dalton Camp—supported evidently by Davie Fulton and others—to have the Conservative leadership "reviewed," Autumn 1966 sees no change.

Prime Minister Pearson, who has had his moments of intent to resign, is now sailing on the other tack and intends to remain as Liberal leader through Centennial year.

Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker, whose leadership has yet to face the potential challenge of a party convention—in Ottawa in mid-November—has no intention of resigning. In fact it has now been officially announced that he will still be at the helm when next month's convention ends, for it has been proclaimed from Conservative headquarters that "the annual meeting will conclude on Wednesday evening, November 16, with a banquet, with party leader Right Honourable John G. Diefenbaker as guest speaker."

**TORY GET-TOGETHER**

Between 2,000 and 2,500 Conservatives, representatives of every part of Canada, are expected to gather in Ottawa on Sunday, 13th November, for the four-day party meeting. This is called the 1966 annual meeting, because the party's constitution calls for such a meeting to be held each year. But there has not been one since the stormy meeting in February 2½ years ago, when one of the periodic "dump Die!" moves erupted and was voted down.

There will be some vivid contrasts between the October Liberal meeting and the November Conservative gathering; and there will be some similarities. Both meetings will have representatives in attendance from Ottawa's Chateau Laurier Hotel. At both meetings, the delegates will be split into groups: the Liberals had "workshops" devoted to specific topics, and the Conservatives will have "sub-sections."

The total expenditure by party and by delegates on each convention will be nearer \$1 million than \$½ million—without costing the delegates time off work.

The Liberal meeting was a somewhat more highbrow than the Conservative gathering will be. Study papers on key issues were prepared by experts before hand, and circulated to all delegates, and the Liberal meeting was addressed by prominent experts such as England's Barbara Ward. The Conservatives

**Expo In Trouble**

Saskatoon Star-Phoenix

Shakespeare may have been mildly concerned with "What's in a name?" but the directors at Expo '67 should be vitally concerned.

According to Time magazine, one reason why advance bookings for Expo in the form of "passport" tickets are being sold in the U.S. at an alarmingly slow rate is that people don't know what the word Expo is supposed to mean.

Is it exposition or expose? What is the significance of '67? Why are passports needed? Ask all three questions and the answer comes up: Why bother?

The organizers of Montreal's world fair have been planning on the basis that about half the 10,000,000 visitors they think the fair will attract next year will be from the United States. The indications at present are that only the upper-most intelligent, the most well travelled and the most well heeled of our southern neighbors will make the trip.

Expo had better be a big success or many of the Canadian taxpayers' dollars will be left to rust in the Quebec rain. If the carnival bigwigs are going to win the toss of this national coin, they may have to devise a new sales pitch for our U.S. neighbors.

Canadian and U.S. people are exposed daily to sexy motion picture ads, smash bang television commercials and gimmicked written blurbs. They aren't conditioned to respond to dainty names and cultural cogments.

At this late date, Expo may need a new approach.

**Germans Looking East**

New York Times

Willy Brandt drove from West to East Berlin the other day to talk and dine with the Soviet Ambassador to East Germany. Until recently such a visit by West Berlin's Mayor and the leader of West Germany's Social Democratic party would have been politically unthinkable.

Herbert Wehner, deputy leader of the Social Democrats, has proposed creation of an economic community of East and West Germany and a build-up of high-level contacts across the zonal border. In rejecting the Wehner proposal, Chancellor Erhard's Government came under fire from its coalition partner, the Free Democrats. Even some Christian Democrats said the plan should be explored.

The significance of these events is clear: More and more West Germans are accepting the idea that reunification can come only in the context of East-West détente, and that a prelude must be more contacts and limited agreements with East Germany.

No one says Walter Ulbricht has become respectable. He remains perhaps the most despised of Eastern Europe's Communist leaders. However, what Mayor Brandt and others are in effect saying is: Ulbricht or someone similar is likely to be in power for a long time; we don't have to approve or even formally recognize him, but we may be able to make arrangements that will allow us greater contacts with 17,000,000 East Germans.

They are saying that more contacts at many different levels, more trade and cultural exchange, might lead to some relaxation of Communist rule. And they are warning that the alternative may be a further hardening of Germany's division.

**Our Yesterdays**  
 (From The Guardian Files)

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO**  
 (October 27, 1941)

President Roosevelt asserted that "the shooting has started," that "America has been attacked," and that the nation stood ready to face its newest and greatest challenge.

The American Senate began its historic debate on neutrality revision, with Senator Tom Connally urging the United States to reassert its right to freedom of the seas and Senator Arthur Vandenberg charging that troop transports would follow in the wake of armed American merchantmen travelling to belligerent ports.

**TEN YEARS AGO**  
 (October 27, 1956)

Budapest's anti-communist riots flared across western Hungary spreading trail of death.

The United States has started consulting Britain, France and other allies to decide whether to cite Russia before the United Nations on charges of brutal military intervention in Hungary.

**One Cure For Hernia**

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen

Surgery is the only cure for hernia. Trusses are a second choice as they offer temporary relief. Most physicians have discarded the injection treatment because results are unpredictable.

Ancient paintings suggest that hernias have existed since the beginning of all man. After all, these men were made of the same stuff as we are and they came into the world with similar weaknesses and defects. They also did manual labor and subjected their bodies to the usual stresses and strains.

The modern surgeon strengthens the weakened abdominal wall by correcting the basic defect. Most hernias are in the groin, in a spot that remains open in the developing fetus. After the baby is born, mother nature may do a poor job of closing the area and, as a result of this weakness, the intestine pushes through the opening, producing a bulge.

These soft swellings increase in size on standing, straining, or coughing because such actions increase within the abdominal cavity. Conversely, the hernia is likely to disappear with gentle pressure from the fingers or when the individual lies on his back and relaxes.

Hernia seldom is painful except during the early stages. At this time it may hurt to cough, blow the nose, or lift a heavy object. When the bulge appears after strain, injury, or pregnancy the victim tends to blame the incident rather than his or her anatomy. As a rule, the weakness existed long before and force was needed to bring it out. There are exceptions because not all hernias are alike.

Most surgeons advocate repair as soon as the swelling is discovered. This applies to the one-day-old child as well as to the 40-year-old working man. The operation requires more skill in infancy but the outcome is excellent. Furthermore, when done early in life it is easier to correct the underlying cause because adjacent tissues have not become weakened or over-stretched.

**NERVOUSNESS AND PRESSURE**

H. W. writes: Can a nervous person have low blood pressure? I thought only people with high blood pressure were jittery.

**REPLY**

A nervous person may have low, high, or normal blood pressure. In this respect, the blood pressure reading cannot be judged by the amount of nervousness present.

**ALLERGY TO SEAFOOD**

A. D. A. writes: Please tell me why the following foods in my former poison map system: shrimp, crab, lobster, and crabs. They cause nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

**REPLY**

One man's meat is another man's poison. You may be allergic to seafood or perhaps an idiosyncrasy to these foods exists.

**SAME ODDS**

R. L. writes: If a woman has two boys, what are the odds of her having a girl?

**REPLY**

Fifty-fifty with each pregnancy. These odds apply if she has a dozen boys, even though this may not sound plausible.

**NOT HARMFUL**

Mrs. S. writes: I have arthritis is nearly all over my body. Is it safe for my 12-year-old grandchild to continue to sleep with me?

**REPLY**

Yes, because arthritis is not contagious.

**TODAY'S HEALTH HINT—**

You can have tuberculosis and still feel well.

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**Now It's The Red Patch**

Halifax Mail-Star

The red patch of the 1st Canadian Infantry Division was first worn fifty years ago at the Battle of the Somme. The wearers of the small distinctive square of red cloth suffered bravely in that protracted series of engagements. So, too, did the men of the 1st Division in World War II, on battle fields from Sicily to North-West Europe.

When its use was continued after 1945 it seemed that the famous flash would always be a part of the uniform of a Canadian infantryman.

Alas, who could imagine what form unification would take, especially a Federal policy which devotes itself to the ruthless elimination of anything that connotes the British influence or tradition.

Last week, the half-century-old red flash was abandoned, to be replaced by something described as "a white diamond, notched on each side, edged with a red border, with four light and dark blue arrows radiating from the centre, representing the cardinal points of the compass. Superimposed upon the arrow shafts, is a red Canadian maple leaf."

**Skies Over Communism**

Christian Science Monitor

China's standing within the Communist world has received another shock. While Moscow is gleefully expecting a generous Soviet grain crop, Peking is reported to be gloomily looking for a miserly Chinese one.

Thus, while the Russians are able to point to agricultural improvement, the Chinese face the opposite prospect. This can have a number of practical and ideological repercussions.

Although the Chinese drop in grain output is attributed by experts in Hong Kong primarily to poor weather conditions, and although the bigger Soviet harvest has been helped by good weather conditions, Moscow will doubtless claim that other factors played the major role in each country.

It would be asking too much of Soviet propagandists not to claim that the on-going Chinese "cultural revolution" did not seriously hamper harvesting. At the same time, the Russians are already claiming that the new Soviet farm policy (higher payments to peasants, greater investment in gear and fertilizer, etc.) lies behind this year's upswing in output.

Clearly, at a moment when the two Communist colossi are locked in deadly ideological struggle, it is no little benefit for Moscow to be able to claim to have made progress in solving one of Marxism's greatest weaknesses—farm production. This can outweigh any dialectical fulmination from the angry men of Peking.

In practical terms, the Russian harvest will free that country from part or all of the necessity of purchasing grain from the Western world. China, on the other hand, may find the necessity for such purchases increasing.

Thus China will be spending valuable foreign exchange, while the Soviet Union will be saving it. This, in turn, can speed Russia's internal development, while hampering China's.

Next year the situation may be reversed. But in 1966 the skies favored Moscow and not Peking.

**ASK NEW SCHOOL SYSTEM**

TORONTO (CP)—D. McCormack, Supt. of York University says Ontario's school system should be changed so that it would take two or three years longer to get from kindergarten to university. In a speech to the Ontario Hospital Association convention Wednesday the death of Joseph E. Atkinson College, also suggested the government should pay the cost of education for students without a means test.

**SEE OLD TREASURES**

Americans make up more than a quarter of India's tourists, followed by Britons and Malaysians.

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**NOTES BY THE WAY**

Responsibility for a considerable portion of the world's troubles rests upon two people of long ago. One of them invented credit; the other thought up taxes.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

Angler—"You've been watching me for three hours. Why don't you try fishing yourself?" Onlooker—"I ain't got the patience."—Montreal Star.

Should women tell their age? asks a lady columnist. Yes, but they shouldn't keep repeating it year after year.—Vancouver Province.

Golfer—"Terrible links, caddy, terrible!" Caddy—"Sorry, sir, these ain't links—you got off them an hour ago."—Galt Reporter.

Jack Burroughs—"For several months, sir, I have been paying attention to your daughter it will therefore, not surprise you." Mr. Goldman (who knows him—"Ah! but it does. It surprises me to hear that you ever paid anything!"—Montreal Star.

Those Communist Chinese teenagers running around in gangs threatening bourgeois "revisionists" make North American teenagers seem lovable by comparison.—Ottawa Journal.

It is very important to know the proper way to address a head of state—Your Highness, Excellency, Mr. President or, in the case of some countries, to whom it may concern.—Calgary Herald.

Some weeks after receiving a cheque for \$2,000 for the loss of jewelry, an elderly woman informed her insurance agent that she had found the missing property in a cupboard. "I didn't think it would be fair to keep both the jewels and the money, so I think you will be pleased to know that I sent the \$2,000 to the Red Cross."—Financial Post.

A man who smoked two packs of cigarettes every day of his adult life died at the age of 106. He couldn't have been reading the newspapers.—Fort William Times-Journal.

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**Sensible Instructions**

Guelph Mercury

There have been many confusing statements made about eating proper foods and getting the right exercise in order to stay healthy and avoid heart disease, but we liked the straight-forward, no-nonsense message that came out of an international symposium on physical activity and cardiovascular health in Toronto recently.

The doctors were generally agreed that it really does not matter a great deal what you eat as long as you burn it off. As Dr. Menard M. Gertler, of the New York University Medical Centre, said "If you are going to eat calories I don't care what you eat provided you burn it off. If you don't burn it all off, then you're better to eat fats in the unsaturated form."

Dr. John Durrin, of the Institute of Physiology, Glasgow University, said there is no evidence that one will be more or less fit

If one eats more or less of any specific kind of food beyond normal requirements. He added that walking is a satisfactory exercise and that even half an hour's walking in a day could cause a 10-pound loss of weight in a year.

This is good news for us. We had been worried. Now we can eat what we want. And we are going to leave the car at home and walk to and from work. That ought to nicely get rid of our bulky problem.

**REPORT INJURY**

MOSCOW (AP)—Gen. A. P. Beloborodov, commander-in-chief of the Moscow military district, was critically injured in an automobile accident in downtown Moscow, Communist sources said Wednesday. Both the Soviet defence ministry and the foreign ministry's press department declined to comment on the report.

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