

POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Prime Minister has announced the names of seven prominent Canadians who have agreed to serve as provisional directors of the proposed Institute for Research on Public Policy.

As proposed in a study by Mr. Ronald S. Ritchie, a vice-president of Imperial Oil Limited and former executive director of the Glassco Royal Commission on Government Organization, the Institute would be a private, non-profit corporation. It would carry out "research and analysis designed to improve the basis for informed choice and decision by the public of Canada and its leaders on questions of public policy".

DIRECTORS

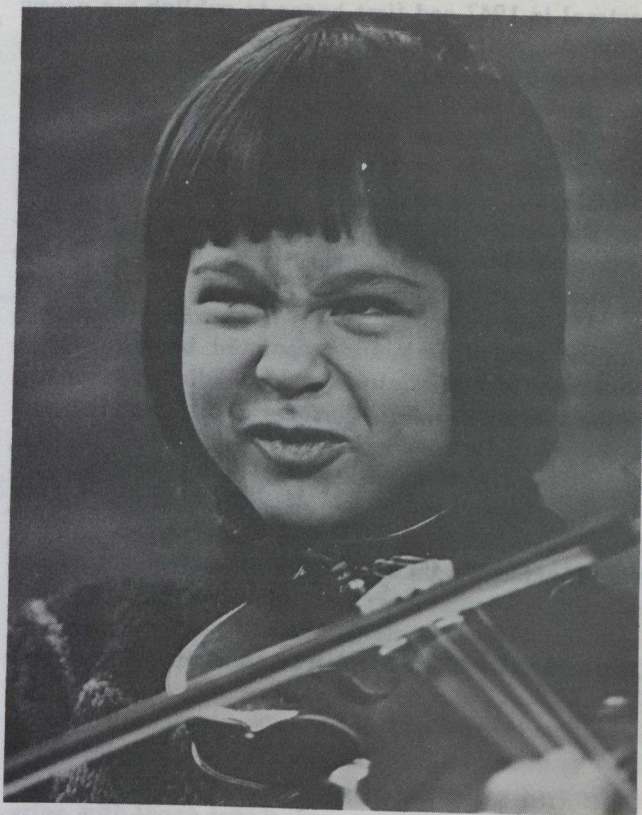
The provisional directors, who will seek incorporation of the Institute under the Canada Corporations Act, are: Mr. Ritchie; Mr. J.V. Clyne of Vancouver, chairman of the board of MacMillan Bloedel Limited; Mr. Louis A. Desrochers of Edmonton, Chancellor of the University of Alberta; Mr. John P. Robarts of London, lawyer and former Premier of Ontario; Mrs. Jeanne Sauvé of Montreal, a widely-known writer and broadcaster; Mr. Louis H. Lorrain of Montreal, Canadian Director of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; and Rt. Rev. Joseph N. MacNeil, Bishop of Saint John, New Brunswick, and a member of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council. Additional directors will be appointed following establishment of the Institute.

The Prime Minister stated that the Federal Government would make an initial grant of \$950,000 to the Institute and thereafter match dollar for dollar any funds raised from other sources by the Institute for its endowment up to a maximum of \$10 million during its first seven years.

The first proposal for the Institute was put forward by the Government in the Speech from the Throne in September 1968. This expressed the Government's interest in the establishment of an organization where research and thinking could be carried out into long-term governmental policy questions of all kinds. To assist the Government in developing this idea, Mr. Ritchie was requested to carry out a study on the feasibility of establishing such an Institute. Mr. Ritchie's report was published on August 11, 1971.

The report confirmed the need for an institution aimed at "improving understanding by Canadians and their governments of particular Canadian economic, social and political problems, domestic or international". It acknowledged the work being done by existing institutions created for research in limited areas of policy, but concluded that "the resources available in Canada are adequate neither in quantity nor in type to the requirements of the future".

SOUR NOTE - SOUR LOOK



The Globe and Mail

Paul Zafer's feelings are obvious as he plays a note off key in his violin solo, Beethoven's Minuet in G. Paul is a student at the St. Christopher House music school, Toronto, which held recitals recently in the Charles R. Sanders on Library.

CANADA-BELGIUM LITERARY AWARD

The second Canada-Belgium Literary Prize has been awarded to Montreal poet Gaston Miron, according to a Canada Council announcement. The presentation of the \$2,000 award was made on March 16 during a conference on Belgian and Canadian literature at the Brussels Book Fair in Belgium. The Canadian poet Jean-Guy Pilon received the award on Mr. Miron's behalf.

Co-sponsored by the Canadian and Belgian Governments, the Canada-Belgium Literary Prize is awarded in alternate years to French-language Belgian and Canadian writers and is made on the basis of all of a writer's literary work, rather than a single book. Last year's winner was the Belgian poet Géo Norge.

Gaston Miron has been recognized as one of the outstanding poets of French Canada. In 1970 he was awarded the Prix France-Canada and the *Etudes françaises* prize of the University of Montreal Press, and the following year received Montreal's Grand Prize for Literature. Born in 1928 in Sainte-Agathe-