

of the trust will still qualify for exemption. The balance of the value of the assets transferred to the trust will be taxable.

Taxation of annuities which husbands left to widows has been a much criticized practice of the former system. Now these amounts will never be subject to estate tax. The significance of this reform will increase over the years because of the tremendous growth of pension funds.

Assets bequeathed to a widow and spent during her lifetime will also be untaxed. On the assets that she in turn does pass to her children, the reform may bring a substantial deferment of estate tax. At present interest rates such deferrals can be valuable.

BEQUESTS TO CHILDREN

The legislation introduces an exemption for adult children and increases exemptions for children dependent because of age or infirmity.

Bequests to healthy children over 25 qualify for a \$10,000-exemption or the value of the bequest, whichever is less.

Bequests to children under 25 qualify for a \$10,000-exemption, plus \$1,000 for each full year remaining until he is 26. If the average income of the beneficiary for the previous three years is in excess of \$5,000, the additional exemption is reduced by the excess.

For a bequest to an infirm, wholly dependent child, the proposals provide an exemption of \$1,000 for each year remaining until he reaches 71, plus the basic \$10,000-exemption.

Thus the *maximum* exemptions are: healthy child over 25, \$10,000; healthy child under 25, \$35,000; infirm child \$80,000.

This system of exemptions for children replaces a series of exemptions limited to dependent children.

Previous exemptions had been limited to children under 21 or wholly dependent because of infirmity. The amounts were \$10,000 each child, where there was a surviving widow or infirm widower, and \$15,000 for each orphaned child. There was no exemption for children where there was a surviving, healthy widower.

EXECUTIVE BUS

An idea developed by Canadian photographer George Hunter, combined with the know-how of a Winnipeg manufacturing firm has resulted in a new form of luxurious travel for executives. The idea for the "Corporate Bus" first occurred to Mr. Hunter in 1946, when he was on a photography assignment in a Winnipeg bus factory.

The world's first "package" executive coach became a reality when the Expressway "600" Cruiser was introduced in Toronto recently. The first coach has already been sold and a broad market in the United States is expected. Executives in the mining, oil, construction, retailing, lumbering, exploration and insurance industries may gain many advantages from this type of transportation, which offers the ideal combination of privacy in luxurious surroundings, safe, year-round, all-weather transportation, and savings in accommodation and travel costs.

The coach, for which the top price is \$125,000, is divided into five sections - the driver-area; dinette-lounge; galley, washroom, shower and closet; and a conference section.

NEW NATIVE PERIODICAL

A group of businessmen in Prince Rupert, British Columbia, have decided to publish what could be Canada's only national periodical for Canadian Indians.

The publication, headed by Jim McCreedy, a reporter for the Prince Rupert *Daily News*, is to serve as a "vehicle for native people to express themselves".

The print-run for the new magazine is expected to be about 10,000 copies. "The magazine will deal with all aspects of Indian life, touching on the social and economic problems, their accomplishments, treasured history, and culture," a spokesman for the group said. He added that the magazine would attempt to bring about better communication between natives across Canada and more understanding between Indian and non-Indian people.

The new periodical has the support of at least two B.C. Indian organizations.

PRIME MINISTER REVIEWS CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE

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continuing committee of officials early in April. If there is agreement between the federal and provincial representatives of that continuing committee, I am sure we will be able to go on to the third stage of our conference in a very short period of time....

The conference on the constitution is a continuing and established fact. In a period of just over 12 months it has met twice and it gives, as I said a moment ago in French, promise that it will meet more frequently in the future. Canadians will be the better for it.