
P.M. in Washington, New York

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau met privately with U.S. President Jimmy Carter in Washington, March 3, for informal discussion which ranged from mutual interests to world affairs.

The two leaders renewed their commitment to the construction of a \$13-billion northern gas pipeline in Canada. President Carter, after promising to establish by April 1 a "federal pipeline inspector" to oversee U.S. involvement in the scheme, praised the co-operation between the two nations.

The Prime Minister journeyed to New York that afternoon, where he was joined by U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger and his wife, who were his guests at a concert at Carnegie Hall by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Enthusiastic crowds gathered to greet the Canadian leader, who was patron of the concert, conducted by Piero Gamba, held to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the Symphonicum Europae Foundation.

U.S. baby gets chance for normal life

Doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto have performed a life-saving operation on seven-month-old Herbert Quinones Jr. of New York City. The baby, flown to Toronto February 24, suffered from a defect in his windpipe which caused choking spells that had threatened his life several times.

An operation to relieve pressure on the windpipe has been perfected by Dr. Robert Filler, chief of surgery at the hospital. The Quinones chose Dr. Filler because "he's had the most experience", said Herbie's father.

The people of Toronto contributed more than \$10,000 in a fund opened by Paul Godfrey, chairman of Metropolitan Toronto, to pay for Herbie's care and for his parents' stay in the city. Mr. Quinones, 21, is a grocery store clerk in Manhattan. Air Canada flew the family free to Toronto.

Mr. Godfrey said a permanent fund — commemorating International Year of the Child — would be set up to enable children anywhere in the world to come to Toronto for medical treatment that could not be performed elsewhere.

Hospital charges of \$475 a day will

reach almost \$10,000 if Herbie is kept in for three weeks as expected. Dr. Filler performed the operation at no charge.

There were no complications in the procedure, "although it took a lot of time to put in the tubes and intravenous", said the surgeon. Through a special instrument, the surgical team was able to "get a better picture" of the baby's airway than had been gained by X-rays, said Dr. Filler. It was found to be three-quarters shut, leaving the infant unable to breathe when he was fed.

Dr. Filler, who has performed a similar operation on six other babies, said the infant's chances were "very good for leading a normal life".

Review of the Constitution

The Prime Minister made public last month the list of 11 subjects which, at the First Ministers Conference in February, he proposed for study in the second phase of the continuing constitutional review. Mr. Trudeau said that, in the second phase, work would continue on several issues that had been discussed but not resolved at the Conference. Despite the lack of unanimity on most items in the "first list" of subjects discussed at the Conference, much progress had been made, and it would be important to build further in the coming months on what had already been achieved.

Seven of the 11 items concern the powers to manage the economy and to maintain an effective economic union.

The Prime Minister attaches particular importance to the item regarding the place of Canada's native peoples in a new Constitution. He said he hoped that representatives of the native peoples would participate in the work on this question.

The items are specified as:

- (1) Powers to fight inflation, unemployment and regional disparities, and to protect the dollar.
- (2) Non-tariff barriers to interprovincial and international trade and investment.
- (3) Interprovincial and international movement of goods and services, including the right of passage of electricity and oil, gas and other minerals.
- (4) The question of barriers to moving from province to province of persons for employment.
- (5) The regulation of competition.
- (6) Regulation of the Canadian securities

market.

- (7) Marketing boards.
- (8) Jurisdiction over minimum wages.
- (9) Foreign relations and the role of provinces.
- (10) The appointment of Superior Court judges, and of the setting up of federal courts for the administration of federal laws.
- (11) Canada's native peoples and the Constitution.

Foreign relations and the provinces

The Prime Minister's press release notes under (9) that, "It is important and necessary in a revised Constitution to state how responsibilities for the conduct of Canada's foreign relations including the treaty power and representation abroad are to be exercised in our federal state. The exclusive power vested in and exercised by the Federal Government derives from British and Canadian constitutional practice. Federal authority in this field is essential for the effective promotion of the interests of all Canadians. It includes a responsibility for ensuring that provincial interests and responsibilities are adequately reflected in Canada's international relations. There is need to give greater precision to this authority because the interests of provinces, and their activities abroad linked with provincial spheres of domestic jurisdiction, have substantially grown in recent years."

"Invisible handicap" tackled

Thirty-six seminars for educators and teachers concerning the problems of children with learning disabilities will be held in Ontario and Quebec during 1980, as a major project marking the centennial of Bell Canada.

The seminars, to be conducted by the Canadian Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (CACLD), will assist teachers in diagnosing learning disabilities and in helping LD children in the classroom situation. Approximately 10 per cent of the school population suffers from learning disabilities.

Video tapes of the presentations of the 12 specialists are to be made available for professional development purposes in Ontario and Quebec, and a book — published by CACLD — will be printed and distributed following the seminars. The material will be available at cost to educators in the rest of Canada after 1980.