

The Week at Ottawa

By DON PEACOCK
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Ottawa (CP) — Canada will not automatically or necessarily go to war if the United States does.

So said External Affairs Minister Pearson in winding up a sporadic Commons debate on foreign affairs. Canada, he said, has given no "automatic assurance of support or willingness to intervene on behalf of or with the United States in any war, major or minor, on the continent of China or any place else."

He added: "Whether that kind of support could be counted on from Canada would depend entirely on whether our commitments under NATO were involved, whether there was aggression under the United Nations charter."

"Anything that I have said (previously) does not mean nor could it fairly be interpreted as meaning that whenever the United States is at war we are bound to participate. It does not mean that we have any obligation to participate in any war except a war against aggression within the principles of the United Nations charter."

He reiterated, however, that if a local war spread to engulf the world it would be impossible for Canada to remain aloof. He said Communist China by itself could not launch an attack on this continent. Russia was the only country capable of making such an assault.

Thatcher Quits CCF

Ross Thatcher, wealthy young hardware store owner who persistently kicked over the party traces, proclaimed in the Commons last week that he is leaving the CCF party and will class himself as an independent for the remainder of this parliament. He has been CCF member for Moose Jaw-Lake Centre, Sask., since 1945.

The quiet announcement by the 37-year-old Mr. Thatcher took the socialist group — and members in general — by surprise. While CCF leader M. J. Coldwell and others of the CCF Commons group met the Thatcher withdrawal with equanimity, talk on Parliament Hill elsewhere turned quickly to the internal trials that have beset the CCF in the last few months.

It was only a few days earlier that the Ontario wing of the party expelled 14 adherents as "Trotskyites", followers of the unorthodox brand of Communism of revolutionary Leon Trotsky. Earlier this year Mr. Coldwell and other leaders had difficulty smoothing out a turmoil that arose in the Quebec section of the party over public statements by

some of the Commons group which Quebec followers considered as reflecting on that province.

Then in late January members of the Commons CCF group went off in opposite directions on the question of admitting a rearmend West Germany into NATO.

Mr. Thatcher, still one of the younger MP's after nearly 10 years in the house, has flouted the CCF party tenets for years. There have been many occasions on which, in hammering his favorite theme of government economy, he has gone against the CCF idea of more social welfare out of the federal treasury.

Fiscal Agreements

The prime objective of the federal-provincial fiscal agreements coming up for discussion here this week has always been to stabilize the normally-shifting division of tax revenues among Canada's various governments.

Other main aims are to spread money around from the wealthy to the "have-not" regions and to lessen the number of government fingers reaching into the individual taxpayer's pocket.

The agreements involving nine provinces—all except Quebec—expire March 31, 1957. Federal and provincial government heads meeting here this week are to arrange for a general renegotiation conference later this year.

Behind this meeting is a complex history reaching back 15 years. The agreements flow from a combination of recommendations of the Rowell-Sirois commission on federal-provincial relations and tax rental pacts attained under the financial pressure of the Second World War.

Their history was stormy in the early days. Some premiers torpedoes a conference, others banged the table and held out for better deals. All now are in except Quebec's Maurice Duplessis, a zealot for retention of provincial taxation rights.

Basis of the agreements, in simplified terms, is that the consenting provinces swap to the federal government their rights to personal and corporation income tax, along with succession duties for most provinces, in return for payments from the federal treasury.

Meanwhile, the treasury has been harvesting these tax fields turned over by the provinces. In the fiscal year ended last March 31, the federal government turned over to the nine provinces in the agreements \$327,400,000 in return for the tax concessions.

Rough calculations by federal officers are to the effect that this is about \$38,000,000 more than the nine provinces themselves would have collected had they retained the leased taxing power and applied what Ottawa considers normal tax rates.

The officials making these estimates admit, however, that they are little more than guesses and do not indicate what any single province might have done in one tax field or another.

Few Farm Loan Losses

Farmers borrowed more than \$500,000,000 in the last 10 years to improve farms under government-guaranteed bank loans. In that period the loan loss amounted to only \$149,814.

The loans dropped sharply in 1954, however, in the wake of poor harvests and low farm incomes, and losses increased though they still were small when compared with borrowings.

This development turned up in the annual report to Parliament on the Farm Improvement Loans Act tabled by Finance Minister Harris.

Total borrowings last year dropped to \$62,073,000 from \$93,892,760 in 1953. The numbers of loans made decreased to 58,572 from 83,962. Loan losses covered by federal payments increased to \$59,043 from \$52, 878.

C. A. Martin Named To Halton and Peel Trust Directorate

At the first general meeting of shareholders of the Halton and Peel Trust & Savings Company, held in Oakville last week, A. S. Nicholson, Burlington, was elected president.

From Acton W. J. Beatty was named to the Board of Directors.

Directors are: A. S. Nicholson, Burlington; O. E. Manning and J. A. Roberts, Oakville; C. A. Martin, Milton; W. J. Beatty, Acton; E. D. Goulding, Toronto; H. R. Lawrence, Brampton; E. Barringham, R. Holders, Amsterdam, Holland; E. M. Milne and P. A. Fisher, Burlington; J. Pengilly, Clarkson; J. R. Barber, Georgetown.

Vice Presidents are A. E. Manning, J. A. Roberts and C. A. Martin. Fifty-two shareholders were present, representing 34,762 shares out of a total of 45,386.

Mr. Manning, general manager, reported good business in their first month of operation and advised that the capital authorized is \$2,000,000, subscribed \$453,860, and paid in \$243,310. He also stated that 75,000 shares will be offered at \$11 a share.

A number of shareholders from various sections of Halton and Peel Counties expressed their belief that the Company is serving a definite need in the community and they were optimistic in their remarks about the future of the local Company.

Booth Guernsey Given Certificate

A gold medal certificate for Long-time Production was awarded by the Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association to Hunterholm Primrose a "Very Good" Guernsey cow owned by Wm. G. Booth, Milton, Ontario, when her latest record of 8973M-449F made 11 years of age in 365 days brought her Lifetime Production to 82232 lbs. milk and 4167 lbs. butterfat, made in 9 lactations for an average of 9137 lbs. milk and 463 lbs. fat. Seven of her records were made in 305 days and all on twice daily milking.

Other records are 9087-442-3yr-305; 9365-483-4yr-305; 9915-496-5yr-305; 9463-506-8yr-305 and 9423-461-10yr-305. She is sired by Oakfield Anna's Prospect who in addition to "Primrose" has 4 R.O.P. Daughters—Valley View Nina; 10533-527-4yr-305; 11263-581-5yr-365; Valley View Dolly 3rd; 10972-522-6yr-365; Westmount Princess Anna; 7118-358-2yr-305 and Hunterholm Mary; 9065-431-4yr-305. Her dam is Sunny Crest Prim.

The Canadian Guernsey Breeders Association has awarded a Silver Certificate to Homecrest Bannie Lass a Guernsey cow owned and bred by Emerson E. Featherstone & Sons, Oakville, Ontario, on the completion of her latest record of 9785M-587F made as a seven-year-old, which brought her total recorded production to 52819 lbs. milk and 3250 lbs. fat made in six lactations for an average of 8903 lbs. milk and 541 lbs. fat.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane
Women's Travel Authority

Forty pounds of luggage is enough for any woman. I know, because I just completed a 10,000-mile tour of the country with that amount—and I had more clothes than I actually needed.

The whole trick is simplicity itself. Here's what I did:

I wore a neat grey gabardine suit for my basic driving costume. The skirt was wide and the shoulders of the jacket roomy enough for comfortable sitting. I carried one plain blouse and one rather dressy nylon blouse, both of which wash in a jiffy and need no ironing. Occasionally, I substituted a lightweight cardigan for the jacket.

I took three sets of quick-drying nylon undies and stockings, one set of jewellery for both sport and dress outfits, one pair of low-heeled shoes for driving, a simple beret-type hat, and a head scarf.

That's enough for your basic needs—but you still have pounds to go. For more formal wear, take one basic, solid-colour dress, a number of simple but smart accessories for trimming, a pair of high-heeled shoes, dressy hat and you're set in the formal department.

Now, for the rest of your wardrobe: a playsuit with a detachable skirt (seersucker is nearly wrinkle-proof), a rugged life costume consisting of shorts, pedal pushers and classic sports blouse, pullman slippers, a dressing gown, nylon nightgown or pajamas, toilet articles, a lightweight travel iron.

You now have about forty pounds, including the bag—enough for a trip across-country and back.

Did You Know?

May 2-9 is National Correct Posture Week, sponsored by the Canadian Association of Chiropractors and throughout the U.S.A., by the National Chiropractic Association. The aim is to focus attention on body mechanics and promote the development of good habits of posture among the North American people.

Posture is body carriage; it is not static, but is a constantly changing orientation of the body in space, and requires constant muscular effort against the force of gravity.

Man, in adopting the erect posture, carries his spine as a vertical column. This poses a problem not found in animals, where the spine is carried as a horizontal beam supported by four limbs.

While it is true that our posture is largely unconscious and reflects our changing physical and emotional states, we may profit greatly by studying the mechanical principles and developing good habits.

Posture is important. It is a matter of great interest to military and health authorities, athletic instructors and manufacturers of furniture, automobiles and a host of others. Chiropractic Research has contributed much valuable information; this information should be part of the education of every Canadian.

GOOD CITIZEN

Marpole, B.C. (CP)—Bruce Harvey, principal of David Lloyd George elementary school, has been named honorary mayor of this town seven miles south of Vancouver as the "man who contributed most to the community in the last year."

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