

Parliament budget recall needed

By SINCLAIR STEVENS, M.P.L.

It would be May next year before the general effects of a November budget could be felt, yet the Trudeau government continues to delay calling Parliament back to consider such a budget. As it is now planned, Parliament will not sit until October 17th. If it was right to call Parliament into session to put the air traffic controllers back to work — and I think it was —

is a hundred-fold more important to put Parliament back to work to ensure that there will be work for the thousands who will be needlessly out of jobs this winter. Parliamentarians don't need their present ten-week recess in spite of what the Prime Minister states. There is too much to be done in charting a new economic course for Canada, for Parliament to sit idle. As we wait, grizzly economic figures pile up. Unemployment, now

over eight per cent — twice the level forecast by the Economic Council of Canada for this period — will likely result in over one million being out of work this winter. Inflation roars on at over eight per cent — well above the government's target — and three times the level anticipated by the Economic Council. Trade in the last quarter fell into an annualized deficit of \$6.5 billion, the highest in history, and at a time the administration an-

icipated the deficit would lessen. The government's own operating deficit in July was \$299 million compared to \$85 million last July. The Canadian travel deficit reached over \$400 million in the last quarter — a tenfold increase compared to four years ago. Our Foreign Exchange reserves have slumped to their lowest level since 1971 and now represent only 1½ months of our imports.

The Dollar in relation to the U.S. dollar has slipped 10 cents from \$1.03 to its present 93 cents since November. Productivity among our workers continues to lag compared to other countries, making us relatively uncompetitive internationally. Investor confidence is at a low with Stock Exchange values crumbling year by year in real terms. The impact of this lack of productivity and sagging business confidence has been reflected in our area with layoffs and plant shut-downs such as we have had or will have at Harper-Oak and Sisman's. Our economic morass is illustrated by our drabby real growth. That

is, growth without inflation. For the past three years such growth has been stalled at one-half of one per cent per capita per year. Expressed another way, we have been in a recession since the spring of 1974. We have not had full employment in Canada since 1967. With this background, it is surprising to hear Mr. Macdonald, the Minister of Finance state, "We have gone through an interesting process." But he plans no new budget. That is sad news for Canadians. It is not whether our present recession will slip into a depression — I don't think it will — it is knowing that we could do so much better that hurts.

Sinclair Stevens talks on illegal uranium cartel show

TORONTO — York-Simcoe MP Sinclair Stevens last Sunday participated in a CBC radio broadcast which is apparently illegal. Parts of a document dealing with an alleged federal government uranium cartel were aired on the program Sunday Morning, hosted by Warner Troyer. Mr. Troyer said that

according to a privy council regulation no one may disclose or discuss anything to do with "the production, the import, the export, the transportation, the refining, possession, ownership, the use or the sale of uranium or its derivatives." "What we're doing right now," said Mr. Stevens, "is an offence,

apparently, under this regulation." According to Mr. Stevens the regulation carries penalties of up to \$10,000 or a maximum jail term of five years. Extracts from a document, which according to Mr. Troyer were legally obtained from a U.S. congressional committee, were then read over the air. Mr. Stevens main-

tains that the cartel will cost the average Metro family about \$20 to \$30 a year in increased hydro costs as the Toronto area is served by the Pickering nuclear station. Mr. Stevens is the Progressive Conservative energy critic. During the 1972-75 cartel period the price of uranium escalated almost 700 per cent, from \$6 to \$40.

Attitudes assessed from regional home inspection

(Continued from page 1) gathered during the interview: the kind of neighbourhood, the woman's attitude toward the job, possible problems from her own children. Some of the other requirements of providers are: a safety inspection of the home by local fire officials; a medical examination and chest x-ray; and a safety check of the home following a checklist provided by the region. Considerations on Mrs. Bowles' own checklist for providers include: a sensitive and warm manner with children; eagerness to learn about the role of provider; a self-confident and relaxed manner; acceptance of the region's "no spanking" policy; familiarity with nutrition and meal planning; and common sense about home hazards. Once accepted, providers agree to care for and teach the children through a program of activities and occasional

outings, to supply them with a nutritious lunch and two snacks daily, and to look after the record-keeping. Children aged six weeks to 10 years are eligible for the program, which makes it more flexible than at centres where only children aged six months to five years can be admitted. Providers bill the region monthly, according to the following schedule: children under two years, \$7 per day; children from two to five years, \$7 per day; half-day for school children, \$6

per day; and for those needing pre-school or after school only, \$4 per day. The costs, funded 80 per cent by the province, compare favorably with those of running municipal centres: infants, \$79 per week; pre-school children, \$52 per week; handicapped children, \$79 per week with a \$64 per week provincial subsidy. (The above costs are those of running the centre; fees paid by parents are somewhat lower, and do not cover costs.) Workshops on other areas of interest to providers are being scheduled by the region.

Up to five children — not more than two below the age of two years and not more than three below the age of three years — can be taken into a home. That number includes the children of the provider. Before starting her program, each provider is required to spend two weeks in either a municipal centre or a private day care centre to observe programs and the handling of children.

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Day care pay is not enough

MALTON — Jan Fitzgerald admits that her job isn't physically demanding. But she thinks it's a responsible one — and should be paid accordingly. Mrs. Fitzgerald is a private home day care provider for Peel Region. She got into the program two years ago when she approached a Canada Manpower Centre seeking employment, and instead decided to answer notices about the day care program. The children arrive around 8 a.m. and are allowed to play for a short time indoors, and then outdoors. A period of craftwork or artwork is followed by lunch. A quiet time in which each child goes to a separate room to either read or sleep lasts about an hour. Afternoons are taken up by further play or programs, or by an outing. Peel fees are slightly lower than those approved by York: children under two years, \$5.50; children over two years, \$5; and \$2.50 for children that attend a half-day. She thinks they should be set at \$6 per day — which still wouldn't bring the wage to the equivalent of \$1. per hour, but would be a better indication of the responsibility she feels she's taking for the development of the children in her care. The money she receives allows her to break even on the cost of feeding, entertaining and providing for children with crafts.

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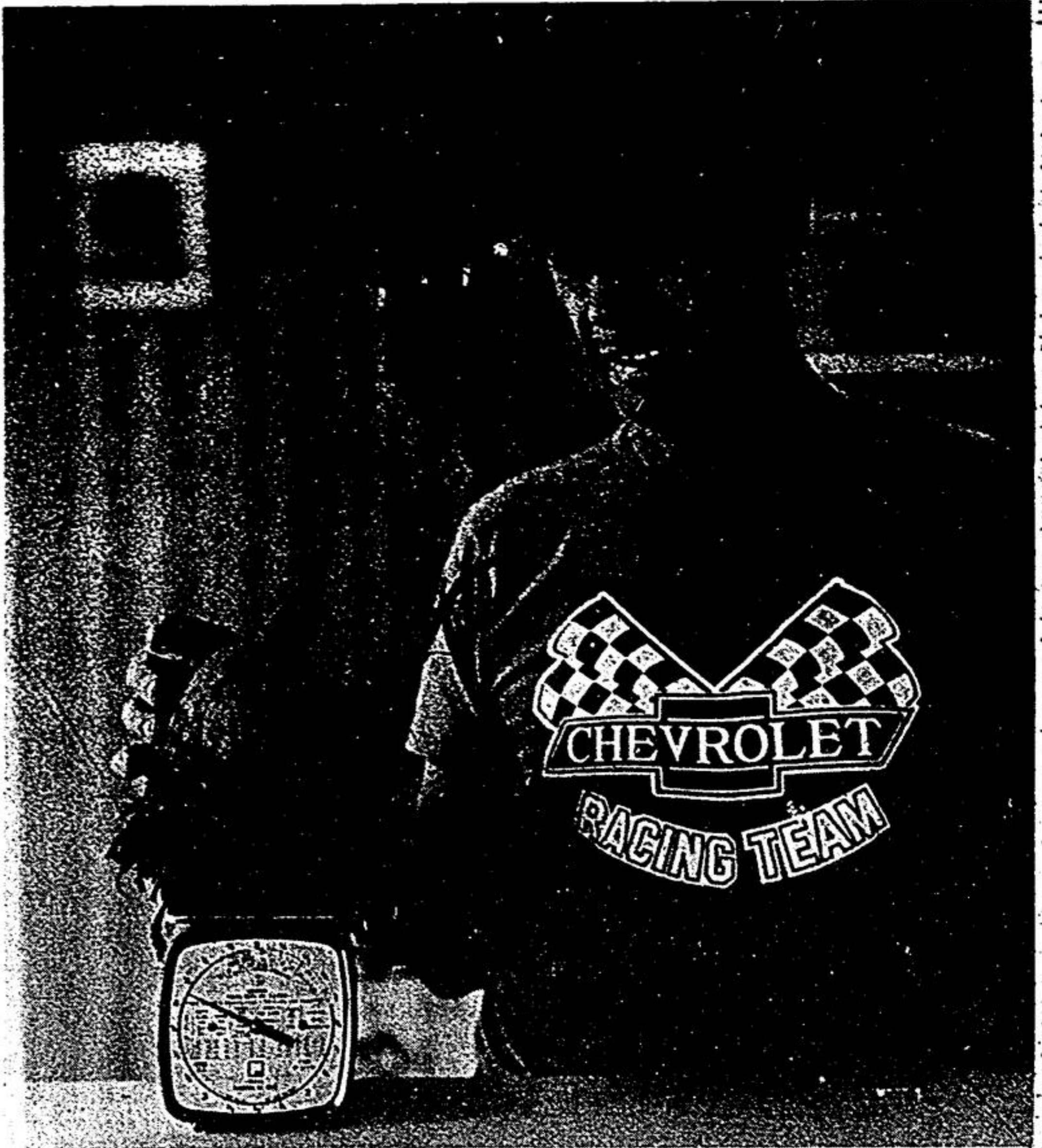
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This immense table beet weighing four and one-half pounds and with a circumference of 20 and one-half inches was brought into The Tribune office by Cec Stickwood of Ballantree. Mr. Stickwood was not the grower but he brought it in for Joe Fockler of Ringwood, who, according to Mr. Stickwood although immensely proud of his mammoth vegetable, was too shy to bring it in himself. We would be interested in hearing from any other readers who have grown oversized vegetables in their gardens. We won't be able to compare them with Mr. Fockler's beet, though, as we fear Mr. Stickwood has already devoured it. John Montgomery



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