



LET'S SHED SOME TEARS FOR THE PRIME MINISTER

The main news features for the past couple of weeks have related to the closing down of the A. V. Roe Plant at Malton which threw, originally, 14,000 people out of work. This circumstance in itself is enough to arouse the natural sympathy of anyone. Furthermore it is hardly a time to easily find an answer to justify the action. As a consequence, the man who announced the program to produce the CP-105 aircraft was terminated, was called almost every name in the book. It happened to be the Prime Minister of Canada, the Rt. Hon. John Diefenbaker. On the fateful Friday the announcement was made, the Prime Minister's popularity in Canada reached its lowest ebb since he became a public figure. Why did he do it? was the question commonly asked.

Events since that time have changed public opinion. Facts have been revealed to prove the product of the A. V. Roe Corporation, namely the CP-105, is useless as an instrument of defence for Canada. And that was its sole purpose.

The plane had been ordered into production at a time when it appeared wise to do so. This was in 1945 when the Liberal Government was in power. Plans proceeded at the taxpayers expense until it amounted to a cool \$1,500,000. From the beginning, until two weeks ago, thousands of employees had a fine place to work at wages they liked and under working conditions equally attractive.

The present Government felt heir to a situation that had to be faced in terms of reality. There was no other solution but to cancel the product under contract with this firm. There was never any suggestion that the conditions relating to cancellation, which had existed from the beginning would not be met. It also turned out that everyone associated with the project, except the Company, was reasonably satisfied with the action of the Government would take this spring, by reason of an announcement last September.

A recent report by Pierre Berton, Toronto Star columnist, gives the whole story of the A. V. Roe development as head of the Department of Highways. He also headed the newly formed Department of Transport. He was, for a time, Minister of Public Works and now is Provincial Treasurer and head of the Treasury Board. He presented even our friend Sam Morris with his first Budget last year and only

over to the Doherty interests by the Government at a price of \$2,000,000. (Although the Government had invested \$7,000,000 in it). There was no money paid down but simply a promise to pay for the plant with fifty per cent of the new Company's profits. No profits, no pay. Doherty then arranged for working capital through a Canadian Bank with the promise to pay the loan with the other fifty per cent of the Company's profits. Now these profits were to come from Government contracts to build a plane that would defend the people of Canada. Thirteen years later and with \$1,500,000 paid to his Company it turns out the A. V. Roe product is useless for such defence. However, in the meantime the A. V. Roe Company has expanded until it now owns eight other major Companies in Canada and a major interest in Algoma Steel. When out of V. Roe became a public figure and was given the option of buying shares which have subsequently doubled in value.

Faced with these facts what other solution was open to the Prime Minister? However, unfortunate it may be for the 14,000 people employed at A. V. Roe Malton (and many others who have been re-employed by the Company) it seems to us that it is just about time the laborer was directed in production that might conceivably be useful, and as one taxpayer, we're not in the least unhappy with the unpopular decision our Prime Minister had to make.

From time to time we have reminded our old friend Sam Morris just how fortunate we are in Haldimand-Norfolk to have a representative like the Hon. James N. Allan in the Provincial Legislature. Strangely enough, this is one point in which he seems to be in agreement with us. The ideal of democracy, of course, is to calmly choose one who appears to have the best qualifications to represent a constituency to qualify the candidate for a political party. This is exactly what the Progressive Conservative party in Haldimand-Norfolk did when they asked James N. Allan to allow his name to stand as a candidate. James N. Allan had given his home community and indeed the County of Haldimand outstanding service in various phases of public endeavor down through the years. His efforts in various phases in this direction had pointed him out as truly outstanding among his peers. What happened? He accepted a nomination as the representative of the Progressive Conservative party; was subsequently elected and re-elected. He has found support among his constituents.

This increasing support is what one would naturally expect as a result of his outstanding performance in the Government of Ontario. Following three years as a private member he was given a Ministerial appointment as head of the Department of Highways. He also headed the newly formed Department of Transport. He was, for a time, Minister of Public Works and now is Provincial Treasurer and head of the Treasury Board. He presented even our friend Sam Morris with his first Budget last year and only

## JOB MAKERS

CANADIAN manufacturing in each month of 1958 provided employment for an average of 1,146,156 Canadian men and women. This represented nearly 43 per cent of all non-agricultural employment in Canada.

The combined income of those engaged in manufacturing in 1958 was slightly less than \$5 billion or about 31 per cent of all Canadian wages, salaries, and supplementary labor income.

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## This Week -

Experts were still digging into the debris last Monday for clues to the cause of collapse of the Memorial Arena at Listowel, which crushed to death seven boys. Mr. Mitchell, director of the town 80 miles west of Toronto.

The weight of snow and ice on the roof generally was blamed for the tragedy, but an investigation was ordered to determine whether there was any flaw in materials or construction.

There were 35 persons, mostly boys, in the arena for a Saturday morning pee-wee hockey game when the disaster came. The night before the full weight of the roof came crashing down. Killed were Kenneth McLeod, 37, Listowel's recreational director; Jimmie Hastings, 10, Jackie Rheuboutin, 12, Brian Sechaven, 12, Barry Smith, 11, and Keith Wright, 10.

Eighteen other boys and coach Norman Stirling, 52, were injured. Witnesses said the east wall fell following quickly, their concrete block construction folding up like paper. There was a split-second pause before the roof crashed. Only the front section of the 220-foot building remained intact.

"They didn't have a chance," said arena manager Percy Knoblauch, who was a few feet inside the front section, fixing a drink dispenser. "I heard a tearing noise. The far end of the rink was twisting and falling."

There were strange quirks of fate. Five of the victims were killed near centre ice, the main impact point. But one boy standing in the face-off circle wasn't touched and walked to safety over the ruins.

The rink was built five years ago, for a community-owned structure costing about \$135,000. Much of the work was done by community volunteers.

Mr. Knoblauch said the roof and walls had been checked about two weeks earlier, when much of the snow was cleaned off. He said some hairline cracks in the walls had been repaired last summer, and suggested that inadequate waterproofing might have allowed water to seep into the cement blocks, where it could have frozen and expanded to weaken the walls.

The cracks had been in the rear wall, the first to fall. But Vernon H. Starr, who supervised the construction, said the weight of the roof was not resting on the walls but columns of concrete blocks set inside the wall.

On Sunday, an estimated 12,000 visitors from all parts of Ontario flocked to the site of the tragedy. Listowel folks were too grief-stricken to pay much attention to the crowds. The eight sealed caskets were arrayed at the Listowel United Church for a funeral service Monday.

An 18-member committee was formed at a meeting of citizens to organize a benefit fund for the victims.

Premier Frost plans to call a conference of leaders in industry and labor to discuss ways of maintaining employment at Avro Aircraft Limited and Avro Engine Limited plants in Malton, near Toronto.

Most of the work force of nearly 14,000 men at the two plants were laid off Friday as the federal government announced cancellation of the Avro Arrow jet interceptor airplane program.

Premier Frost said it may be possible to salvage some of the investment in the Arrow program by changing over to non-military production, not necessarily in the aviation field.

The Avro plant is a great United Kingdom-Canadian enterprise and I mean to do the best I can," Premier Frost said in a statement. "The cancellation of the Federal Government's contract to make the Arrow is not in my field. Any matter of national defence is a question for the Canadian government."

But it is my conviction that such an important establishment of such great scientific, industrial and technological value should continue to serve our province and our country."

Premier Frost said the conference he proposes would include the business and labor groups involved in the industry, along with municipal leaders.

The conference would "see what we can do by our joint efforts to ensure that the facilities of this great undertaking and the skill of our technicians and workers should play a proper part in the development of Canada."

"By that I mean the full development of Canada, not just its arms and defence. I am not thinking of wartime development of atom bombs or missiles— but the peacetime betterment of the nation and its people."

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THE SIBERIA TREATMENT

- By C. J. Harris -

The able Canadian writer Scott Young, who currently is sports columnist for the Toronto Globe and Mail, elicited some interesting comments from hockey authority Mr. Blair on the recent departure for Czechoslovakia of the Belleville Maroons to defend Canada's ownership of the world's amateur hockey championship. Mr. Blair, whose Whittby Dunlops team gained the title for Canada last year, says that any Canadian hockey team entered in a world tourney plays under a handicap - a tension created by knowing that if it fails to beat Russia, the team's members will be pilloried when they get back to Canada.

"The Russians played the best game of the tournament against us," Blair says of the 1958 games. "Their attitude was, 'If we lose, so what? We'll try again next year.' When they got back to Moscow, playing an exhibition game with the U.S. team, got a five-minute ovation when they dropped on the ice. Why? Because they put up such a good game against us. Can you imagine that happening to us if we lost? Our guys couldn't either. One of them told me before the game, 'If we lose this, I'm not even going home.'"

The comparison is startling. The general assumption here is that the Russian athlete who loses in international competition is asking for a one-way ticket to Siberia. But at least in international hockey the even if they are losers while the Canadians who can expect something like the Siberia treatment if they fail to win.

Joe hockey originated here and it qualifies as a national game. Our very best players are the professionals, of course, but a loss in international amateur play may be a disappointment without being a dishonor.

## News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

### RENTON

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Mitchell spent Monday and Tuesday last week in Toronto with Mr. Mitchell attending the Plowmen's Convention. Another Community Dance will be held in Wiggin Hall on Friday night at 8:00 p.m. The meeting of the Renton W.I. will be held at the home of Mrs. Chas. Mitchell.

Mr. Chas. Mitchell is a patient at the Nora Francis Henderson Hospital, Hamilton, at time of writing. Several from this vicinity attended the Commemoration held in the Wiggin Hall in Sincinco on Friday night.

Miss Ada McEwen of Toronto spent the week end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. McEwen.

Several members of the Renton W.I. attended the Course "Home Care for the Sick" held in Wiggin Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Ethel Bowyer of Hamilton has returned to her home after spending some time at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Leath.

Miss Donna Leatherdale of London spent the week end at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Don Leath.

ST. PAUL'S SOCIAL CLUB MEETING

St. Paul's Social Club held their regular meeting on Monday evening with a good attendance. After a short business session Mr. Don Baker spoke of the regret felt by everyone at the coming departure of Mr. and Mrs. James Leath from the parish. He pointed out how fully all the members of the family had entered into the life of the parish and wished them well in the future. Mr. Jos. Genery, the Rector's Warden, then made a presentation to the club on behalf of the congregation and Mrs. Buckley gave Mrs. Leath a gift from the Young Women's Club. Mrs. Wm. Davidson and Mrs. Robt. Dossie, Leathons replied suitably.

Some very interesting movies on Japan were shown by Mr. Kobayashi, Port Dover.

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## Local Items

Of Interest

JARVIS WOMENS INSTITUTE

The Jarvis Womens Institute will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bailey on Wednesday, March 11th. The call will be "A Memory Verse Learned in School or Play 5 c". The program consists of Mrs. K. Brunton, Lunch Committee - Mrs. A. L. Belbeck, Mrs. Wallace Mitchell, Mrs. Wm. Davidson and Mrs. Robt. Dossie.

The 4-H Club Meeting for the new project "Meet in the Menu" will be held at the home of Mrs. E. Harris on Saturday March 7th at 9:30 A.M. Girls interested in club work are welcome.

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