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Talking Better Than Fighting

ANADA it would seem is taking a more broad- new year. minded view of the recent Russian offers to renew disarmament talks, than the United States. It is cheering to see that while Prime Minister Diefenbaker and his diplomatic cohorts are joining the other NATO countries in calling for a foreign ministers meeting with the Soviet Union, they are not lowering their guard completely. The United States on the other hand appears unable to see any good in any offer made by the Russians. No matter what the Russian suggestion is it is promptly dismissed as propaganda and another Soviet move to advance its desire to conquer. All that may be true. But on the other hand, it would appear to us that while two disputants are talking or discussing an issue, they cannot be fighting physically at the same time.

Prime Minister Diefenbaker recalls the "earlier refusal by the U.S.S.R. to participate further in the disarmament commission" of the United Nations. But he says that "the West must continue to demonstrate a willingness to negotiate with the Soviet Union." That is the only way if peace is to be maintained. We must keep alert, arm Western Europe with missiles and nuclear weapons until such a time as an agreement is reached. Then, with global supervision, "open skies inspection" and true peace in their hearts the world powers can start the "disarmament nace." Whatever we do we must keep talking. Canada is again leading the way.

Generosity vs Prudence

N drafting the tax changes, Messrs. Diefenbaker and Fleming faced the same dilemma that confronted Messrs. St. Laurent and Harris last spring: a burning desire to be generous conflicting with an argent need to be prudent.

In the Liberals' case, these conflicting emotions centred on the old age pension. Under strong pressure from the opposition, and with an election coming, the government felt it must do something; but in view of all his other commitments and the inflationary state of the economy, Mr. Harris couldn't do much. What he did do-the \$6 raise-was roundly denounced by his opponents as niggardly. It's possible that, in terms of votes, the damping effect of the prudence more than offset the effect of the generosity.

In the Conservatives' case, the focus of the emotional conflict has been the question of tax cuts. Having promised them, at least by inference, Mr. Diefenbaker was under pressure to come through with something in the nature of tax relief; but the changes that Mr. Fleming has actually been able to provide are not sufficient to send the taxpayers cheering through the streets. If many voters seriously expected important tax changes, they will be disappointed.

The most important effect of the "baby budget" is that it puts an end to the uncertainty that has surrounded the government's financial plans. Businessmen (and consumers) can now make their spending and saving plans without fear that they will be upset by any changes (pleasant or otherwise) in government fiscal policy, at least until next spring. -The Financial Post.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

58 May See East-West Resume Negotiations

By ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

PARIS (CP)—It now seems likely that East and West will resume diplomatic negotiations early in the

meeting. The West has clearly disarmament talks are resumed, shown its desire for new talks the possibility might then with Russia.

minister on ways of getting dis-state of health might be a bar-'armament talks going again.

last September. The exact terms has come to dominate the NATO count of the day's events, in

Sighted Object Said Meteor Not Sputnik

OTTAWA (P-Sightings of an object travelling through upper atmosphere over northwestern Canada Nov. 30 "have definitely been established" as her NATO partners is taken to a large meteor or "similar phenomena" and not the Sputnik I

Research Board said Wednesday Bulganin letters. The probabilthat a preliminary study of ity is that NATO's permanent sightings made by Ground Ob- council in Paris will discuss server Corps in Canada's north- dovetailed replies by the Atlantic western areas suggest that the Pact recipients.

object was a large meteor. west of Whitehorse, "reported sports contracts." the passage."

the southwest and officials be- trade mission on a "reciprocal heve it zoomed into the Pacific basis. Canada is expected to re-

TRACK FIREBALL

The British Columbia month reported six "good sightings" of the object described then as a fireball.

A corps spokesman said reports tracked "a fireball from Mile 1127 on the Alaska Highway to Lethbridge, Alta." The first sighting on the highway came after a similar one

from Skagway, Alaska. The obabout 30,000 feet . . . lighting 1 the St. Elias mountain range.' Mr. Hartz said the preliminary study indicated the object could,

not have been the sputnik carrier because the time of its passage did not coincide with the calculated time of the carrier's. appearance in that particular

In addition, said the physicist, it was not travelling in the direction which had previously been determined for the sputnik

Officials were sure the object was a meteor, but other observer reports would be studied.

This is the inference from the foreign ministers will be deter-stories. discussions at the NATO summit mined by the NATO council. If

ably inevitable in view of the tering gibberish, and tell nothoverwhelming preference disting. played Monday for another atbefore passing the point of no talkative mood. return in nuclear armament. RELUCTANT ASSENT

Before the NATO meeting, the United States firmly resisted the John. idea of new talks with Russia. Now the American silence face of the new mood shown by signify reluctant assent.

NATO's disposition to test Russian intentions springs partly Theodore Hartz of the Desence from or is conditioned by the

Premier Bulganin's letter to Mr. Hartz, a physicist with Canada calls for "all-round de-DRB's telecommunications estivelopment of co-operation be-

> WINDSOR, Ont. O-A specia committee has been set up to rewrite the inscription for the cornerstone of the new city hall Controller Robert Fuller said the

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raised of an East-West summit The first step is likely to be a meeting on a wider range of

the United Canada is known strongly to foreign | feel that President Eisenhower's

tablishment at suburban Shir- tween the U.S.S.R. and Canada ley Bay, said that a series of a in the field of science and techdozen consistent sightings from nology, culture and art, educaobservers about 50 miles north- tion and health, and for wider

The letter also says Russia is The object travelled towards prepared to receive a Canadian

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All Aboard By G.E. Morlimore Important Meeting

The two little boys go to kindergarten early and come back late. Both of them are jumping and squirming with energy when their father loads then on the school bus. Then he sighs with relief, finishes breakfast and goes to work.

There was nothing pastoral or

through their tousled hair.

Sometimes father returns: from the office before the boys' knee with his little skull. ped-time, half-expecting that their spirits will be dulled by angelic about either of them. satigue; but he finds his sons Father reslected that if he had raging on with indiminished been made producer of a renoise and zest. ligious playet, he would have

They run and jump at him, cast his sons for somewhat difswing from his hands, try to ferent roles. He closed his eyes climb up him and scream for and imagined horns sprouting

know what they have been doing all day. The boy's father and mother between them were at one time able to maintain a fairly complete log of the boys' words and deeds, but now the children have become small separate beings, with a life of

They are perverse little boys. WIDER RANGE
Thus, surprisingly, the quest in a burst of voluntary confition of East-West discussions dence, they will prattle an acsome detail. But when they are This represents a shift of em- actually asked a question, they phasis from the original objectiend to go coy, fling themselves tives of the meeting but is prob-gleefully around the room, ut-

> On this particular day, their tenipt to probe Soviet intentions father must have hit them in a

"What did you do at school today?" he asked: "I'm a shepherd," announced

"Ah," said his father. "The Christmas play." Michael turned up a fat, grimy face.

"I'm a host of cherubim." he 'Wendy is fousands of sara-

fimm," said John. "Thousands of seraphim?"

Then John brought the interview to a sudden end by charging at his father with head lowered. Michael charged from the other side, and administered a painful blow to his father's

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STUDY NEEDED The Editor, The Daily News:

In the December issue of the Readers Digest there is an article entitled "Do School Pupils Need Costly Palaces?"

With the recent vote being in favor of the new high school it would seem to be a good time! for the ratepayers to study the subject.

INTERESTED. Prince Rupert.

EDITOR'S NOTE- Sounds to us like locking the stable door after the horse has gone. However, we feel sure that the city's proprety owners voted in favor of a good, functional high school, not a "palace."

INVITED TO U.S.

PARIS (Reutors) --- Prosident) Elsenhower Tuesday night invited President Reno Coty to wish the United States. Coty accepted and said ha plans to visit the United States

THICKT COALMINE The first regular coal-mining operation in Canada was near, Glace Bay, N.S., in 1720.