

2 News Agencies Urged

The Ontario Federation of St. Jean Baptiste Societies suggests the federal Government nationalize Canada's news agencies and create two new agencies, one French and one English, to further bilingualism in the country.

Since Canada's French-language newspapers subscribe to English-language agencies, the federation states in its brief scheduled to be presented today to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, English-language newspapers should have recourse to a French agency.

"As in many other countries that are not necessarily Socialist which have established appropriate national news services," the federation states, "Canada should nationalize its existing services and set up two parallel, self-contained agencies."

Criticize CP

OTTAWA (CP)—An Ottawa recreational and cultural club of 700 members, L'Institut Canadien-Français d'Ottawa, told the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism yesterday that no organ of communication in Canada gives French-speaking Cana-

dians impartial treatment except the CBC.

In its brief to the commission, the group was critical of the Canadian Press, which, it said, is directed by English-speaking personnel who naturally protect the interests of the majority.

"It would be advisable, we believe, to show the personnel of the Canadian Press how it could promote the concept of equality and awareness of our cultural heritage by spreading fewer errors and prejudices," the brief said.

"Too many of its reporters . . . castigate without pity, but in a veiled manner, those unfortunates who do not think like the English-speaking majority. How this agency has abused us!"

Andre Laurendeau, co-chairman of the royal commission, asked whether the group had studied Canadian Press copy systematically before making its criticism, or whether its brief was the fruit of general impressions in reading newspapers.

Raphael Pillion, literary director of the institute, said he was once a newspaperman himself and had been studying the question for 20 years.

B & B

French Protestant Balked

Journal News Services

OTTAWA — The problem of the French-Canadian Protestant, rejected by his own, occupied the attention of the Royal Commission on bilingualism and biculturalism Monday.

The problem was discussed as several recommendations were presented to the commission for sweeping reforms in line with the commissioners' call, in their preliminary report last week, for "major changes" to bring about a true partnership between the English and French-speaking societies.

ENTIRELY SECULAR

The United Church of Canada advocated a distinct and public system of French-language primary and secondary schools — entirely secular in nature — for all areas across the country where French Canadians are

concentrated in sufficient numbers.

Louis Foisy-Foley of Montreal, a member of the United Church of Canada's committee on the "great debate," claimed the French-Protestant also needs such schools.

He would not attend the present French schools because they are all Catholic and would not use the English-Protestant school because he wanted a French education for his children.

NUMBER INCREASING

The United Church brief noted that in the 1961 census, 87,485 Canadians of French origin declared themselves "United Church."

Of these, 38,864 lived in Ontario, 11,424 in British Columbia (numbering one sixth of its French population), and 9,154 in Quebec. And the num-

ber of such adherents was increasing at an accelerating rate.

Among the other organizations submitting briefs Monday, the Canada Council, a public body that distributes about \$2,500,000 annually in grants and scholarships to foster the arts and social sciences, said it needs more money to support vital cultural exchanges and contacts between the two language groups.

EDUCATION COUNCIL

The Royal Society of Canada, grouping 627 leading scholars and scientists, recommended that a council of educational operation be established at the national level to help the provinces standardize their education policies and methods.

The Canadian Library Association called on the federal government to devote \$5,000,000

to a new program to assist all libraries in publishing bilingual books and acquiring collections in the second language.

The Canadian Association of Comparative Law urged that all federal statutes and regulations be reviewed to ensure that they embody the principles and philosophy of Quebec's civil law system.

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Medical Care Plan Unveiled By B.C.

VICTORIA (CP)—The British Columbia government Monday introduced legislation designed to provide low-cost medical insurance to all residents who desire it through non-profit insurance agencies.

Premier Bennett said that under the voluntary plan "any person in the province will be able to get medical insurance irrespective of his age, health or medical status."

"This is not to be confused

with Alberta's plan. It's away more advanced.

He said under the legislation subsidies will be available to 25 per cent of the population. This did not count those persons who receive free medical care under welfare.

The Medical Grant Act introduced in the House by Provincial Secretary Wesley Black provides this form of coverage through non-profit insurance agencies:

• Fifty per cent subsidies of premiums for all persons who pay no federal income tax;

• Twenty-five per cent subsidies for persons whose taxable incomes are under \$1,000;

• Establishment of a medical grant stabilization fund which would subsidize premiums over a maximum set by regulations;

• Rates and services equal to that provided civil servants under government plan.

Mr. Bennett said \$1,000,000 will be put initially into the stabilization fund. Under it if a

person's health was so poor that his medical insurance premiums would be higher than the maximum set by the government, the fund would pay the amount over the maximum.

For instance if his premiums were, say, \$45 a month but the government maximum was \$32, then the fund would pay \$13.

Insurance agencies participating under the scheme must be certified by the government.

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REGINA (CP)—Girls in Saskatchewan couldn't care less what color gasoline is being used when they're courting in farm trucks.

This was revealed Monday in the legislature by Mineral Resources Minister A. C. Cameron commenting on criticism of the government's move to permit

the use of tax-free purple gasoline in farm trucks.

"The opposition claims that every farm boy will be doing his visiting and courting in a half-ton truck using purple gasoline," he said.

Mr. Cameron quoted an unidentified rural girl as saying: "Courting can be just as sweet on purple gas as on red gas."

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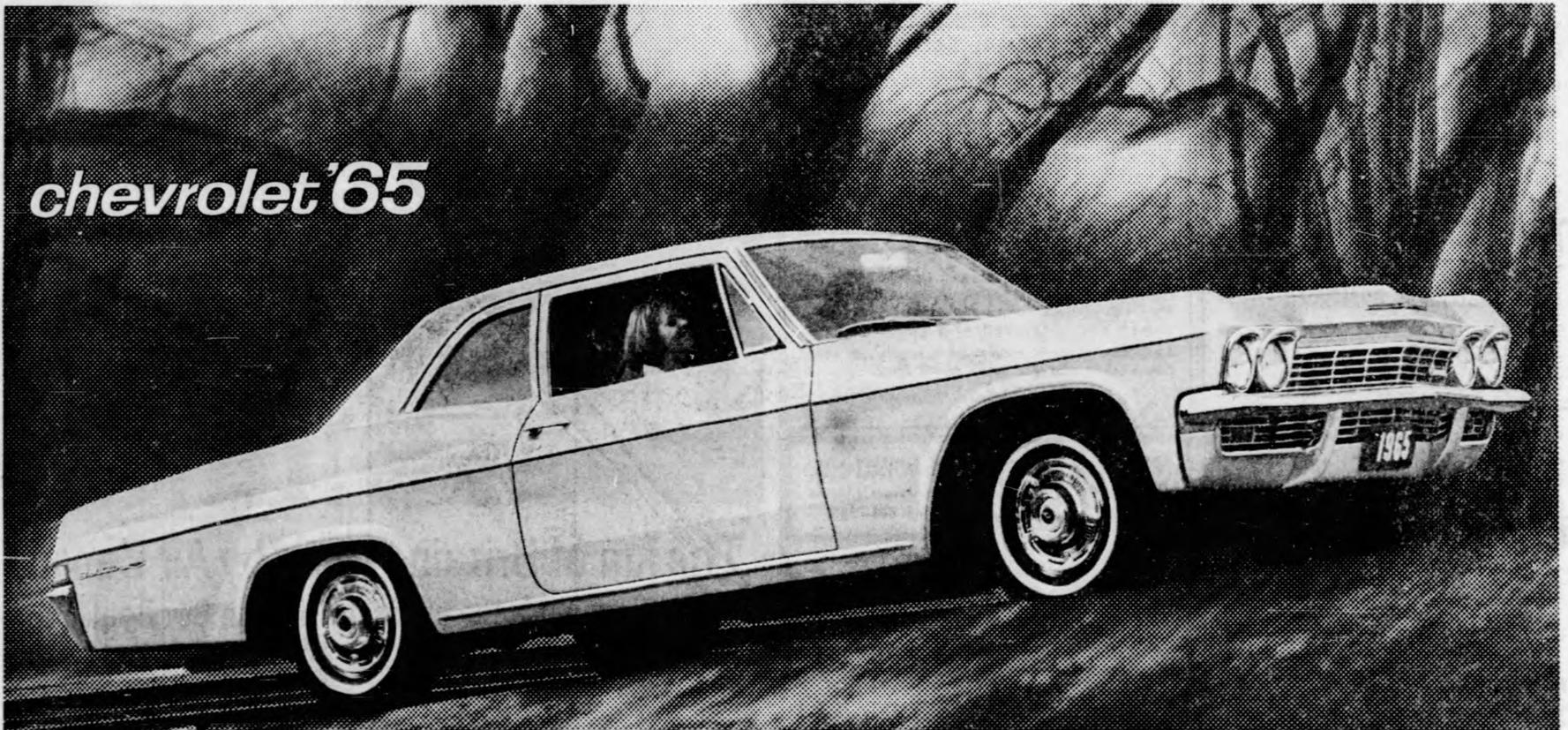
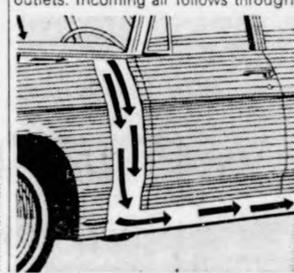
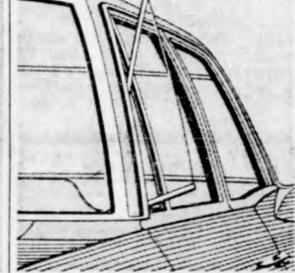
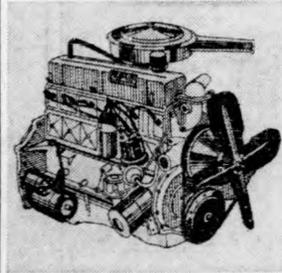
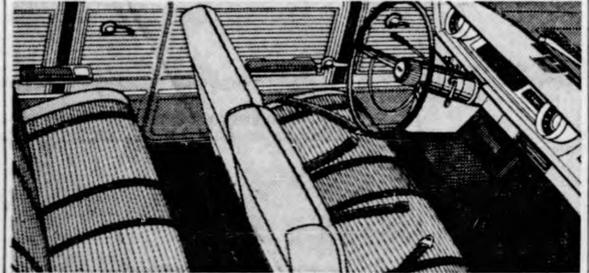
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