

They never speak backstage during a performance. They're very appreciative and they're very conscientious."

The company has made frequent television appearances with Anne Murray and Wolfman Jack and others and will be performing with the next Liberace tour in Canada during the late spring. They recently produced *Carnival of the Animals* with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and have been offered a booking with the Toronto Symphony. (*From Scene Changes, published by Theatre Ontario.*)

### Mr. Trudeau speaks on Quebec

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can make one. And I refuse no challenge. All that I ask as long as I am here is that it must be concretely established that such and such a level of power, for example, must be exercised at the federal or provincial level in such a way that the Canadian community will profit by it....

Now, I come to my conclusion — I was going to say that "la preuve est faite par l'absurde" — that this problem must be tackled fairly soon. Why? Because I come to a province, I am invited by the Chamber of Commerce, to meet businessmen in a province where the unemployment rate is very high, a province where investment is slowing down, a province where inflation is still at an unacceptable level, where the means to fight it have half disappeared now. There are extremely serious economic problems that we should have discussed. We are together to speak of what? Our identity, as Quebecers and Canadians. ...We have been doing it for 20 years!...

...Let us demand from our federal and provincial governments...let us demand that the choices be placed before us fairly soon, so that we can start administering our affairs, manag-

ing this country — to pursue the happiness of the people of this country. That's what we need!

Let's get on with it

They told me that in Chinese the character which signifies crisis is made from two ideograms, danger and chance or opportunity. And that is the actual situation. There is a crisis in Quebec. There is one in Canada, it's a great danger, but it is also our chance to affirm ourselves as Quebecers, and as Canadians too if you like, because we can be both.... But let's stop squabbling and agonizing about our political future. Let's be grown up

enough to either choose to be a Quebecer or Canadian or to be both — to be worthy of being a Canadian instead of expanding by agglomeration, almost by juxtaposition as we have been doing for the last 100 years. That's the situation for us, we, from the Federal Government, who went there to serve the interests of all Canadians, and in particular the interests of Quebecers. You know the choice that we are offering you, and I call on you to think seriously about it. I hope that in the near future, that we can say it clearly that we want to be Canadian, and that we are worthy to be Canadian.

### News briefs

■ Following approval by the National Energy Board on January 19 to allow emergency exports of natural gas and heavy fuel oil to the United States, the Board approved on January 28 an export of liquified natural gas to the U.S. owing to continuing emergency conditions. The order was issued to Gaz Métropolitain, inc. to deliver a volume not to exceed 210,400 million Btu (roughly 2.4 million American gallons) to Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania Inc., for a 60-day period beginning January 27. The order is subject to import approval by the U.S. Federal Power Commission.

■ Michel Dupuy, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been appointed President of the Canadian International Development Agency, effective March 1. He will replace Paul Gérin-Lajoie, whose next appointment has not yet been announced. Mr. Dupuy who has been with the External Affairs Department since 1955, has served at a number of posts abroad.

■ Finance Minister Donald Macdonald says the federal anti-inflation program may end some time this year, provided agreement on post-control restraints can be reached with business, labour and the provinces.

■ The Royal Canadian Mint will strike a silver dollar of the accession to the Throne of Queen Elizabeth II. In addition, on approval of Parliament, the Mint will strike a \$100-gold coin to honour the occasion.

■ Spar Aerospace Products has deve-

loped a \$500,000-infra-red surveillance system, able to detect objects at sea missed by conventional radar, which the manufacturer says is three to five years ahead of research in other Western countries. The detector sweeps low over the water and picks up heat emission from warships, missiles and planes. Conventional radar may miss detection of low-flying or moving objects. The United States is working with Spar through the Canadian Commercial Corporation to modify the Canadian development for U.S. Navy use.

■ Toronto Eaton Centre, a \$250-million project in the heart of downtown Toronto, opened February 10. John Craig Eaton, chairman of the board of Eaton's of Canada, told a press conference, "This store is not only the flagship for Eaton's, but the model for all department stores that will be built in the next 20 years." Of the one-million square feet of space in the new store, 650,000 will be devoted to actual selling. Robert Butler, chairman of T. Eaton Co. says the company needs sales of about \$200 a square foot to maintain profit growth.

■ Harold Glover, CB, controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office and formerly deputy master and comptroller of the Royal Mint, joined Inco Limited as its consultant on coinage, effective February 1, upon retirement from his British Government post.

■ The cost of living rose by three-tenths of 1 per cent last month to bring the inflation rate from December 1975 to December 1976, to 5.8 per cent.

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