

"Mr. Macmillan also outlined the course of his consultations last week with President De Gaulle and Prime Minister Debré in Paris, and with Chancellor Adenauer in Bonn. In the light of what he had learned in Moscow, these discussions with the French and German leaders were most important, because they led to a reaffirmation of Western solidarity as well as advancing Western preparations for the wider international negotiations which now seem likely to be held with the Soviet Union in view of the statement made today by Mr. Khrushchev.

"Our talks were largely in the nature of an exchange of information and a review of the German and Berlin problems and of the various proposals for a settlement of those problems now under study in Western capitals and in NATO. I should emphasize that neither Mr. Macmillan nor I attempted to crystallize any British or Canadian position on specific questions under discussion. However, I might add that it is my belief that the United Nations might play some significant role in the solution of the Berlin problem, and that this phase deserves further and more careful study. I think it would be generally agreed that it was clear there was no essential difference in the British and Canadian assessments of the world situation, or in the basic aims and policies of our two countries with regard to the complex questions of Germany, Berlin and European security."

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### NEW UNIVERSITY BODIES

The heads of 21 Canadian universities met in Ottawa on March 23 to elect the first Board of Directors for the new Canadian Universities Foundation. (CUF).

The new Foundation is the solution found by all the country's universities to a \$25,000,000 problem--the most efficient way to administer federal grants to higher education which now total that much annually.

It represents a reorganization of the present National Conference of Canadian Universities, which now handles the monies in addition to its other functions, into two new bodies: the Foundation, and a new National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges which will continue to carry out and to enlarge the functions of the former Conference, as a meeting of all the recognized universities of Canada where they can discuss their common problems and make their views known to the Canadian people. The new NCCUC will initially consist of 36 Canadian universities and colleges, together with the National Research Council and the Canada Council, but its constitution will be flexible and it is likely to increase in size.

Representation in the Foundation, apart from that of the country's five largest universities, is by election. The "big five",

with permanent seats, are: McGill (Dr. F.C. James), Toronto (Dr. C.T. Bissell), University of British Columbia (Dr. N.A.M. Mackenzie), University of Montreal (Msgr. I. Lussier), and Laval University (Msgr. A.-M. Parent).

Universities with enrolments of between 1,500 and 5,000 students are placed in Group II and may elect six representatives on the Foundation. A mail ballot has resulted in the election of Very Rev. H. Legaré (Ottawa), Dr. G.E. Hall (Western Ontario), Dr. W.H. Johns (Alberta), Dr. W.A. Mackintosh (Queen's), Dr. C.B. Mackay, (University of New Brunswick) and Dr. H.H. Saunderson (Manitoba.)

Universities with enrolments of under 1,500 students may elect nine members and the nine chosen are: Rev. C. Cormier (Saint Joseph's), Dr. A.D. Dunton (Carleton), Dr. W.T.R. Flemington (Mount Allison), Dr. G.P. Gilmour (McMaster), Dr. R. Cushue (Memorial), Dr. Watson Kirkconnell (Acadia), Dr. A.E. Kerr (Dalhousie), Very Rev. E.C. LeBel (Assumption) and Rt. Rev. H. Somers (St. Francis Xavier).

The Chairman at Monday's meetings was Dr. W.T.R. Flemington of Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick. At the first meeting, the 21 university heads elected the following officers and directors of the new Foundation:

- Chairman - Dr. Flemington (Mount Allison)
- Vice-Chairman - Dr. F. Cyril James (McGill)
- Directors - Dr. N.A.M. Mackenzie (University of British Columbia)
- Very Rev. Henri Legaré (University of Ottawa)
- Dr. W.A. MacIntosh (Queen's)
- Rt. Rev. H.J. Somers (St. Francis Xavier)
- Dr. G.P. Gilmour (McMaster)

Once its Board was elected, the new Foundation proceeded into its first organization meeting, followed by a separate meeting of the Board alone.

Although the Foundation and the new NCCUC go into business immediately, the process of winding up affairs of the old NCCU and its ultimate liquidation is expected to last several months.

The two new organizations will share the present quarters of the Conference at 77 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, where, besides the secretariat, a research and information division is maintained under Dr. E.F. Sheffield. Dr. T.H. Matthews is executive secretary of both bodies.

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### NATURAL GAS IN 1958

Production of natural gas increased sharply in 1958 to a record total of 338,053,288 M cubic feet from the preceding year's 220,006,682 M, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Increases over 1957 were posted