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What about this area Mr. Laing?

takings.

For one thing, just because Garibaldi is slightly north of Vancouver it hardly rates as a subject of mongentous importance in northern affairs. For another, this open appeal to skiers and the money they might spend in such a place — wonderful prejudice — we might suggest a tour though it might be — does not reveal the kind of sound comprehension of northern (?) development that we have reason to expect from this new cubinet member.

Undoubtedly Mr. Laing is capable of much better stuff and, in the office he has just assumed, he could be a figure of great importance in a government that promises to be the best that Canada has had in many years. But we trust he will bear in mind that for a while at least election campaigns are over.

Bold pronouncements such as the one he has made have their place in creating awareness that the Liberal government is out to get things done but they should be made with discretion. There is no need at this point to solicit public support by making dramatic moves calculated to have a certain popular appeal. Confidence in our federal government certainly needs a great deal of shoring up after so many years of indecision but open-handed offers to spend large sums of money on causes of limited public benefit are not going to produce that effect. In Laing's office could be a major one in fact, they will do just the opposite.

which we look for immediate sensational results. We would be far more will be misused.

the new minister for northern impressed if he announced that his affairs, Arthur Laing is off to a first undertaking would be to make a drappointing start in proposing a \$10 personal field survey of the north ntillion development of Garibaldi Park country to see what can be done to as one of his department's first under- encourage settlement in those remote areas that hold real promise for solid economic development. To our knowledge, Mr. Laing has little first-hand acquaintance with the north country and he cannot perform effectively in his new position until this is achieved.

As a starter — and with justified of the country bounded on the south by Highway 16. This also is part of Mr. Laing's own province and there are problems up here of far more substantial interest than Garibaldi Park and with far more significance to true northern development.

What can be done to encourage Granduc mine traffic to pass through Stewart? What can be done to encourage development of Prince Rupert as northern deep-sea port? What can be done to open up the almost virgin but naturally wealthy country between Highway 16 and the Alcan highway? What can be done to promote Highway 16 itself as a second trans-Canada route through B.C.?

As Mr. Laing probably knows, all of the Skeena candidates in the recent election put a little of their life-blood on this last issue and now he is in a position to show, within the authority of his particular department, what can be done above and beyond campaign oratory.

In view of the ever deepening need to lure more of Canada's population away from the U.S. border, Mr. our new government. He has the abil-Mr. Laing's office is not one to ity and he has the dedication to his country. We hope that neither of these

IN THE PAST

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Our 'A' secret stand flusters U-K demand

By PETER DEMPSON

OTTAWA (TNS) --- Canada's heavy water atomic reactor secrets are available to the British government — but at a substantial price.

An official of the Crownowned Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. said the heavy-water development is a specialized Canadian undertaking. Canada is not obligated to provide this know-how under the Anglo-Canadian agreement for the exchange of atomic informa-

British complaints about Canada holding back on heavy - water secrets have caused little concern here. Britain insists it requires this information for heavy water commercial use. FOR PROTECTION

The official said the holdout is to protect Canadian industry and was learned from the Brissh.

He pointed out that the U.S. has spent more than \$5,000,000 on a joint development program in the heavy-water reactor field. This information has been made available to Canada in exchange for knowledge Canada has acquired through its own heavy-water development.

British reports have been critical of Canada, claiming this country is morally bound to supply the U-K with this information at nominal, if any, Donald Watson, AECL secre-

tary, said Canada is a pioneer in the heavy-water field and has made notable advances in development of atomic power stations. British complaints apparently stem from the fact Canada

will not easily hand over secrets and blueprints connected with the developments and is asking a healthy payment for "The Canadians believe they

now have something valuable to offer and want substantial royalties," said one London report, indicating that previously cash payments were nom-

Mr. Watson agreed, AECL, he pointed out, is in business like any other company. While it is willing to inform other countries as to what it is do-

ing, Canada has no intention

come so extensive that com-By KERRY GIBBENS mercial carriers are beginning Canada's commercial airlines to suffer—and this in turn are shaping up for a fight with hurts the taxpayers who has the RCAF over who should to foot the bill for the airline carry what where in Canada's skies—and it could prove a

Too many travelers

for the air force?

problem to Prime Minister per role for the Transport Command, but that role is not that of a scheduled trunkline Armed with evidence pro-"The ATAC, as the nation's major air transportation group should share in formulation ger share of military trans-The airlines say the RCAF is

> The RCAF says the ATACE claims are "unrealistic." They do not take into account the fact that the RCAF has to have specialized aircraft available for use instantly and crews to fly these aircraft have to be kept in constant

to fly these planes around empty or with bags of sand in them—and I'm sure the taxpayers would take a dim view of such a scheme." PRIME CONCERN

"The Air Transport Command recorded more flying hours on overseas operations last year than even major international carrier Trans-Canada Air Lines," Cameron said.. "More than half of its passengers and freight were carried on scheduled flights, many of them by large four-engined prop-jet aircraft.

Pearson and his new Trans-

duced by the Glassco Royal Co-

mission, the airlines will likely

make a definite bid for a big-

getting too big in the straight

transport field and has be-

come, in fact, Canada's big-

The RCAF says it has to do

this to maintain a "state of

readiness for emergencies and

to keep Air Force morale high.

fired by airlines' Air Trans-

port Association of Canada

(ATAC) at a Vancouver lunch-

eon earlier this month ATAC

president H. Donald Cameron

said operations of the RCAF

Air Transport Command have

become a major problem to

the comercial airline industry.

First shots in the battle were

gest scheduled airline.

port Minister.

LARGEST AIRLINE "This earns the Air Transport Command the title of Canada's largest scheduled

Cameron said Transport Command operations have be-

of making the information readily available if the activity is commercially profitable. Britain has been doing exactly the same thing in similar fields for five years, he added. He found British com-

plaints now "most ironical."

"We believe there is a pro-

or regional carrier," he said. of policy concerning military transport, as recommended by the Glassco Royal Commission

Said an RCAF spokesman "It would be pretty silly for us

The money would have to

be spent on training anyway. he said; at least it is now her ing spent usefully. The Air Transport Command headquarters at Tren-

ton, Ont., says it is primarily

concerned with having the

right air transport equipment in the right place at the right time to cover any emergency, Its senior transportation staff officer, Wing Commander A. William Richardson. says it is impractical, in the light of this requirement, to talk of the RCAF requisitioning "a couple of TCA's Vanguards" to provide an emergency airlift such as the one

Says Richardson: "The emergency would probably be over before we could refit the aircraft to do a military job properly."

to the Congo.

At sea and ashore!

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PM's pension increased by donations.

By RON COLLISTER OTTAWA (TNS)—In theory, our political leaders are poor can church mice. But they usually leave fortunes.

You needn't feel too much ympathy for Mr. Diefenbaker, Halking about his \$2,900 a year pension when he retires and the lack of monetary rewards re politics.

For Mr. Diefenbaker is vlr-

thally certain to get a **hand**mome cheque, with the thanks of his party, when he decides to call it a day. Back-bench MPs may retire

peon but their leaders either make it themselves or are givcondition comfort their declining grans or sweeten a change in teadership. Certainly there's a case, and

a good one, for the nation itself to make sure its prime munisters live in dignity on retirement, But since the nation 48 parsimonious in these matter,, the breech has been filled by wealthy backers, not all of them Canadian.

Mackenzie King often talked with a poor mouth. But when he died, he left nearly a milhon dollars. On his 74th birthday, he received an outright will of \$100,000 from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

John Bracken, the Tory party leader, was sweetened with a gift of more than \$100,-000 from the party when he quit in 1948 and was succeeded by George Drew. Mr. Bracken now lives in comfortable retirement on a farm near Ot-

His predecessor, Robert Manion, made his own money. He was a well-to-do physician and delt more than half a million dollars.

His successor, Mr. Drew, after

It's easy to recognize a feldow who owns his own home. He's always coming out of a thardware store, --- Fuel Oil

"News

er eight years as Opposition men in politics are willing to leader, moved to London as High Commissioner at \$18,000 a year plus expenses. Mr. Drew is, anyway, a wealthy man in his own right.

Another case of a party "bonus" --- according to general belief -- involved General Pearkes, former defense minister, now British Columbia's lieutenant governor.

General Pearkes, with his military and Commons pensions and the lieutenant governor's pay, was still a relatively poor man compared with his predecessor, millionaire Frank Ross, And Pearkes let it be known that it would be very difficult to accept the job because he didn't have

enough money. A committee was set up, according to the story, to raise ther or not the target was reached is not known.

Prime Minister - designate Pearson was given a large helping hand by a committee of Tories and Liberals. It wasn't eash. It was payment of bills for redecorating and furnishing Stornoway, the Opposition leader's official residence.

When he succeeded Louis St. Laurent as Liberal leader, Mr. Pearson lived in the lower floor of a duplex in the oncefashionable Sandy Hill area of

Mr. Pearson said he couldn't afford to live in Stornowny. That was when the committee went to work and outfitted the house with furniture from basement to attle.

THE WEALTHY WILL PAY The new prime minister recoived \$40,000 tax-free with his Nobel peace prize. But that wouldn't have come near the cost of reconstruction, mod- April 29, ernizing and equipping Stor-

Quite rightly, he thought that was an unaccoptable personal expense. But it was an- for Smithers after a trip on other example of the fact that wealthy people who want good

pay for it. How many more examples there have been in recent times is not known. It's not something, after all that a recipient stands on the ramparts and shouts about.

A Look Back at Rupert

(50 YEARS AGO) April 26, 1913 --- The George E. Foster of the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.'s fleet, arrived in port about 11 o'clock last night with 125,000 pounds halibut. This is the largest catch brought in by a single boat this season.

(40 YEARS AGO) April 26, 1923 - Hoisted by the feet, stoutly encased in an orthodox prison strait jacket, \$100,000 to help Pearkes. Whe- and suspended from the Helgerson Block corner, tomorrow at 4:30, the super-wonder Devere, the man who defies ropes, chains, handeuffs, or shackles, will give a public demonstration of his uncanny powers in escaping from bonds which would hold any ordinary man

> (30 YEARS AGO) April 26, 1933 --- Mrs. Frank Finch and Mrs. W. Beasley, dressed in hard times costumes, were winners of first prize in the finals of the foxtrot contest at the Capitol Theatre last night.

(20 YEARS AGO) April 26, 1943 - The validity dates of ration compans are chunged from Saturday to Thursdays, it is announced at the local Wartime Prices and Trade Board office. Coupons No. 5 and 6 for ten, coffee and - sugar are valid April 29, Butter coupon No. 8 is also valld

(10 YEARS AGO) April 26, 1953 --- Frank Howard, CCF candidate for Skeena riding, leaves tenight by train IWA union business in this