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Little relief in 'expansionist' budget

There will be no federal election this year if Finance Minister Fleming's budget, brought down in the House of Commons last night, is any indication of things to come.

As a matter of fact, the delayed budget was a bit of a shocker to many who thought that, after flaying Bank of Canada governor James E. Coyne for being "restrictionist," Mr. Fleming would himself bring down an "expansionist" budget. If the figures and forecasts the finance minister made in the House last night are "expansionist," we will have to have a financial expert explain the finer details to us.

There are no personal or corporation income tax changes and therefore no relief for the man-in-the-street. What few changes were made in personal taxation involved removing the limit for medical expense deductions and allowing an exemption for volunteer firemen.

Main relief appeared to be for the automobile industry, which as of midnight last night had the 7½ per cent excise tax abolished, will apparently assist American car manufacturers as much as it will Canadian ones.

Looming large in the budget was the fact that Mr. Fleming is continuing to pile up a budget deficit which by the end of the year will run to $650,000,000. The present budget is the fourth deficit budgetary program that the finance minister has proposed but whereas three years ago he introduced such measures reluctantly, he now considers the system beneficial.

While continuing his personal battle with Mr. Coyne in the midst of bringing down the budget, Mr. Fleming appears to side with the man he wishes fired, by proposing to reduce the exchange value of the Canadian dollar in an effort to help Canadian industries to compete more favorably in world markets.

However, whereas Mr. Coyne set a definite level as to how low the Canadian dollar should be discounted, Mr. Fleming appears to be willing to let the dollar value drop in a more experimental fashion until the results of his planning are proven either worthwhile or suicidal.

We will not go as far as the Liberal financial critics in terming Mr. Fleming's financial creation a "flip-flop budget" but we cannot view it with any particular enthusiasm. Undoubtedly, Mr. Fleming has "gone for broke" with this budget in a gambler's effort to cure Canada of its economic ills. Let us hope, fervently, that he draws the card he needs to fill out his royal flush.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

U.S. to be patient in nuclear test ban game

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

The United States evidently has decided to play the nuclear test ban game to the hilt, to exploit it in every possible way as an instrument of foreign policy without making any early move to end the moratorium and resume testing of atomic weapons.

High American policy-makers fear that as matters now stand, there no longer is any hope that Russia will agree to an effective system of policing and inspecting a permanent ban on atomic explosions.

But while President Kennedy has repeatedly hinted he will consider resumption of American testing — suspended for almost three years — if the Geneva test ban talks drag on without progress, he is not likely to press the atomic test trigger and risk a shift in the balance of world opinion which now appears to favor the West.

American authorities are carefully publicizing how far the United States is prepared to go in order to achieve an end to nuclear explosions, under international control.

U.S. patience is evident in last week's American note to the Kremlin, emphasizing that while the United States has yielded new concessions in the bargaining at Geneva, Russia had steadily moved back, withdrawing concessions she already had made.

Some American observers concluded that the note was a warning that the United States had come to the end of its patience and that it would withdraw the moratorium and resume underground explosions.

But the note set no deadline; it issued no ultimatum. Rather it seemed to be a plea to the Russians to keep the conversations and the hopes alive and to remove obstacles to a fast signing of an effective treaty.

JAMES K. NESBITT ABROAD

Canada has all-white policy like Australia

ABOARD SS ORCADES, in the Bay of Bengal, between Singapore and Ceylon — The children of the Orient impress me, I think, more than any other fact of life in the teeming cities of Japan, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Malaya. I cannot take my eyes off them.

Children from every class of society, which, before the Second World War, would have received little, or no education, are now in school. They are, I am informed, diligent scholars — and most of them don't have parents who can help them with their homework.

The literacy of Japan and the Philippines is among the highest in the world.

In the jammed cities of Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Hong Kong, Kowloon, Manila and Singapore you see schoolchildren in tens of thousands, shining like beacon lights in the motley masses, their faces scrubbed until they gleam, their white uniforms sparkling and crisp, their eyes bright, their bodies sturdy.

On these young people depends much of the hope of the world. What will southeast be like when these boys and girls reach adulthood — 10 years hence.

These youngsters are knocking down class barriers. Once, if you met an educated Oriental, you knew he was from wealthy classes. Now, any more in Canada, you can't tell. This is true democracy in action.

The youth of Asia is hungry, today, to learn of outside lands, to talk to foreign people, where their mothers and fathers were only interested in what went on in the crowded block around the corner.

As I look at these young people, streaming through the narrow, ancient streets, and admire them, and all for which they stand, I am quietly ashamed that my native land of Canada closes her doors in their faces. We in Canada feel superior to Australia, because of her open "white Australia" policy, but, to a very great extent we have a "white Canada" policy where new immigrants are concerned.

It's true, we must be careful with immigration, but the youth of the Orient should have at least the same chance to live in Canada as the young people of Europe. That, they have not, at the moment.

Here, in a deckchair on the Orcades, I have been talking with Shafiee Bin Ali Nordin, the 25-year-old son of the Malayan High Commissioner to London. He speaks fluent English, is a mining engineer, bright, very good company. He gave me no indication he wants to live in Canada, and I am glad he didn't ask me if he could, because, if he had I would have had to answer no, and if he asked why, I would have had to say because of the color of his skin and the slant of his eyes.

It's the same with Shin-Ichiro Uda, the 25-year-old son of a member of the Japanese Diet. Young Uda is a graduate from Japan's oldest university, Keio, and he's going to the University of London to study economics and international politics. If he wanted to become a Canadian citizen he couldn't, since we only allow into Canada a handful of Japanese who already have close relations here, the very worst kind of immigration policy any country can have.

Canada is a vast country, with much wealth, and wide open spaces, and the time is coming when we're going to have to permit young young Orientals to settle in Canada.

Until we do, all our talk of one world, and world peace, and brotherly love is hollow double-talk.

Iron Curtain break-through

We are told that no matter how stubborn the Russians are in negotiation, we must keep coming back to the council table. We never know when a breakthrough might be scored.

Well, there has been one. It's small, but real. The announcement comes from a British scientist who has been busy these many years collecting all the known varieties of fleas.

The collector already possesses about 95 per cent of the identified varieties. The others, all quite rare, exist only in the Soviet Union. Now, joy to the world, we are told that the Iron Curtain will be lifted just high enough to let these rare fleas sneak under and join the others.

Unity in the flea world isn't much, but it's a start. — Elgin, (Illinois) Courier-News

A Bible Thought for Today

The wicked flee when no man pursueth, but the righteous are bold as lions.—Proverbs 28:1.

FAMILIAR SIGHT to many former Scots now living in Prince Rupert is the River Dee, at the mouth of which is the famous port of Aberdeen, also known as the "granite city." With its good harbor Aberdeen is an important centre for North Sea fisheries. The city has wonderful beaches, fine golf courses and picturesque surroundings making it one of the chief holiday resorts in Scotland. — British Travel Association Photo

OTTAWA REPORT

By FRANK HOWARD, M.P.

I have just returned from a three-day visit to Washington, D.C., the United States capital where I was a member of the Canada - U.S. Inter-Parliamentary group. It is rather difficult to enter into a discussion of the items which we considered and the conclusions which we came to in the short space provided here.

However, there was one activity of some of the U.S. civil service which struck me as rather strange and somewhat shocking. In the House of Commons, here in Ottawa, we have a number of security guards who conduct tours of the buildings and generally supervise the safety of the buildings.

In the U.S. they too have security guards who have somewhat the same authority and jurisdiction. But, and here is the greatest difference: in Canada our security guards are unarmed whereas in the United States they are all armed with pistols holstered at their sides and blackjacks sticking ominously out of hip pockets. Quite frankly I doubt if these pistols have ever been fired, except in a rifle range.

This difference I think indicates in thought between Canadians and Americans regarding the manner in which the law enforcement officers should approach the public. I noticed that the U.S. security guards, in dealing with visitors and tourists, were rather curt and forceful in directing the public through the buildings. It reminded me of what one might see in a prison or in the armed forces. This impression was not gained from merely watching only one of the guards either, but each of them acted in generally the same inconsiderate manner.

I asked some of the U.S senators and congressmen about this attitude and they all agreed that they had received complaints from the public for the manner in which they had been treated when visiting the capital. None of them could see the reason for the guns or the blackjacks other than to say that it was part of the uniform.

In the Canadian parliament buildings the situation is quite different. Our security guards do not carry any weapons and, in fact, cannot even arrest an obstreperous visitor. They are not law enforcement officers in any sense of the word, merely guides for the buildings.

I think that our arrangements are much better. Personally I would not want to see the parliament buildings, or any other public building for that matter swarming with armed guards.

All Aboard

with G. E. MORTIMORE

It used to be President Eisenhower's insides. Now it is President Kennedy's back.

Pictures of the President's bones—or somebody's bones—have gone out to hundreds of newspapers on the AP wirephoto network.

"Skeletal views of pelvis and lower spine show area of President Kennedy's recent back ailment," the caption says. And it goes on to explain that Dr. Janet Travell, the president's personal physician, has declared this to be a muscular strain, rather than a matter of bones.

In fact, the bones have nothing to do with it. But old AP sends out a picture of the bones all the same, faithfully labelled "pelvis," "sacrum," "discs," "sacroiliac joint," and "front" and "back."

I suppose if the AP boys had been able to find a picture of the president's muscles, they would have sent that.

Can't you imagine the picture editor singing out: "Hey, Bob, get out the Kennedy file and see if you can find a picture of the muscles of the president's lumbar region.

"Sorry, boss, no pictures of muscles. All we have are bones."

"Okay, bring me a couple of shots of the pelvis. We'll send them out with lines saying 'President's back pain believed to be lurking somewhere in this region.'"

And the wires begin to hum all over the continent, conveying another item of valuable knowledge to the American people—who will soon be better informed than any other electorate in the world, about the medical condition of their leaders. And we lucky Canadians can also share this knowledge.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

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Only a particular belligerent type of man, the kind who calls a spade a spade, carries his liquor from the liquor vender's in the telltale he-man paper bag there provided.

Some come with brief cases, some with satchels that one might mistake for those of doctor or piano tuner. Others bring paper shopping bags such as you buy for five cents. They are the nervous ones who fear the bottom might fall out, and they more than half give themselves away when they support the bag from the bottom, instead of trusting those flimsy cord handles. There are many devices resorted to by the many types of those stricken with the guilt complex inspired by liquor.

At the confectionery counter of the department store yesterday a melancholy gentleman bought a loaf of bread.

"Don't wrap it," he told the clerk. "Put it in one of those blue striped bags you've got there. A big one. I'm on my way to the vendor's."

See? He wasn't afraid of the clerk. Just the public.

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Unemployment questions and answers

In this column we publish questions about unemployment insurance and employment, together with answers which may be of interest to you:

Following are some questions with answers received from the Unemployment Insurance Commission. If you are uncertain about any point do not hesitate to send us your question. We will obtain an answer and publish it in this column.

Q. Why is a person who cannot work because of illness refused benefit?

A. The unemployment insurance plan provides for insurance against unemployment. In order to draw insurance benefit a person must be willing to work and able to work. It is not insurance against sickness. If benefit were to be paid to all sick persons, the withdrawals from the fund would be very greatly increased.

Q. I am 69 years old and expect to be laid off work any time now on account of my age. I have been contributing for many years, and never been unemployed and claimed benefit. Could I draw unemployment insurance when I do get laid off? I was in a steady job, not casual jobs.

A. Yes, provided you meet the other necessary qualifications of being capable of and available for work. There is no upper age limit, but no person under 16 years of age can draw benefit.

Short sermons

Don't make the mistake of being afraid you'll make one.

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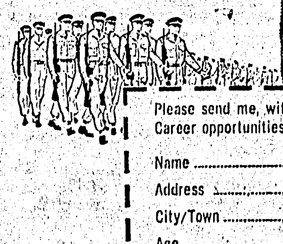

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