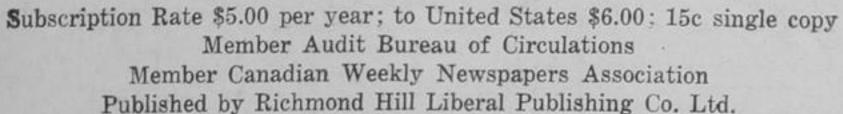
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Edgar Benson's Socialist "Mandarins"

The federal White Paper on Tax Reform remains suspended like a Damoclean sword over the heads of Canadian business and certain classes of Canadian citizens.

Opposition to the proposed tax changes has come from almost every sector of business and industry. A tremendous volume of credible facts and figures has been produced to suggest the probable damage that could be done to the economy if the more stringent provisions of the paper are implemented.

Canada's urbane Minister of Finance Edgar Benson, heedful of the storm of protest, has been obliged to make some soothing sounds but without actually retreating from his original position and that is that the tax reforms are necessary, proper and long over-due. Mr. Benson promises to give careful consideration to the views of the White Paper's critics before proceeding to bring in legislation.

The uneasy business community draws little comfort from the Minister's bland brand of soothing sirup. And business has found still more cause for concern in a recent offhand remark by Prime Minister Trudeau that if the people of Canada did not like the policies of his government they could "lump it."

The White Paper, offspring of the Carter Report, has been cynically described as a document that bears all the trademarks of something hatched by a Socialist philosophy. Certainly the Trudeau Government has shown leanings in that direction. And there is no disputing that a not inconsiderable number of highranking civil servants in policy-shaping areas of the Trudeau Administration have had strong political ties with the former CCF-NDP government in Saskatchewan.

When the Thatcher Liberals deposed the CCF Socialists in Saskatchewan some of the former government's top advisers and planners gravitated to Ottawa and were placed in positions of influence in the fed-

eral civil service. A number of these are now closely associated with Mr. Benson in the finance office. As senior aides and advisors they accompanied Benson to last June's Finance Ministers' Conference at Winnipeg.

Prominent in this group was T. K. (Tommy) Shoyama who joined the Saskatchewan Civil Service in 1946. From 1951 to 1961, he was senior economic advisor to the CCF Government and secretary of the Saskatchewan Economic Advisory Planning Board, a director of the government finance office, the Saskatchewan Power Corporation and the Saskatchewan Minerals Corp. When Tommy Douglas resigned as premier in 1962 to accept the national leadership of the New Democrats, Mr. Shoyama was granted leave of absence to put his considerable talents at the service of Douglas and the NDP.

Today, Mr. Shoyama occupies one of the top positions in the federal finance office. He is the Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, federal fiscal policy and economic programs

The elite group of advisors around Mr. Benson includes a former deputy provincial treasurer of Saskatchewan -A. W. (Al) Johnson. Mr. Johnson joined the CCF civil service in 1946 and first served as director of the administrative management division of the government budget bur-

Mr. Johnson is now listed in the Ottawa government directory as secretary of the Federal Treasury Board and economic advisor to Prime Minister Trudeau.

Another familiar face in the Benson entourage was that of Art Wakabayashi. Mr. Wakabayashi held a number of senior positions with the CCF, including director of the budget bureau and deputy provincial treasurer. He is now a senior officer in the Treasury Board.

Still another Benson man is W. L. (Bill) Haney who served the CCF government as administrative assistant to the provincial treasurer, commissioner of the local government board and later as board chairman. Mr. Haney joined the federal government in 1966 and is a senior officer in the federal-provincial relations branch, Finance Department.

The old CCF government of Tommy Douglas has contributed quite a lot of talent to the federal civil service. D. H. F. Black is another disciple of Canadian socialism who arrived in Saskatchewan after his defeat as a CCF candidate in Eastern Canada. Following the Thatcher take-over Mr. Black quit as deputy-minister of Industry and Commerce and wound up at Ottawa. He holds a senior position in the Canadian International Development Agency of the federal government.

Donald L. Tansley is vice-president of operations in the federal developmen agency. He is a former director of the CCF government's budget bureau, executive director of the finance office, chairman of the Saskatchewan Medical Care Insurance Commission, and acting deputy provincial treasurer.

The ex-Saskatchewanites in Mr. Benson's department are all highly qualified people. But in light of their previous political affiliation (and in most cases they were politically active) one cannot help but wonder to what extent they influence finance office policy and what part they have played in the drafting of the White Paper.

The New Democratic Party not only supports Mr. Benson's proposed tax reforms, but contends that the government should go much further in taxing business and Canadians in middle income brackets.

If this same position on taxation is expoused by the ex-Saskatchewan bloc in the finance office, who obviously have the ear of Mr. Benson, the task of persuading Ottawa to take a more moderate approach to tax reform is not made easier.

In view of the political backgrounds of the people advising Mr. Benson, it is perhaps not surprising that the White Paper is a document with a decided Socialist flavor.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Buy An Apple This Saturday

Saturday Boy Scouts and Cubs in uniform will be out in force to sell apples throughout York Summit District, the southern part of York County. Scout Apple Day is their one money-making event a year and the public is urged to show its support of this movement, which develops leadership abilities and makes good citizens, by buying an apple. There is no set price, so be as generous as you can.

At least one group of boys have gone all out to make the day successful. They spent last Saturday picking the delicious fruit they will be offering for your enjoyment.

In the montage above members of the 6th Thornhill Group which meets in the Bayview Glen Public School, exemplify the Scout Movement, which is seeking your assistance this Saturday. They are (left to right) Scout David Watts, Assistant Scoutmaster Bill Whelan and Cub Bruce Rose. Sponsor of this active group is the Bayview Glen and Area Association.

Free Concerts Begin At Scarboro College

Once again this year the University of Toronto's Scarboro College is presenting a series of free Sunday concerts in the meeting place of the college, Military Trail south of Ellesmere Road in West Hill. The concerts will begin half an hour earlier this year, at 3:15 pm, and there will be guided tours at 2:30 pm for visitors who wish to view the ultra-modern building.

The opening concert this Sunday will be presented by the Hart House Orchestra conducted by Boyd Neel. They will perform the works of Johann Sebastian Bach, including the Overture in G Minor and the Violin Concerto in G

guest artist. There were many favorable comments following Mr. Polten's performance last year, reports Music Director Peter Butler.

The concerts between November 1 and December 20 will include performances by the Devonshire Singers, a Madrigal group directed by Gary Crichton: The University of Toronto Chorus performing Handel's Oratorio "Semele"; a tribute to Canada Music Week by the Scarboro School System; and a special Christmas production of "Amahl And The Night Visitors" by Gian Carol Menotti conducted by Lloyd Bradshaw and produced by James Col-

After Christmas there will be two symphony concerts conducted by Walter Babiak featuring works by Beethoven to honor the tri-centenary of his birth. There will also be an exhibition of the life of Beethoven at the college in February.

Each concert will run for approximately one hour with no intermission.

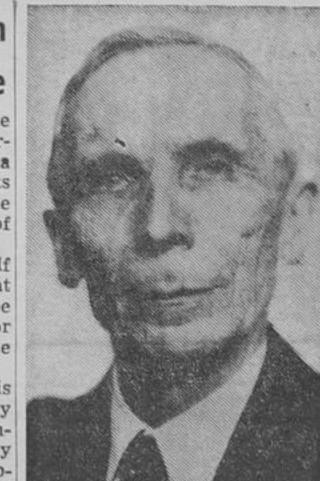
Markham Branch RCMT

Music teachers of Markham Township will have an opportunity to observe a demonstration examination when the Markham Township Chapter of the Royal Conservatory of Music of Toronto Alumni Associa-

tion meets next Monday. John Bailey, principal of the North Toronto Branch of the RCMT is to be a guest at the meeting, which will begin at 10 am and is to be held at the home of Mrs. E. G. Clark, Orchard Boulevard, Town of Markham.

An experienced examiner, Mr. Bailey will conduct the demonstration for the benefit of the members present.

WANT EXTRA INCOME? A temporary job may be the answer. Read the Help Wanted Columns in "The Liberal" every week for job opportunities througout York County.



DR. CLARENCE CHANT

DR. FRANK HOGG

The following Sunday the brilliant young classical guitarist, Martin Polten, will be the

Two former residents of Richmond Hill are among six Canadians (five astronomers and one psychicist), all deceased, to be honored by having their names given to features on the rear of the moon. Both men were on the staff of the University of Toronto.

Professor Clarence Chant, who died in 1956, was the first director of the David Dunlap Observatory, located on the height of land in Markham Township, just south of the present town limits. He lived in Observatory House on the same property until his death. Dr. Chant is credited with giving a strong impetus to astronomy in Canada. as well as doing research in other fields such as reception by wire or electric waves.

Professor Frank Hogg, who died in 1951, was also director of the observatory. He lived on Richmond Street, served on the former Richmond Hill High School Board and was first chairman of the York Central District High School Board.

He was concerned with spectroscopic investigations and astro-navigation during World War II.

Lunar maps with the new nomenclature were circulated the International Astronomical Union meeting in Brighton, England, last month. This is the third naming of lunar features. In a number of cases the same name represents more than one person. For instance Crater Hogg is also named for Dr. Arthur Hogg, an Australian astron-

On My Mother

When I was just a little girl Maybe four or five I'd look at my mother and think in alarm How can she still be alive?

Her hands seemed hideously wrinkled Her teeth were not her own Her eyes were generously crinkled She was destined to be an old crone.

But when I grew much older And could see through wiser eves I was astonished to see she had cheated time Yet I thought time told no lies.

They merely told tales of her life Of tending the ill and scrubbing the floor Of being playmate, mother, and wife. Her eyes were suddenly lovely

Her hands — no they weren't wrinkled

They sparked and danced when she smiled Those crinkles around the corners Were where thousands of laughs had piled. Old? — No she is far from old

Far from a cane and grey head She'll never be old to her many friends Not even when she is dead.

And when the grass is green on her grave When the grief of her passing is less Her memory will always be one of joy The echo of her laugh a caress.

> ANGELA COX, 114 Hall Street, Richmond Hill.

Frank Grimm, 17, of New-his son struggled with the un-Financially, the necessary ac- market will appear in the Ont- invited visitor through the quisitions both within and be- ario Supreme Court at the next house for 10 minutes, until

Peter Hay of Newmarket tes- Grimm stood naked in his cell

\$6,000).

Socialists Are Human After All

That certainly was a strange little drama enacted at the recent Ontario NDP Convention in Toronto when retiring Provincial Leader Donald Mac-Donald was honored with the presentation of nothing less than a Buick LeSabre by the party faithful. This car is no ordinary proletarian model designed to provide reliable transportation. An expensive American imported model, this Buick LeSabre is complete with such "capitalistic" extras as air conditioning and an automatic trunk door.

One would think the Socialists would like to reduce everyone to one common level of mediocrity could have set a better example to the rest of us poor mortals. Surely it would have been more in keeping if they

presented their retiring chieftan with, say, a Chevrolet or Ford or perhaps even a Volkswagen. It is hard to believe, too, that in the face of their repeated harsh criticisms of our good neighbors to the south they would select an imported American model car. Of course their apologists have been quick to answer this accusation by stating some of the parts are made right here in good old Canada.

However, the whole episode proves once again that even the most avowed Socialists really enjoy middle class affluence as much as the rest of us do. Scratch a Socialist and you will discover a human being with the same likes and dislikes, hopes and dreams as everyone else.

York County Lawyers Set Up Speakers' Panel

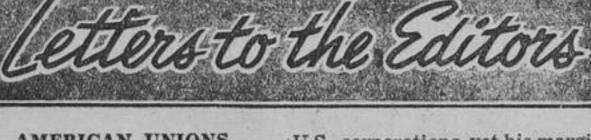
Schools, service clubs, wo-wills, estate planning, taxation, be prepared to attend their men's groups and other associ- criminl law, commercial and meeting and address them on Our report suggested modifations in York County will have company law, municipal law, the subject selected. an opportunity to learn about the law as a vocation, etc. The York North Law Assoc- which largely reflect my In making the announcement lation is a group of lawyers own thinking.

At a recent meeting of the the association's president, Ross who practice law north of executive of the York North Linton, invites interested Law Association, members groups to contact him or his as one of their objectives the port. It is a necessarily named to create a greater a greater a greater a greater as a gre agreed to create a speakers' secretary at 895-4571 and let panel with an aim to increase them know what subject they public knowledge of the law. would like a lawyer to speak to idents.

A number of lawyers prace them about.

Creation of a separate judic-long report going into the ial district for the area so as background of our thinking to improve service to local residents. A number of lawyers prac- them about.

ticing in the county will be They will be given the tele- the Newmarket law firm of ters indicated to me were available on request to speak on phone numbers of one or more Stiver, Vale, Peppiatt and Er- of prime concern in York subjects such as real estate, lawyers in their area who would rington.



AMERICAN UNIONS DOMINATE NDP

Dear Mr. Editor: As an interested observer at

vention, I was puzzled.

642, a margin of 546 votes. If of Ontario. we believe the press and the JOHN MEDCOF union leader interviewed on television at the convention,

over Walter Pitman by 1,188 to speaks for the ordinary citizens Mount Albert

American unions,

tion of Canada by international resort centre near Norval.

Keep The Future Green relieve the concrete of Euro-

(New York Times)

In an age that lives fiercely pean cities. for the day, it is vital to have Besides converting and exsomebody thinking a generation panding public holdings in the U.S. corporations, yet his margin ahead. While most of the world cities, the association calls for of victory came from the Cana- is preoccupied with the awe- the preservation of the Appaladian local of international some problem of the moment, chian chain as a great "green the Regional Plan Association backdrop." Specifically it pro-If the government is under and its president, Dr. John poses a park system of 10,000 the recent Ontario NDP Con- the thumb of U.S. corporations Keith, are trying to assure East square miles from West Virginia Stephen Lewis was elected ver Walter Pitman by 1 188 to from now if there are to survive tion easy access to one-fifth of with any humanity in the the national parkland.

megaloplis. One approach to the preser- youd the cities would come to assizes, on a charge of unlaw-police arrived. vation of urban sanity is to some \$350 million a year for fully being in a dwelling house. Further testimony revealed

Lewis got at least 90% of 750 STOUFFVILLE — The east bring more green into the cities the next twenty years. A lot of He was committed for trial in that it took two officers to subof the 830 union votes. The NDP end business of Sanders Gulf, rather than drive citizens to the money? Not when you contemregular party members pre-operated by Bill Sanders for distant outskirts for relief. This plate the \$4 billion a year now October 9. ferred Pitman by about 642 to the past 20 years, has been involves conversion of river going into the hard concrete of sold to Ken Roberts and Roy fronts, harbors and outmoded highways. Not, above all, when first through his living room police bring him "a pure un-Lewis won on a radical, socialist, anti-American platform denouncing our branch plant economy and the domination of Canada by international resort centre near Norval.

Sold to Ken Roberts and Roy
Ward, local men. The business military installations from shabsuch acquisitions are viewed as military installations from shabby blights to urban adornments with the refreshing quality of a society can still guarantee to its heirs.

Fronts, harbors and outmoded military installations from shabsuch acquisitions are viewed as window April 26 at 2 am. Mr.
Hay said he ordered his wife and daughter to lock themseland daughter to lock themselthose greens and gardens that the youth crashed neadmilitary installations from shabby blights to urban adornments with the refreshing quality of a society can still guarantee to its heirs.

qualification than at pres-

 Professionals to account on an accrual basis, as is normal business practice, with fair reserves for writeoff of doubtful or bad accounts. Work in process not included.

This is as brief as I can possibly be and still cover the areas of major interest. Many of these highlights are qualified or expanded in the report itself. There are, too, many areas such as utilities, goodwill, foreign source income and others which I have not attempted to cover

We have tried to make certain that most Canadians do not pay unduly for the benefits few may enjoy. Hard arithmetic still hits the upper middle income earner the most, yet the increases in this income range are not major and are certainly much less than they would be if other forms of income, such as capital gains, were not subject to taxation. (In the proposals, the increases for

These rates may be modified as a result of our other proposals and Finance Minister Edgar Benson has committed himself to rate

reductions if the total pack-

age results in income beyond

current budgetary require-

of \$8,000 is \$83, or \$96 at

ments. In summary, we have tried to make proposals which are fair, acceptable as any taxes can be, as reasonably understandable as any taxes can be, allow for appeal procedures, permit advance rulings (already announced by the Minister of National Revenue), avoid retroactivity and permit the greatest and most healthy growth of our economy in a society which

that is just. We now look forward to Part 4 which is the legislation in the spring. It should very much reflect our recommendations.

moves a bit closer to one

(I have a limited number of copies of this report if you write for one. Otherthe "average family" - a wise, they should be availmarried couple with two de- able from the Queen's Prinpendent children under six- ter, Ottawa, or at 221 Yonge teen - are \$17 if the in- St., Toronto. I shall also come is \$10,000, \$177 if see that copies are available \$15,000. The latter figure for reference at all public • Mining and oil indus- is the maximum increase in libraries in the federal ridtries to continue to receive the \$10,000 to \$30,000 in- ing of York North as well special consideration. In come range. By contrast, as the offices of the weekly

Commons Committee Suggests Six Major Changes White Paper White Paper On Tax Reform - Part 3 By BARNEY DANSON MP Firstly, I should mention

York North The publication of the White Paper itself was Part 1. The public hearings and national debate were Part 2. The report of the Commons Committee On Finance is Part 3. I urge you to secure copies of this report from the Queen's Printer in Ottawa. It will give an interesting insight into the considerations which must be taken in structuring a satisfactory tax system.

For the most part, the report is in layman's language, though certain complex sections may be tedious reading. Your reaction will be of interest to me. The reaction of the government is crucial.

In my initial column on the White Paper itself, I indicated six principal areas which I thought required

however, highlight those Mr. Linton is a member of areas which some 3,000 let-

that our three principal conclusions were that (1) the tax load on lower income Canadians should be reduced; (2) there should be some sort of capital gains tax; (3) growth of the economy must be a central consider-

ation in our tax system. HIGHLIGHTS • The income of a single person should not be reduced by income taxes below \$1,500 for a single person, or \$2,900 for a married couple as suggested in the original proposals.

• Deductions for child care expenses, when both parents are working, up to \$500 per child under fourteen, or a maximum of \$2,000 per family, as originally proposed.

 Employment expense, for such things as tools, special clothing, etc., of \$150. We further recommended that this be increased as soon as possible to include greater amounts if

ance premiums deductible and payments received to be added to the total yearly income for tax purposes. Expenses involved in

moving to a new job to be deductible. National amateur athletic associations and gifts of art, scientific collections,

to public institutions to be added to deductible charit-

• The maximum rate of tax to be reduced only to 60%, rather than to 50% as proposed in the White Pa-• The 50% rate to apply

in the range exceeding \$30,-000, rather than approximately \$25,000 as proposed, and the maximum 60% rate apply on that exceeding More generous income

averaging provisions, particularly for widows an- orph-The possible retroactive

effects on lump sum with-

drawals and profit-sharing plans eliminated. · Capital gains generally at half the rate of one's personal income tax.

· Principal residence, in-

cluding one acre of land, exempt from capital gains tax. · Capital gains tax not to apply to sales of personal property at a a price of \$1,000 or less per item or set, losses on items or sets costing under \$1,000 not al-

• Unemployment in sur- lowed. No capital gains on shares which increase in value after Valuation Day if the sale price is less than that actually paid prior to Valuation Day.

e Substantial revision of estate tax laws which would eliminate federal taxes of estates below \$150,000 and not to apply on estates under \$800,000, rather than the present \$300,000. (Agreement to be sought with the provinces as they are the main recipients of this tax and also levy own succession

the maximum rate of tax

 Widely-held (public) and closely-held (private) companies to be treated much the same insofar as the integration of income is concerned. There is an option recom-

mended to permit closelyheld Canadian-controlled companies the advantage of full integration. This is a complex and widely misunderstood area of the White Paper proposals which our report covers in considerable detail and is worthwhile reading for every business-

 Incentives to smaller. growing businesses. (This is the subject of a special study by the Department of Finance. The principal objective is to provide the necessary capital for a small company to grow, rather than a tax advantage for incorporating which others don't en-

 Conventions, seminars and business expenses continue to be deductible where reasonable and nec-

most respects this will re- the reductions for the same newspapers).