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## The protest grows

A STRONG body of opinion which tion is a matter which the Colonist has, support. been urging upon the B.C. government. The provincial government,

derived other than from taxes on thing better to be produced.

The resolutions are two ways of saying much the same thing, since the crux of dissatisfaction is the disproportionate burden imposed on property ownership for what is not in reality a service to property. Rather, it is out its investigation by setting up ana service to Canada, to the province other to examine the equally importand to the community in that descend- ant aspect of finance. ing order of importance.

A third organization, the Union of the provincial government may B.C. Municipalities, has been protestfind it hard to disregard is building up ing the inequities of the school cost in British Columbia in favor of an in- distribution for longer than either of depedent examination of the prov- the other two, and has propounded an ince's education cost-sharing formula. alternative known as the Murison The necessity for such an investiga- formula which has gained wide

The B.C. School Trustees' Associa- has stated that the Murison formula tion at its recent convention passed a sis not acceptable and might aggravate resolution asking for the appointment the problems of education finance. On of a royal commission to seek methods the other hand the modified Cameron of achieving a "stable and equitable formula on which the province operbasis of sharing education costs." At ates certainly is no longer acceptable the weekend the B.C. Social Credit to the municipalities, the trustees or League in convention in Vancouver the taxpayers, as evidenced by the added its voice to the plea, in a reso- mounting wave of complaint. Now it lution asking for a royal commission is shown that the system is not satisto study education cost with a view to factory to the government's own party finding where school revenue could be either, so obviously it is time for some-

The best approach to this problem would be by way of independent examination. The government appointed a royal commission to study the muchcriticized curriculum; it should round

## —The Victoria Colonist. Who's fooling whom?

used to describe much of the hockey played, there are also professional. Why, then, keep in Canada today has been illustrated once again—this time-at-the inquiry into the financial affairs of the city of Belleville. The hearings yielded much information on the hiring and paying of players of the Belleville Mc-Farlands team which won the world "amateur" hockey championships in Prague last winter. How much longer are we going to keep up this farce of "amateurism?" The word has become meaningless. The Belleville team is but an example. The same thing in greater orlesser degree is happening right across the country, indeed the world over, and in all forms of sport.

The teams we send to Europe to compete for the world "affiateur" hockey champion-

The hypocrisy of the word "amateur" as ship are professional. The clubs they meet up the sham? We are not fooling ourselves; we are not fooling the countries with which we compete; and they are not fooling us. It is professional competition, and it ought to be honestly recognized as such.

Aside from the moral consideration, the present make-believe gives Canada the worst of both worlds when it comes to international hockey competition. We send abroad teams which are supposed to be amateur, but are not; they are professional, but woefully below the standards of our top professional clubs. From here on, why not just send professionals — professionals in name, professionals in fact—and the very best we have? —The Toronto Globe and Mail.

# Perpetual picketing

One U.S. labor leader has advanced a means of letting strikes, such as the steel strike, go on forever. Mr. A. F. Hartung, president of the International Woodworkers of America, said in a Toronto speech that the U.S. and Canadian labor movements should build up 3 \$250,000,000 strike fund, available to any union engaged in a major dispute. Mr. Hartung is quoted as saying: "We could keep people on the picket lines indefinitely."

Statements like this must cause great satisfaction in Russia, which has challenged the West in general—and the U.S. in particular—

to a war of production. That basic United States industries should be struck indefinitely, picketed indefinitely, committed to indefinite non-production, is as much as Premier Khrushchev could hope for. It offers him his best, perhaps his only, chance -The Toronto Globe and Mail.

### INTERPRETING THE NEWS

# Canadian in vanguard for "smaller" powers

By JOSEPH MacSWEEN Canadian Press Staff Writer

Demands of the middle and smaller powers for due consultation in the great issues of the day became a feature of the 14th United Nations General Assembly.

In this connection, UN diplomats speculated with considerable interest on the Camp David, Md,, meeting between State Secretary Christian Herter of the United States and External Affairs Minister Howard Green of Canada, Green, as spokesman for one of the stronger

countries of the Commonwealth, has attracted attention at the UN by stressing that the views of the middle and smaller powers must not be ignored by the great powers. In this he was in line with spokesmen of many countries from the Commonwealth and

elsewhere who-while expressing satisfaction at the forthcoming summit conferences—also seemed worried that their own particular interests might be forgotten at the mountain top. NATO TOO

Green has emphasized the smaller-nations concept not only in the UN itself—notably in connection with disarmament nogotlations.... but also in NATO.

Regarding NATO, Green says there should be greater consultations inside the alliance on such important matters as negotiating with the Soviet Union. The NATO council is scheduled to meet in Paris before the December 10 conference of leaders of the U.S., Britain, France and West Germany, Green declared the council should meet afterwards as well—and won his point in the Camp David talks.

President Eisenhower, Prime Minister Macmillan, President de Gaulle and Chanceller Adenatior are certainly not likely to balk publicly at the idea of full consultations with their less powerful allies. But diplomats say it is equally cortain they would not press for talks unless the smaller nations demanded

Nolther Green nor any other Canadian government spokesman has charged that the big powers deliberately tried to steer around their NATO allies, Said Green in Ottawa:

"I have an idea that when they had differences, the bigger powers did not want to thresh them out in the NATO council for fear of creating even more trouble."

UN DEBATE In the UN, the main debate on this issue has centred around a new disarmament committee of 10 members established by the great powers outside the UN. Green,, like other.members of the 82-member UN disarmament commission, gave his blessing to the committee but insisted on the UN's ultimate responsibility disarmament, the concern of all nations great or small. Canada is a member of the

Wallace B. Nesbitt, vice-chairman of the Canadian delegation, amplified on his delegation's position last week. The main burden of disarmament negotiations falls upon the great powers, said Nesbitt, and it was on that basis that Canada agreed to render whatever

help it could on the committee. But the prime responsibility for laying down principles of disarmament remains with the UN and cannot be taken away from it, the Canadian stressed.

#### With the classics Interloper

A rod fox stopped on a patch of stones Whore barley brushed his chin. The sun was rose on his thrusting fur; His shadow was still and thin.

His lifted nose questioned the wind, His oars the shifting air. His wary eyes ranged over the field And measured the sllence there.

A pebble rolled beneath my foot; A full-grown fox is wise. Barley waved above empty stones, And the sun was red in my eyes.

NORA E. TAYLOIL



scholar of my acquaintwas visiting a factory recently when he came upon a stamping machine that had to cut holes in a metal ribbon-The holes were just the size of a ten cent piece, and into a

bin fell thousands bright discs, to be

a pocket with the spurious dimes. Then he conducted one those psychological experiments dear to the hearts of

Out in front of his house, for a block and a half that was visible from his parlor windows. he strewed here and there a trail of the little discs. Not too many. One here, on the pavement, one there on

the edge of a lawn, one out in the gutter by the curb. Just enough to seize the attention of the passers by.

But he also got a dollar's worth of real dimes. And about every fifth phoney, he dropped

a genuine ten-cent piece. Then he sat in his parlor window and watched his fellow man. And woman

Six out of ten picked up the first one they saw, took a brief glance at its falsity, threw it away and strode past all the rest. Three out of ten picked up more than one. Some picked up three before being convinced that they were

The tenth man, a crafty individual if ever my friend saw one, picked up six before encountering a real dime; and thereupon. walking, stooped, picked, up all, and got the dollar's worth.

# When both parents work

From The Mentreal Gazette

being faced by welfare workup in a home where both parents work. In some cases ! might well be necessary that both parents earn money for the support of the family; in necessary and a reasonable standard of living for the family could be maintained without the mother's earnings. In any case, whatever the explanation may be why both parents work, the fact remains that the children of such households are more likely to become problems.

Dr. James R. Mutchmor, secretary of the board of evangelism and social service of the United Church of Canada, estimates that at least one million children in Canada have working mothers. By no means all cases are explained by financial necessity. "Far too many children in Canada," he says, "see too little or nodaylight to dark."

do not have even such supervision as the schools provide. This may explain why de-

But even while the schools are open, children doing poorly in their work may be found to come from homes in which both parents work. This is the finding of George L. Roberts. a former president of the Canadian Teachers' Federation, and one of the organizers of the Canadian Conference on Education last year.

Mr. Roberts is the principal of the Oshawa Collegiate and Vocational Institute. In the magazine Imperial Oil Review, he says that he found a number of "catastrophic" failures among his pupils in the midexaminations. These were "catastrophic"

because the pupils had failed so badly that recovery in time for the examinations in June was scarcely to be hoped for.

"In checking into the failures," he says, "we often found that both parents worked. Consequently, the children were on their own until even-

#### Civic questions ... and answers

questions on city affairs, problems and projects on which Mayor v. J. Lester has offeed to provide answers, Questions should be sent to "Civic Questions and Answers," City Hall, Prince Rupert. The answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the whole or individual membes of City Council,

Q. Why aren't non property owners permitted to vote on money by-laws?

A. The Provincial Elections' thing of their parents from Act provides for three classes of electors: owner-elector, re-In summertime the children sident - elector and tenant-

According to Section 248 of the Act which was passed by liquency rates in Canada tenders the Provincial Legislature only to hit a record high in August. people who own property and who are on the voters' list as owner-electors are permitted

to vote on money by-laws. The only way this act can be changed is through the action of the legislature.

#### Dealer's choice

' A drunk staggered into a pub on Chicago's south side and asked for a double rye. "Nope," said the bartender, "no drink for you. You can't even lift your head!" "Okay," said the drunk, "then gimme a haircut!"

The newly formed

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