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Chamber of Commerce deserves support

CUPPORT is being asked for Chamber of Commerce Week which got underway yesterday and many persons and organizations may ask why. Sometimes, when the local chamber becomes overzealous as to the city's publicity 500 miles away or queries the policies of its members, this newspaper has been known to ponder the same question. But in all fairness the Cham-Bér is a powerful body, which if led wisely and progressively, has a vital role to fulfill in the community.

A textbook definition of a Chamber of Commerce would describe it as an organization of the forward-lookting citizens of the community banded together to promote the civic, commercial, industrial progress of the community and district which it serves. However, a vigorous Chamber of Commerce is a good deal more than

It can be called the conscience and the will of the community—the conscience to see and to recognize the needs and the wants of the community and the will to take effective action.

The Chamber is concerned with local affairs, attracting new industries, seeing that the city is served by effective transportation, keeping track of ithe fishing industry, making sure that *the provincial government services the district with good roads. Besides local issues, the Chamber has an interest in provincial and federal matters. At the provincial level the activity of the Chamber of Commerce is co-ordinated and presented to the provincial government through the B.C. Chamber of Commerce, a provincial federation of

chambers of commerce and boards of

At the federal level the activity of the chamber operates through the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, a national federation of more than 750 boards of trade and chambers of commerce. The policy of this national group is determined by the majority votes of the member chambers, each of which has a single vote of equal strength.

An organization such as the Chamber of Commerce has a stabilizing influence on the community. It is instrumental in focusing greater attention on municipal, provincial and national affairs. It brings about greater understanding among various segments of the community and makes the community a better place in which to live. Every city, town and even village should have a strong and lively chamber of commerce if it is to make the most of its potentials and if community life is going to be as pleasant as possible.

The same applies to the national scene. Canada needs a strong national group to speak on behalf of business generally and it has such a voice in the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Canada has a great future and the cities and towns of Canada are going to share in it in proportion to the effect and intelligence they individually put

For Prince Rupert, the Chamber of Commerce is a chief means of employing this effort and this intelligence. For that reason it deserves the support of the whole community.

Age of achievement

AT what age does a scientist do his best work?

E. Manniche of the Washington Public Opinion laboratory and G. Falk of the University of Washington, looking into this question, have found that the average age of Nobel prize winners in physics (i.e., the age when they published their work) was 34, in chemistry 40, and in medicine 44. About 30 per cent of the physicists and 10 per

cent of the chemists did their work before the age of 30.

The two investigators, analyzing their finding in Behavioral Science, suggests that physics has been a young man's game because discoveries in the past half century of upheaval in the science have come from brilliant inspirations about new concepts rather than from patient accumulation of -The Scientific American.

INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Khrushchev act only fooling percentage

By ED SIMON Canadian Press Staff Writer

The act may or may not have taken Budapest by storm. But a degree of credit is due to Prime Minister Khrushchev for having ventured to perform before that particular audience so early in his run.

Predictably enough, the local critics liked the show and spoke of enthusiastic popular acclaim. Representatives of the out-of-town press, on the other hand, saw an apparent lack

of spontaneity in the applause. Either way, Khrushchev had launched his career as Russia's chief of state by spending eight days in the most volatile of Soviet satellites, had confronted a people that had seethed with armed revolt 18 months before. And, as he boasted in Moscow afterwards, he had emerged in one piece.

If the purpose of his journey was to show the world that Hungary now stands foursquare behind its Communist regime, it did not convince Western observers, who detected too many signs of frozen-faced apathy. And the presence of the occasional heckler in Khrush-

chev's audiences was duly noted. But the visit offered conclusive evidence that Hungary's Kadar government is firmly in the suddle. With or without a secret police escort, Russia's prime minister obviously was confident that the prospects of his assasing-

tion by an infuriated populace were remote. In his usual unabashed manner, Khrushchev brazened out the revolt itself, liberally apportioning the blame between Matyas Rakoski, the deposed Hungarian party leader, and the counter-revolutionary agents of imperialism and fascism whom he credits with leadership of the uprising.

There was a one-day sensation when he was quoted as announcing that Russia would not intervene again if Hungary's government ran into similar difficulties, but he repudiated the statement promptly and with vigor, alleg-

ing that he had been misquoted by "bourgeois"

The rest of the performance was the typical Khrushchev mixture of peace talk and war talk, recriminations and homely epigrams, cheer-leading and dialectics. Evidently the assumption of supreme power has brought no changes to his ebullient personality.

But close observers of the Russian scene remain undeceived by the occasional elements of incoherence or clownishness in Khrushchev's public demeanor, which contrast vividly with the aura of unapproachable mystery that enveloped the Kremlin when Stalin was in charge,

They have found it no easier to interpret Khrushchev's apparent frankness in terms of future Russian actions. But the policies that have emerged since his coming to power indicate clearly that the incoherence is only verbal, that the clownishness is a loose-fitting

The ruthlessness of his supression of the Hungarian revolt, the opportunistic shrewdness of his tactics in penetrating the Middle East and the propaganda gambits-in his conduct of disarmament negotiations indicate that the reins of Russian power are in firm and knowledgeable hands.

If he survives the rough-and-tumble of the internal struggle for power, Nikita Khrushchev may yet prove the most formidable antagonist the West has ever known.

Follow forefathers From the Sudbury Star

We have no time or patience with the blue ruin boys. We would be in a sorry state indeed if the Canadian people lost their courage and spirit of adventure. We are marching ahead with confidence and faith, as our pioneer forefathers marched before us.

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Two or three makes of very roofed-in motor - cycles or wingless planes are on the market.

If they sell by hundreds displacing the inflated tinand chrome monsters that clog the streets—will they help solve the parking problem in our cities?

In towns where there are no parking meters, and on non-metered streets of the bigger towns, they may ease the situation.

But they will do no good in metered streets, because in fact the average city doesn't want to solve the parking problem. All the city wants is money from the meters.

The owners of miniature cars will soon find this out when they try to save spaceand money—by parking two or three cars to a meter. Three of the smallest cars

will fit snugly in one meter space. Then what happens? A policeman tells the owners of two of the cars to move along; or else he hands them tickets. In many cities, it is

against the law to park more

than one vehicle at a meter. Even before the latest. smallest cars arrived on the market, there were many chariots of a size to fit two to a meter. But they weren't allowed to do it.

Every year or so the city fathers in the average town splutter about downtown parking garages and stiffer fines for meter violations.

There is a way ready to hand for odding dozens of parking spaces in the average middle-sized city. But instead of encouraging people to use this method, city fathers do the opposite. They punish people for it.

By this action they show quite clearly that meters are no longer there as a traffic device. They are revenue machines, planted there so that a greedy city can charge rent to the motoring public for use

of the publicly-owned streets. In dozens of cities, parking congestion threatens downtown merchants with loss of business. Many motorists, already soaked with four or five taxes, are fed up with paying rent for the use of their own

One day businessmen and motorists together might come to their senses, throw the taxhungry group out of office and elect aldermen who can offer a sane parking policy.

Quebec low debts

Quebec Chronicle-Telegram Probably the most encouraging aspect of the budget, presented recently in the Legislative Assembly, is the fact that the debt of Quebec has reached a low level of \$52.46 per person.

A year ago, this figure stood at \$57.33 while in 1944 it was as high as \$87.16.

For 13 years in succession, the province has reported an excess of revenues over ex-

Adolescent troubles

From the Ottawa Citizen A group of teenagers in Toronto frightened away adults by their unruly conduct, which included slashing seat upholstery, breaking mirrors, drinking whisky and singing off-color songs. Adolescence may be hard on youngsters, but it can be even harder on adults, who are merely innocent bystanders.



Know and support your Chamber of Commerce

This is not the way

Assuming that any country

could come through an atomic

war uncommitted and un-

scathed, one question is

whether neutrality would be a

feasible program for Canada.

Dr. Thomson notes that Can-

ada could be the battle-groudn

in a Soviet-American clash; or,

as others have put it, "the Be!-

gium of the third world war."

Khrushchev's phrase is "the

ham in the sandwich." But

what happened to Belgium's

supposed neutrality? It prov-

now to co-belligerence with

the United States in the event

of trouble. There are Ameri-

can bases and forces on our

territory. The U.S. financed

the DEW line in the Arctic.

North American air defence is

under single command. For

the purpose of resisting a Rus-

sian assault, the two countries

Canadian withdrawal from

this partnership would be

viewed in Washington not sim-

ply as an unfriendly act but as

a disaster. In fact it is hard

to imagine the U.S. accepting

this change without exerting

Thomson, knowing all this,

would take the risk because, in

his view, somebody must react

to the atomic threat by stand-

ing up and saying, "in God's

name this is not the way."

Most effective method of say-

ing it, he thinks, is to declare

But would Canadian neu-

trality be respected by both

sides? If the Americans re-

spected it but not the Rus-

sians, would Canada be con-

tent to be, in effect, a passive

ally of the Soviet Union? Fin-

ally, would Canadian neutral-

ism, supposing it feasible.

swer to each question is "no,"

Dr. Thomson's proposition does

not look like practical politics.

But this need not prevent Can-

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As the most reasonable an-

make war any less likely?

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Canada is fully committed

ed to be a scrap of paper.

From the Financial Post

When a man of Rev. James S. Thomson's eminence suggests that Canada should be neutral in any future global war, cries of outraged patriotism are not the right answer. As moderator of the United Church, Dr. Thomson speaks for an important body of citizens. His proposal calls for sober thought, not indignation.

Brucker's just act From the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Secretary of the Army Brucker is to be commended wholeheartedly on his immediate application of the Supreme Court's 8-to-1 décision in the "undesirable discharge"

Instead of waiting for the appropriate lower courts to provide relief for two former soldiers. Howard D. Abramowitz of Brooklyn and John Henry Harmon of the Bronx, the Secretary of the Army has himself ordered honorable discharges for both men without further court proceedings.

The former soldiers received "undesirable discharges" because of investigations dealing with matters prior to their entry into military service. Reviewing their appeals, the Supreme Court said that a military discharge of a soldier rated "excellent" in service should be based on his service record only.

So far so good. Now let the Army review all its other "undesirable discharges." If they do not square with the Supreme Court ruling, let them also be corrected.

In all this is a lesson in fairness and decency that the Pentagon ought to remember.

Punctuation problem

From the Peterborough Examiner

The hubbub created by a teacher who has strapped pupils for spelling mistakes reminds of the late Archbishop Temple's sensible comment that accurate spelling, though desirable, is dispensable, whereas accurate punctuation is a necessity to accurate writing. At least 10 times a day we are moved to wish that people were taugh to punc-



Should follow Canadian policy

From the Kamloops Sentinel

miliating experience recently when the Ford Motor Company of Canada was told it couldn't sell cars to Communist China because the parent company in the United States wouldn't allow it.

It bites deep into Canadian pride and because of the rejection of a foreign policy, hundreds of our auto workers in Windsor, Ontario, missed work.

The decision of Ford appears consistent with many other U.S. companies including General Motors who are reported to have spurned a similar

What America does in America, of couse, is their business. And if Mr. Dulles says no American goods will be sent to Red China, that's that. But Mr. Dulles is not the Canadian Minister of External Affairs and we might well ask why we should suffer because of U.S. foreign policies.

If U.S. industries open up branches in this country or form subsidiaries, they should function under the laws of Canada. Yet Ford of Canada has operated under a Dominion charter since 1911 as an autonomous Canadian company and to its credit, appeared willing to supply the export order until the parent company jinxed the deal. It clearly points who dictates Canad-

ian branch policy. This newspaper welcomes U.S. capital like any other foreign capital. It must be remembered that millions of American dollars have helped

Canadians witnessed a hu- build industries and created obs for Canadians. But if this latest order by parent companies to autonomous subsidlaries is the formal application of policy, just how good sare

U.S. investments As this notion finds itself willing to sell wheat to Red China, we suppose Ottawa would have also given Ford an

export clearance for cars. We believe foreign subsidiiaries should take their orders from Ottawa and not Wash's



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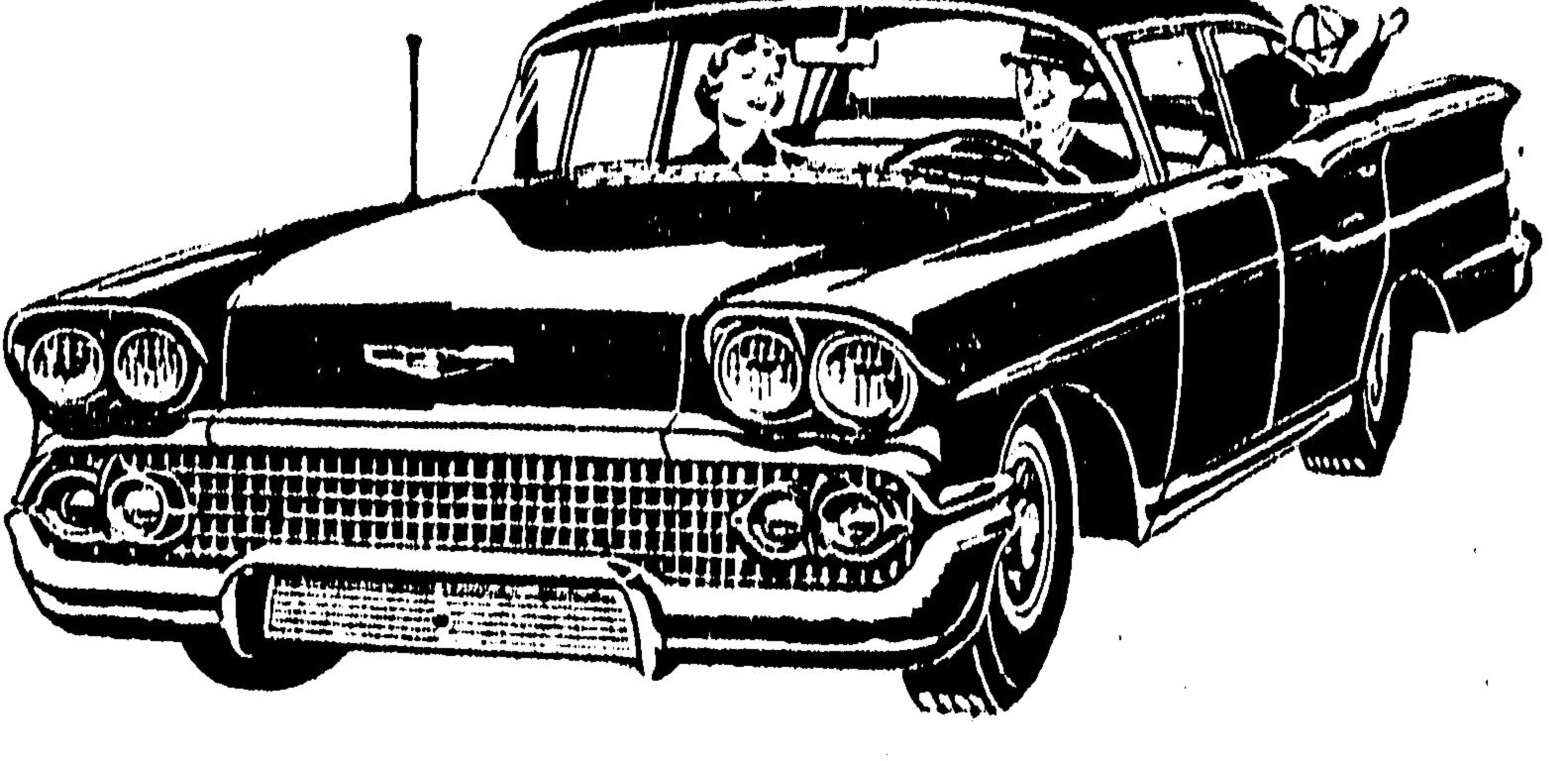
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