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How long will Social Credit back Govt.

The burning question as Parliament faces the new year is how long Social Credit will continue to vote to keep the minority Progressive Conservative government in office.

In the pre-Christmas session, Parliament saw a Liberal drive, supported by the New Democrats, for an early election thwarted by Social Credit support of the government in confidence vote tests.

Social Credit leader Robert Thompson took the line that the country's need for positive legislative steps must override Liberal election demands. As summed up by Gilbert Rondeau Shefford, the Thompson policy was:

"To us, the important thing is not to change the seats of the pants on the benches of Parliament but it is rather to amend the legislation which in the near future will govern the destiny of our people."

It wasn't universally popular with the Social Credit MPs, particularly Deputy Leader Real Caouette.

SOCIAL CREDIT SPLIT

In a Nov. 6 Commons vote on a Liberal non-confidence motion, two Social Credit MPs voted against the government and Mr. Caouette led four others in abstaining. The government squeaked through by 18 votes—one of its closest calls—as Social Credit broke ranks for the first time in a crucial vote.

After that, the government appeared to be trying to avoid permitting any issue to come to a head in a vote in which Social Credit support might not be forthcoming.

The year ended with all parties working hard on organization for the forecast for the summer of 1963.

Discussing in an interview Social Credit voting support of the government, Mr. Thompson said:

"Time is on our side. I haven't tried to hide the fact that getting more time was involved as well as the matter of what was good for the country. The [illegible] have to get our message across, the stronger we will become."

POWER IN QUEBEC

[illegible] a political movement which recruited virtually all its past parliamentary strength in Alberta and British Columbia before being blanked in the 1958 election, Social Credit became a spectacular force in Quebec in 1962.

Social Credit's capture of 26 of Quebec's 75 seats and four in Western Canada helped create a House of Commons in which no party commanded a majority—a "House of minorities" as Mr. Thompson dubbed it in his maiden speech.

Social Credit sources make no secret of their hopes of improving their Quebec representation, especially by continuing the heavy concentration on television campaigning that worked so well for Mr. Caouette in the campaign for last June's election.

They see advantages to themselves in the "reform" movement in Quebec which gave them 26 federal seats and Liberal Premier Lesage his 1960 and 1962 provincial election victories.

The party's federal wing counts on strong support from Premier Manning's provincial government in Alberta, which once elected 17 Social Credit MPs, and where the party lost to Conservatives by narrow margins in 12 constituencies in the 1962 voting.

Social Credit also has hopes for Saskatchewan candidates and is stressing organization in a number of Northern Ontario and Niagara Peninsula constituencies.

—The Canadian Press.

ALL INVOLVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Three big questions face Canada

By KEN KELLY

NASSAU (CP) — Three important defence questions, all involving nuclear weapons, face the Canadian government following the Macmillan-Kennedy and Macmillan-Diefenbaker talks here last week.

The first is whether to give Canada's blessing to creation of a multilateral nuclear NATO force as proposed by President Kennedy and Prime Minister Macmillan in the communique concluding their talks.

The second is whether Canada should play any part in which the American and British leaders agreed would be made available for a NATO nuclear force.

The third is whether to arm Canadian air squadrons in NATO with nuclear bombs for inclusion in the grouping of armed forces within NATO which would represent a first step in a NATO nuclear force.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker, holidaying here until late this week following talks with Macmillan Friday and Saturday, told correspondents that the first and third questions are matters for the Canadian government and people to decide.

In effect, he said the American-British proposal for a NATO nuclear force will require agreement among more than just the Anglo-American part of NATO.

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In addition he seemed to indicate nuclear arms for Canadian forces in NATO is a prime political issue for a domestic election.

A NATO nuclear force also may have repercussions on the Canadian political scene because one of the three opposition groups, which together outnumber Diefenbaker's Progressive Conservatives in the Commons, flatly rejected the idea of NATO becoming an independent nuclear power.

T. C. Douglas, New Democrate leader, said in a statement issued from his office in Ottawa that Canada "must oppose as strongly as it knows how the disastrous proposal to transform NATO into an independent nuclear power."

Lester B. Pearson, leader of the Liberal party, commented that a NATO nuclear force would be preferable to one where control rested with individual members of the alliance.

The question of a Canadian role in the Polaris missile force, which Britain and the U.S. offered to make available to a multilateral NATO force, depends on Diefenbaker's view on whether the proposal is acceptable to NATO and whether Canada is asked to help.

A Washington report indicated last week that Canada may be asked for cash and crews for maintenance and operations. But a decision on this isn't of immediate urgency because the NATO alliance has not accepted the Anglo-American offer and probably won't do so at least until the spring meeting of the NATO council in Ottawa.

The question of a nuclear weapon for the Canadian CF-104 squadrons in NATO may have been complicated by the Macmillan-Kennedy suggestions.

The plane was designed to carry a tatical nuclear bomb and the eight Canadian squadrons are expected to be fully equipped with it by April. Thus the arming of the plane would have had to be decided relatively soon.

JOBLESS LOWER IN 1962 — The unemployment picture was brighter during 1962 compared with 1961. In each month of this year, jobless total as a percentage of labor force was smaller than in corresponding month of 1961. Graph shows monthly changes in annual cycle of unemployment rate since January, 1958. Post-war record peak was 11.3 per cent February, 1961. In November this year rate was 5.2 per cent compared with 5.4 a year earlier.

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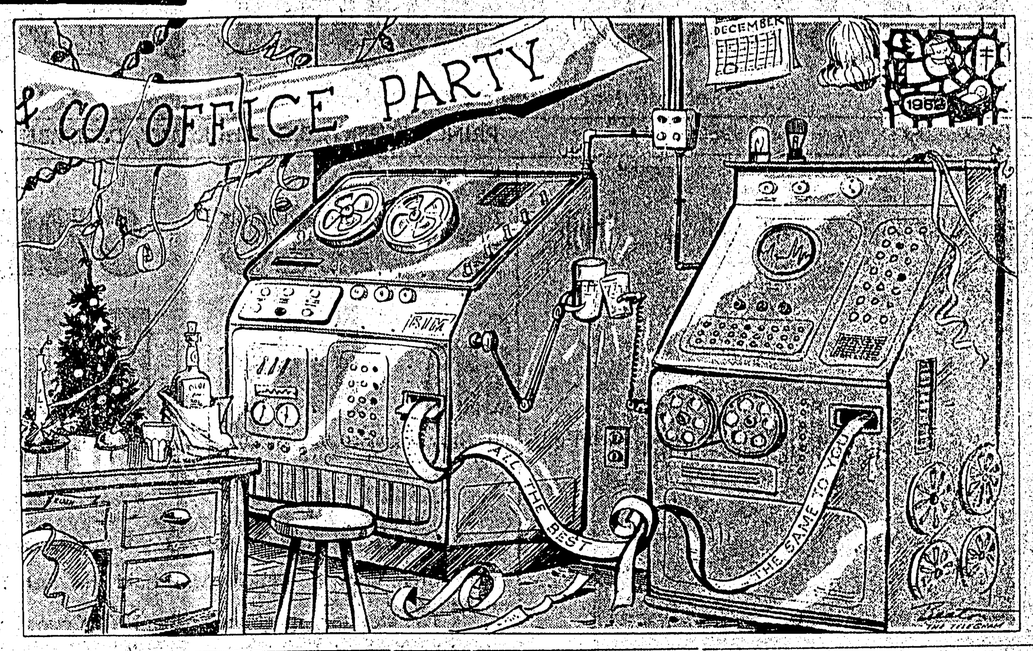

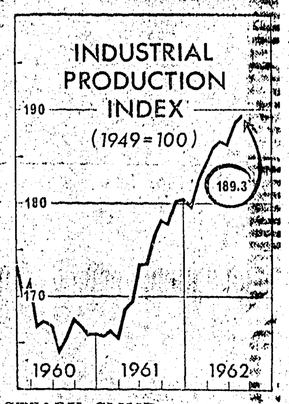

STEADY CLIMB — Canada's industrial production index has climbed steadily since March, 1961, to a high of 189.3 in September this year. Graph shows monthly movement in the last three years of the index, based on 1949 production levels equalling 100 and adjusted to discount seasonal factors.

EDITOR'S NOTE—Signed articles and editorials credited to other newspapers do not necessarily reflect the views of The Daily News.

MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT SAYS

More economic, industry expansion in 1963

TORONTO (CP)—The continuing year should be one of continuing economic and industrial expansion at a somewhat reduced rate, Carl A. Pollock, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, says in a year-end statement.

Mr. Pollock, chairman and president of Dominion Electrohome Industries Ltd., Kitchener, Ont., describes Canada as in the enviable position of ending one good year and starting another with the relevant indicators pointing to further expansion.

"Despite the worry generated earlier in the year by our balance - of - payments position, the Canadian economy not only recovered remarkably but actually finished 1962 with new employment, production, sales and export records chalked up in its business history book.

"Some soft spots across the country will require attention, but I think manufacturing can do well again in the year ahead, although possibly the scale will be somewhat moderated.

"Devaluation, plus the 1962 budget's modest tax incentives to increased sales, and rising support for the 'Buy, Make and Sell Canadian' program, willl help Canadian industrialists capture a larger share of both domestic and export markets. The actual size of the share, however, will depend on the range and extent of the further incentives and tax reforms which we hope will be included in the upcoming budget.

"Employment prospects look good compared with two or three years ago and the pronounced improvement seen in 1962 should be well maintained, particularly if the motor vehicle and iron and steel industries retain their current strength.

"The capital investment outlook, too, appears favorable at this time, although it will probably not quite reach the 1962 level. Prices may keep trying to edge upward, but should be held in check by competitive pressures."

QUIZ HALL

Each correct answer counts 10 points. Score yourself as follows: 100 genius; 80 to 90 superior; 70 to 80 excellent; 60 to 70 good; 50 to 60 average; 40 to 50 fair.

FOR MEN: —

1. Which movie star has a swimming pool in the shape of a heart?
   Janet Leigh — Jayne Mansfield — Pier Angeli — Jean Simmons
2. What color is the cotton suit generally worn by Mexican men?
   Blue — Brown — White — Gray
3. The name of Jesus Christ is not mentioned in the first verse of the New Testament
   True or False
4. Which one has the longest shore line?
   Florida — Alaska — California — North Carolina

FOR WOMEN: —

5. What is the first wedding anniversary?
   Aluminum — Paper — Wood — China
6. Which one has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature?
   Norman Mailer — Robert Penn Warren — John Steinbeck — William Styron
7. Who became known as "the Father of Medicine?"
   Hippocrates — Jenner — Galen — Pasteur
8. Approximately what per cent fat is butter?
   60 — 70 — 80 — 90

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: —

9. The chemical symbol of uranium is U.
   True or False
10. Whose portrait appears on a $5,000 bill?
    Alexander Hamilton — Grover Cleveland — Salmon P. Chase — James Madison

ANSWERS: —

1. — Jayne Mansfield; 2. White; 3. False; 4 Alaska; 5. Paper; 6. John Steinbeck; 7. Hippocrates; 8. 80; 9. True; 10. James Madison.

The Packsack of Gregory Clark

It is not only possible, it is now probable, that, in a very few years, problems far more important to mankind than nuclear physics, and the exploration of space will be commanding the attention of science. The fanfare of the past twenty years has had us all staring skywards.

First, it was pie in the sky that kept us craning our necks: the new deal, the welfare state, socialism in its many aspects. While in this star-gazing attitude, there appeared in the firmament more disturbing articles than pie: missiles, rockets, astronauts. Little wonder that our attention has been distracted from the earth.

Rachel Carson's book, "Silent Spring", has given the world a rather shocking reminder of what it is we stand on.

Her argument with regard to the damage that is being done the good earth and all that subsists on it by insecticides, weed killers and a score of other chemicals has been pooh-poohed by many authorities, notable among them the farming interests in America multi-billion dollar corporate with their associated billion dollar interests in distribution of produce by supermarkets. And they can afford some powerful pooh-poohing.

But lately come some frightening statistics as to the decline of the water supply of the continent, of which more is to be heard. It will soon be time for science to come down to earth.

Lighter Side

The perfect symbol of today's gracious living is a lady in a sheath dress trying to sit down in a contemporary-design chair with a buffet dinner in her hands.

A Look Back at Rupert

50 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1912 — Last evening at the Premier Hotel one of the most representative gatherings of Prince Rupert citizens sat down at the festive board to a banquet given in honor of their oldtime friend and pioneer citizens, Mr. Thomas Dunn, on the eve of his departure with his family for San Diego, California.

40 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1922 — E. C. Manning who has been district forester here for the provincial government for several years has received notice of his transfer to Victoria.

30 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1932 — More than 100 members of the National Unemployed Workers Association attended a Christmas banquet as the guests of Kee Mah of the Sunrise Grocery. The seasonable and practical hospitality of Mr. Mah was highly appreciated.

20 YEARS AGO

December 27, 1942 — The upward trend of industrial activity, which began with the outbreak of war and which was so strongly marked in 1941, continued throughout 1942 says a review for the year by R. C. Vaughan, president of Canadian National Railways. New traffic records were created for each month and the traffic volume for the year exceeds by a wide margin any previous experience.

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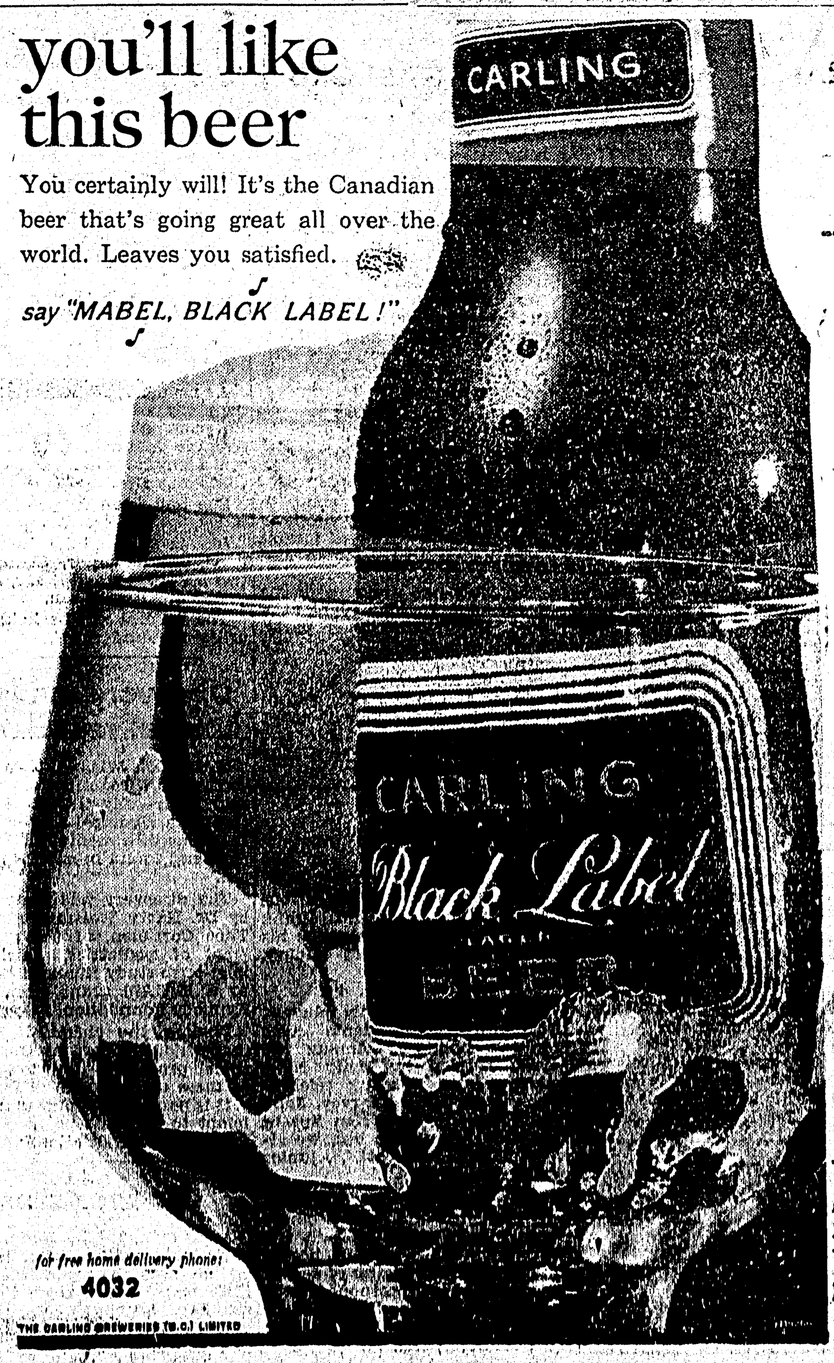

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