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Budget will be major test

It is devoutly to be hoped that the elusive and overdue 1961 budget will reveal profound thinking and serious action about Canada's economic problems.

Our manufacturing industries are in deep troubles. Our primary industries are living in a world of glut.

Instead of moving ahead, Canadians have been losing ground since 1957. Real output per capita has declined by five per cent in the past four years. There was, by contrast, a 20-per-cent gain during the previous eight years.

Clearly, Canada is at a serious turning point. There have been fundamental changes in the world economy. The re-appearance for the first time in three decades of stunning international competition has entirely reshaped the economic climate in which Canadian business is operating and will operate over the foreseeable future.

No longer can the basic problems of the Canadian economy be shrugged off. No longer can the luxury of indifference to bitter economic facts of life be afforded.

As he struggled with the forthcoming budget, Finance Minister Fleming received great bursts of advice from a dozen speakers at the recent sessions of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, from Walter L. Gordon of Royal Commission renown and from a host of others firing off all around the country.

The truth is this: As an ever-widening group of Canadians get an understanding of the basic international changes and of our basic national difficulties, more and more people are appalled at Canada's growing list of serious problems. More and more people seek the need for really sophisticated and thoughtful policy-making which faces up to the problems, and takes courageous, adult action to deal with them.

The governments of Western Europe—the bludgeoning, fast-growing, full employment countries — have adopted the role of helping business to expand, to export, to employ, to produce.

They do not see their function as harassment, restraint, abuse and obstruction for the institutions that create employment and national wealth.—The Financial Post.

Promoting water safety

Lakes and rivers in the Peace River country should be safer places to swim and boat this summer. The RCMP are planning to initiate a water patrol program which will seek to enforce the Canada Shipping Act as well as educate the public on water safety.

The fully-equipped power boat, operated by an RCMP constable, will be patrolling resort areas and favorite beaches throughout the Peace River subdivision all summer.

Violations under the Canada Shipping Act will be enforced by the operator and he will also be passing out information to boaters advising them on speed restrictions, required boating equipment, etc.

With water skiing and boating becoming ever more popular sports, the time for a control of this kind is long overdue.

Reckless boating has been prevalent on lakes throughout the Peace River area for years, partly because the boaters are ignorant of water safety and also because they realized that in the past there has been little or no enforcement of the Canada Shipping Act locally.

There have been many near-misses as motor boats sliced close to swimmers on weekends when residens flocked to the lakes and river spots to "beat the heat." Also, many boaters do not carry life-jackets and perpetually overload their boats.

The RCMP effort to make our beach areas safer is a worthy one and should result in the public becoming better informed on and practicing water safety in the months ahead.

—The Peace River Record-Gazette.

Caution, but not pessimism

Prince George businessmen remain continuously optimistic about the district's economic outlook for the next three months in spite of the fact an expected spring recovery in B.C.'s lumber industry has failed to develop.

A survey of leading local and Lower Mainland lumber firms showed that orders are light and business slow. Rail and waterborne shipments from B.C. are down about two per cent from last year.

Northern Interior lumbermen say the situation could worsen as air-dried stock in B.C. and Alberta goes on the market, and note that prices already have lost more than they gained during last March's spurt.

But they add that lumber is still selling and no general payroll cut is expected at this time.

Merchants are cautious because, in the words of one: "Our economy is still tied to the lumber industry, and any lumber slump has a depressing effect on the retail business."

While other industries — construction, warehousing, transportation and government — now play an important role in the Northern Interior economy, the amount of employment slack they can take up is relatively minor, and they themselves depend largely on the economy of the lumbering industry.

But although cautious, merchants are not pessimistic. They note the improvement trend in local business since late April and remark that while collections are difficult the situation is not abnormal.

National Employment Service reports housing and other construction is brisk and shows no sign of a falloff. Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. reports mortgage applications at a record level. Bankers are forecasting a level economy here for the next three months at least.

— The Prince George Citizen

French feel weight of English culture

We who live in Quebec are submitted to an almost intolerable pressure by the presence of the Anglo-Saxons. This does not mean that our fellow citizens have ill intentions or that the Americans are out to ruin us. But a continent which counts nearly two hundred millions of inhabitants of Anglo-Saxon culture cannot do anything else but make life hard for a small minority of five millions of French culture. The weight of numbers alone is itself oppressive, without needing to add to it even the least feeling of hostility.

All the much more so must the atmosphere be suffocating for the small French groups scattered throughout the country. It is enough to get in touch with them, to hear them outline their problems, to realize the almost daily heroism to which they must dedicate themselves in order not to be assimilated.

The 1961 census will probably reveal a high rate of assimilation of French-Canadians since the dispersion. But at the same time it will show that there do exist some compact minorities.

— Le Devoir of Montreal

ANTI-INTEGRATION VIEWS

'Freedom Rides' said well-planned rape of South

. . . The "Freedom Riders", like the Japanese suicide pilots of the Second World War, have been brainwashed, and are ready and willing to lay down their lives if need be. With members of the "Freedom Riders" fully brainwashed, the integrationists (aided and abetted by Uncle Sam) have gone so far as to publish their schedule in advance, hoping they will be met by mobs and beaten up. It is all a well-planned scheme to rape the Southland.

— The Houston, Mississippi Enterprise

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The mobs that attacked the "Freedom Riders" in Birmingham, Montgomery and Anniston in the recent outbreaks of violence, played directly into the hands of the carefully planned move to create racial integration.

If the integrated riders had not been attacked and had been ignored their mission to stir up trouble would have been a failure. The whole intent of the agitators was to create incidents. They advertised their tour well ahead of time and had their own press agents ready to exploit any violence.

— The Foley, (Alabama), Onlooker

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When people ask for trouble, they usually get it. The freedom riders are no exception.

Instead of quietly taking their ride through the South, the people apparently set out with the intention of creating a disturbance by flagrantly violating the customs and regulations which are practiced in the Southern part of the country . . .

The call by the attorney general for a cooling off period is most certainly a wise one, for there is every indication that unless something is done to halt the agitators, race riots will strike a severe blow to the segregation problem.

— Somerset, (Pennsylvania), American

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We don't need Federal officers in Alabama and we resent the fact that they were sent here. We have law and order in this state for everyone who respects our laws. We regret the acts of violence against the so-called freedom riders, but we don't believe it is the duty of our officers to go around baby-sitting every misguided student who comes to our state and asks for trouble.

We have our ways of life here in Alabama, our likes, our dislikes, and yes, our prejudices. And it's going to take more than a Supreme Court decision or a group of idiotic students to change them.

— The Cullman (Alabama) Democrat

"READY . . . AIM . . ."

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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At the next table to us at lunch sat a very grumpy and disagreeable man. He glowered at the waitress.

"When do I get a little service?" he demanded sourly.

When his turn came, he studied the menu and then asked the waitress to substitute part of one item for part of another. She regretted that she could not do that. When he finally made his choice, he said curtly:

"See that it's hot when it gets here."

When it came, he stared at it balefully, poking with his fork. He wanted brown bread, not white. Brown. Brown! And another pat of butter!

The waitress, a quiet woman in her 40s, never batted an eye through all this bullying. She attened to him with alacrity and perfect good nature.

When he got up and left, we could not help condoling with the waitress.

"Oh, that!" she said. "That's a common experience with waitresses. We're accustomed to it. It is, you might say, part of the function of waitresses to let a customer feel big. That poor man got a bawling out by his boss this morning. Or possibly, he is just some disappointed fellow with a measly job, and he comes to lunch and acts big to the waitress. I let them feel big. It doesn't bother me. It just amuses me."

Most waitresses are philosophers.

With the classics

But that fair lamp, from
whose celestial ray
That light proceeds, which
kindleth lovers' fire,
Shall never be extinguished
nor decay;
But, when the vital spirits
do expire,
Unto her native planet shall
retire:
For it is heavenly born
and cannot die,
Being a parcel of the
purest sky.

—Edmund Spenser.

JO ANN LAROUCHE, five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence J. Larouche of Ottawa, shares a bath with nine wild ducklings found on the front lawn of her house. The ducklings will be given to an animal park near Ottawa. — CP Photo

Jobs in June

From the Hartford, Conn., Courant

June is not only the month of brides. It is also the time when young men and women leave the ivy walls of the colleges and go forth to seek their fortunes. This year, despite the recession that fortunately seems to be receding, job chances for college people seem to be about as good as they were last year. There are still about 4 million jobless. But for some who are technically trained, such as engineering graduates, it's a case of sitting back and waiting for the job offers to flow in. According to a survey by Northwestern University covering 210 firms across the nation, starting salaries for engineers will be about $520 a month. The same rate holds for chemists, physicists, and others with scientific training.

Other trained people such as accountants, salesmen, and business trainees will get between $425 and $450 a month to start. Junior executives, merchandising men, women with science degrees, technical writers, and secretaries are among those most eagerly sought. Although the survey shows job opportunities in general to be down about 3.2 per cent, the salary range is up about 2.5 per cent.

The government itself is becoming one of the big sources of employment, and for many students who suffer the handicap of race it's a welcome haven. A Civil Service Commission representative is now completing a six-month tour of Negro colleges, during which he is encouraging qualified seniors to apply for employment in the Federal Government. Placing Negro engineers is not a problem, however, every one of the 500 to 600 who will graduate will probably have a job to go to. All other 12,000 Negro graduates are not so fortunate.

The surveys also show that it pays well to have good academic standing. Recruiters in the colleges are partcularly anxious to line up those who are in the top third of the class. Who says the egghead is not having his day?

The lighter side

"How long do you plan to teach school?" the dean asked the pretty young thing as he handed her a teaching certificate.

She replied with a shy smile: "From here to maternity."

James K. Nesbitt abroad

ABOARD SS ORCADES, in the Arabian Sea, between Ceylon and Bombay—Jim Captain is 22, and like Pearl Buck, a citizen of two worlds—the east and the west, in her case, China and America, in his, India and America.

Jim Captain is a handsome, lean bundle of nervous, sensitive energy. He's an electronics engineer Ph.d. from the University of Texas, and he's aboard this ship going home to Bombay to serve his government for at least two years.

Before the Indian government will permit a student to go abroad for higher education that student must sign a contract that, on his return, he will work for the government for two years.

India is tragically short of educated Indians; only 15 per cent of her 560,000,000 people are literate, a fact that saddens Jim Captain and sometimes makes him feel hopeless for the future of his country.

Jim Captain tells me it will be 60 to 75 years before India can possibly reach the standards of Canada, Japan and the United States in literacy, sanitation and public health.

He's a romantic, perhaps a poet, and to hear him tell the story of the Taj Mahal, and to describe it, is something to remember.

The Taj Mahal was built by Sha-Jehan, in memory of his wife, Mumatz-Mahal, as her tomb, and Sha-Jehan wrote on it: "Mahila, Mahila, Hamadur Resulla," and Jim Captain translates this Arabic into English: "If there be a Heaven on earth, it is this, it is this, it is this." He repeats it over and over and those who hear him are spellbound, lost in the mysteries and vastnesses of India.

I have learned more of India from Jim Captain than I could in a month's tour of the country. His knowledge of Indian politics, history and geography, his fluency of expression, astonish and quite captivate me. He has explained to me the caste systems, of which he disapproves. He says they hold India back more than any other facet. He is deadly serious as he discusses India and her problems.

Five minutes later he's swimming, or dancing with the prettiest girl he can find, playing deck tennis, or quoits, or the piano, or whistling "My Fair Lady." Jim is the Indian "all round boy," and there's a lot of Texas in him, too. Texas, to him, is a wonderful place, and he wants to go back.

One likes to think of the day —75 years from now—when India will have millions of Jim Captains, educated, versatile, dedicated to a mission in life, but filled, withal, with fund and nonsense in their proper places.

That, in short, is this particular Jim Captain, native of Bombay, graduate of the University of Texas, citizen of the world.

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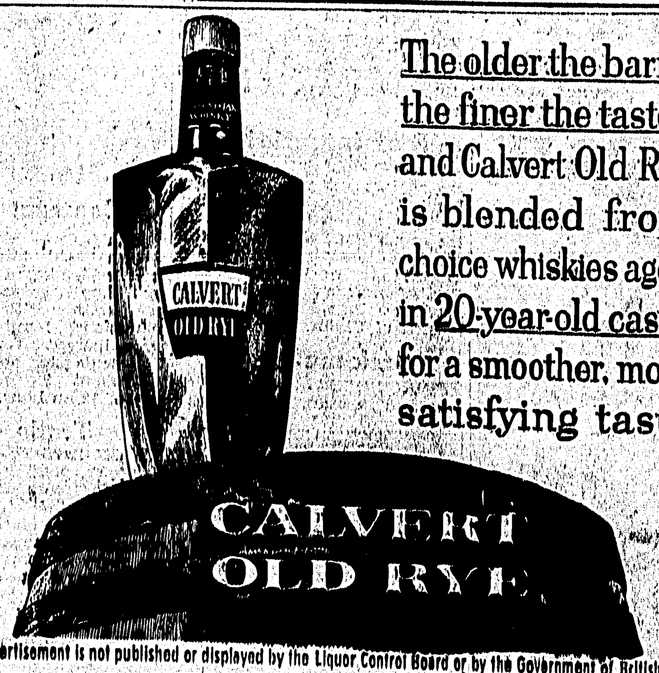

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