

Water Resources Views Begin To Spark Hot Debate

OTTAWA (CP) — Not even Canada's great watersheds are accustomed to the currents being generated by political leaders as they campaign on whether to peddle Canadian water to the United States.

Prime Minister Pearson threw the latest pebble in the stream Friday night when he said on a telecast that his government is planning talks with the U.S. on the possibility of exporting or diverting Canadian water south of the border.

Mr. Pearson's disclosure contrasted with Resources Minister

Laing's recent speeches which were critical of American proposals to divert Canadian water, but did not rule out such arrangements.

Conservative Leader Diefenbaker said in a speech earlier this week that the Liberals appeared willing to "pull the plug on one of our most vital resources."

SUPPORTS EXPORTS
However, another Conservative, former agriculture minister Alvin Hamilton came out strongly for water exports in an interview in British Columbia Friday.

Increasing U.S. shortages of water have led the Americans to cast covetous eyes on Canada's immense supplies for some time. But one specific proposal seems to have drawn the most attention.

The Ralph M. Parsons Co., of Los Angeles and New York proposes a \$100,000,000 scheme involving collection of water from rivers in British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska that is now draining into the Pacific and Arctic.

Trapped in giant reservoirs, it

would be channelled through a series of lifts, and tunnels into the Rocky Mountain Trench. It would form a 500-mile lake from Prince George to Libby, Mont.

WILL REVERSE FLOW
In effect the natural flow of the rivers would be partly reversed into the trench to form the lake 3,000 feet above sea level. From the southern tip water would be drained into rivers and canals to solve water supply problems of the western U.S. and Mexico.

Last August a resolution was introduced in the U.S. Senate calling on President Johnson to urge Canada to join the U.S. in referring the Parsons' plan to the International Joint Commission for a report on its technical and economic feasibility.

Up to now most of the Canadian governments views — expressed publicly and privately — have been negative, adding to the surprise when Mr. Pearson announced the planned talks with the U.S.

He noted that American water supplies are getting scarce "and we have . . . well, we have lots of water."

MUST BE CONVINCED
Mr. Laing, whose portfolio includes water resources, has said Canada will allow export only if absolutely convinced it is in the country's best interest.

The Parsons' scheme — called the North American Water and Power Alliance — has never been given official Canadian study because it has never been formally presented to Canada.

The scheme envisages a vast Canadian canal network with a seaway linking the Pacific Ocean near Vancouver to Lake Superior. Ocean vessels would cross the Prairies.

The Parsons' plan, which

would take some 30 years to complete, would provide the Prairies with an additional 110,000,000 acre feet of water. An acre foot is enough water to cover an acre of land to a depth of one foot.

FEAR PERMANENT LOSS
Canadian fears centre on the view that the U.S. would get a huge amount of Canadian water which, once given, is irretrievable.

Mr. Pearson said Friday night sale of Canadian water to the U.S. could be "one of the most important developments in our history."

It could be "as important as exporting wheat or oil or anything else . . . and one day we'll find out how important this resource is."

"But we have to be awfully careful not to make arrangements which will not take care of our own needs in the future."

Document Aims At End Of Discord
By GERALD MILLER
VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican Ecumenical Council has accepted an historic declaration aimed at ending 2,000 years of discord between Roman Catholic and Jew. It says all Jews cannot be blamed for Christ's crucifixion.

The bishops of Roman Catholicism gave 7-to-1 approval to the document, which also praises the spiritual values of other non-Christian faiths and rejects all discrimination — especially anti-Semitism.

By a final vote of 1,763 to 250 the bishops accepted the declaration — titled "on the church's attitude toward non-Christians" — for promulgation by Pop Paul as a church decree binding on all the world's Roman Catholics.

Although the specific mention of Deicide (God killing) was deleted from the version given Friday, the

document still speaks out against any description of the Jewish people as "rejected by God or accursed."

CAUSED STIR
Probably no document had aroused so much controversy at the council, and an anonymous threat against St. Peter's Basilica added an element of tension Friday.

Vatican sources told of the anonymous threat saying a bomb would explode in the basilica before the council closes in December.

Italian police were called in at the Vatican and asked to increase their vigilance in the big square outside the basilica and at other portals leading into the 106-acre Vatican state.

No indication of the motive behind the threat was apparent, but there was some speculation it might have been connected with the conciliar document on the Jews.

Never before has any general council in 20 centuries of Roman Catholicism taken such positive stands on the Jewish and other non-Christian religions.

ERASE HATE PREACHING
While the document amounts to a restatement of existing church doctrine, it pointedly warns against any conduct that sometimes has existed — preaching or catechism instruction that could twist the gospels into an anti-Semitic interpretation.

Historic, too, are its words of respect for the beliefs of Moslems, Hindus, Buddhists and other non-Christians and its rejection of any discrimination because of race, color, condition in life or religion as "foreign to the mind of Christ."

The declaration takes passing note of the crusades against Islam in the Middle Ages by saying that over the centuries "quarrels and hostilities have arisen between Christians and Moslems." It urges that the past be forgotten and that "mutual understanding" move forward.



PM, PREMIERS LINK PROVINCES

Premier Lesage of Quebec, (left) Prime Minister Pearson and Premier Roberts of Ontario, hammer the final plate into the new interprovincial

Macdonald-Cartier bridge Friday, between Ottawa and Hull, Que. The six-lane bridge is the fourth joining the two cities over the Ottawa River. The

cost of the \$10,000,000 structure was shared equally between the provinces and the Federal Government. (CP Wirephoto)

Immediately disclose competitive secrets between the two establishments.

Similarly there was one hardware and farm implement firm out of the 44 hardware concerns which also sell farm implements which reported it had no accounts receivable.

The census found there were 130 retail establishments selling both furniture and undertaker services. This is a combination of retail endeavors that is pretty well limited to rural small towns.

But of those 130 establishments, which did a total retail business of \$11,554,000, six reported they had no accounts owing them.

ACT ON HATE PAD

MACAO (AP) — Police in this Portuguese colony on the Chinese coast are showing the heads of young criminals arrested for petty crimes.

RIGHTS FANS OUTPLOYED

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Civil rights demonstrators decided to picket the house of Mayor John Houlahan when he declined to reconsider appointing a civilian review board for the police department. Only after they had started parading did neighbors tell them the mayor had moved two weeks before.

Cash On Barrel-Head Obsolete In Business

By JAMES NELSON
OTTAWA (CP) — Cash on the barrel-head has become just about as obsolete in normal retail business as buggy whips,

moustache cups and spittoons. Those objects are only found these days in antique shops and even the majority of antique shops are willing to sell you something "on account."

The 1961 census surveyed the accounts receivable of retail establishments, classifying them into 100 categories.

There was only one category in which all establishment reported they had nothing owing them on their books — in other words, that they did their business strictly for cash.

These put-your-money-on-the-counter retailers were the liquor stores of the 11 senior governments. They reported their combined sales in 1961 amounted to

\$630,542,500. The amount of their all-cash sales was \$630,542,500. And the amount of their accounts receivable was nil.

The two largest lines of retail business are the food and automotive groups.

HAVE LARGE ACCOUNTS
There were 35,078 dealers, service stations and other shops in the automotive group with total sales running to \$4,683,367,700. And when the census was taken, they had \$3,736,354,900 in accounts receivable on their books.

There were 42,841 establishments in the food group, with total sales in 1961 amounting to \$4,244,119,200. Their accounts receivable ran to \$48,863,200 — a good deal smaller proportion of the whole than in the automotive group, reflecting, of course, the trend of the business.

But there were two of the 74 department stores in 1961 which reported in the census that they did not have any accounts owing on their books. The amount owed to the two stores is not made public because it would

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