

Edmund L. de Rothschild Guest of Manitoba Gov't.

Hon. Sidney Spivak, Q.C., Minister of Industry and Commerce for the Province of Manitoba, in his resolve to put Manitoba on the face of the map, master-minded the Manitoba Business Summit Conference which took place in Winnipeg last week.

Edmund L. de Rothschild, international banker and guest speaker at the mammoth dinner held at the Winnipeg Civic Auditorium which was attended by 2,000 businessmen who came from 37 rural towns throughout the province, as well as leading local businessmen, stated, "Mr. Spivak should be complimented right up to the top. Right up to his eyes. The whole thing was terrific."

"Manitoba, growing to beat '70" was the theme of the conference. In his keynote address, Mr. Rothschild stated that mankind must learn to accelerate as a spiritual being with the accelerating snowball of his own discoveries if he is to succeed in the '70s. What we need for our journey into the unknown future — what, if we don't possess, we must acquire — is moral principles," he told the dinner guests.

"A society whose catchwords are success instead of service, leisure instead of work, rights instead of duties, must come to grief and dis-

illusionment. . . . If man is to reverse the tide of restlessness and frustration that marks our society and face the challenge of the 70's he must expunge the word rights and replace it by duties," said Mr. Rothschild.

"In the age we are about to enter success in meeting this challenge may be the key to survival. Can we control the elements, harness nature itself, and still retain our humanity? Or will a race of specialists degenerate into soulless automatons, mere robots of the space age or the age of power.

" . . . the 70's will have to see a much greater degree of flexibility and different approaches if the work of all of us is to be constructive in raising the standard of living everywhere — though faster I would hope in the under-developed countries." Regarding Britain, he said: "What we are doing at the present time is tackling our problems and putting them on the table and having a fresh look at them. What other country in the world can say that? Don't sell Britain short. Britain is far too great to go under."

Mr. Rothschild is senior partner in the merchant and banking firm of N. M. Rothschild and Sons, London.

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"Fiddler on the Roof" proved long ago that Christians as well as Jews will stand in long lines to buy tickets to a musical based on the stories of Sholem Aleichem. When Theodore Bikel recently opened as Tevye in "Fiddler" at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, the hotel's management gambled that frenzied tourists on a frantic, unbridled, rampant drive to get away from it all would stem their boisterousness and settled down for an evening to watch in controlled silence a folk opera imbued with the Talmudic qualities of wit, wisdom, philosophical juggling of decisions and considerable sorrow as well as joy.

Early returns from Caesars Palace President Nate Jacobson, reformed Baltimore insurance executive, indicate that the gamble is paying off. Las Vegas tourists include large numbers of Jews but they are definitely in the minority. Down the famed Strip a bit, Buddy Hackett regularly takes inventory by asking Jews attending his Sahara Hotel performances to make themselves known by applauding. When Buddy next takes the Christian count, and the applause is always considerably louder, he announces wryly, "We Jews had better not make trouble."

Both Jews and Christians, regardless of their festive state of mind in the Nevada green felt jungle turmoil, are queuing up for SRO reservations twice nightly at Caesars Palace so it appears that, as Theodore Bikel struggles valiantly, if helplessly against the changing order, the folk opera also struggles but emerges victoriously against the casinotown's frenzy by acting as an effective tranquilizer.

BOISTEROUS Brooklynite Phil Foster, who is playing the role of the slovenly sportsman in "The Odd Couple" at Milton Prell's Aladdin Hotel, Las Vegas, summed up his reason for taking to the legitimate road: "Today's performers gotta be versatile or they'll get run over." Standing with Phil in the Aladdin's casino during our conversation, Alan Drake, noted standup comic who portrays the cop in the play, agreed that versatility is the answer to survival.

Asked how he obtained the insurance commercial, which is repeated often enough on TV to make him a pretty penny, Foster said, "I was playing at Mr. Kelly's in Chicago when I spotted the insurance company's president. I told him that the best way to sell insurance to the common man was to use a man with the common touch."

"He told me to write my own sales pitch. He liked it and hired me." Foster divulged his real name: Wishnovdovsky. Play around with that.

AT THE Las Vegas Riviera Hotel, Shecky Greene nightly tells his audiences, "My real name is Shmoyayell Greenfield. I've never been ashamed to openly admit I'm Jewish. I'm proud of it." You've gotta respect this fellow, no matter what your own religion is.

Shecky added, "Singer Bobby Dillon's real name is Zimmerman. He comes from Minnesota but he had to leave there because he can't ski." While playing in the south, Shecky ordered lox and bagels, which was served with hominy grits. He called for the deli's Jewish owner and demanded, "What's this white stuff?" The owner studied the plate and said, "The white stuff is hominy grits but I don't know what the other stuff is."

SAMMY DAVIS, JR., told his New Year's Eve audience at the Las Vegas Sands Hotel, "I wish you had a merry Christmas and for the rest of us at this time of the year a swinging Chanukah."

When Sammy asked his musical conductor if he could conduct for one number, George Rhodes refused. Asked Sammy, "Where does it say in our contract that a tall, colored man says no to a small Negro Jew?"

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Western Liberals Hear Pearson

Of interest to all Canadians, regardless of background, is the constitutional conference which will take place in Ottawa early in February. This is but one of the messages we brought away from our Prime Minister's address given on Sunday morning to the Western Liberal Policy Conference 1968.



RT. HON. LESTER B. PEARSON
Prime Minister of Canada

Swirling bagpipes, and a standing ovation greeted The Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson as he entered the Conference at the Marlborough Hotel.

This meeting, arranged long before Mr. Pearson's resignation as Prime Minister of Canada, spurred a great deal of interest across the Dominion, due to the presence of all but one of the declared candidates for the leadership of the Liberal party of Canada. Whoever is chosen as leader at the leadership convention to be held in April, will be the next Prime Minister of Canada. And so the appearance of the

swelled the attendance to some 250 western delegates and 600 observers. In introducing the prime minister, Gil Molgat, M.L.A., Leader of the Liberal party of Manitoba, stated this would probably be his last opportunity to introduce Mr. Pearson as "our leader, our prime minister . . . I appreciate you most of all as Mike Pearson the man, the prime minister who never lost his sense of humor . . . history will be the best and greatest judge of our prime minister . . . he will be remembered as one of the peace-makers of this century; he will be remembered for the courageous steps taken to maintain Canadian unity . . ." As Mr. Pearson rose to speak, he received his second thunderous ovation.

Mr. Pearson referred to the fact his leadership of the party began ten years ago this week. He believed that he had made the right decision at the right time with regard to his resignation. He believed a leadership convention to be the democratic way to choose a leader.

"Our present Liberal government

has now been in office almost five years. "We have had failures in trying to do things, not in trying to avoid doing them. We have tried to deal with issues that for decades were only talked about." In these five years, he stated, the government had passed more progressive social legislation than any previous five-year period in our history. "It is on this record that we will be judged as a government now and in the future."

In our federal society there are two inter-related problems:

1. The need to preserve and advance our economic progress and balance it across the country as equally as possible so that all people will benefit as equally as possible.
2. The need to maintain a strong and politically united confederation.

Despite international economic difficulties, Canadian society and Canadian currency remains strong, Mr. Pearson stated. "Interdependence is now more than ever the dominant characteristic of our times. There is a problem of unity facing Canada, he stated, "which will be more of mutual understanding and closer feeling of partnership between French speaking and English speaking groups in our society. . . . These groups brought confederation 100 years ago. . . . We must have unity that recognizes diversity . . . a unity based on grateful appreciation of our heritage — derived basically from the two civilizations, languages, cultures . . . and also include cultures of other peoples

that have come to us and given us of their strength. . . . I believe in a single sovereign Canadian confederation . . . built on two societies with full opportunity . . . for both to play a full part without discrimination or disadvantage. . . .

"The rights and privileges of Quebec are embodied in the Constitution . . . cultural and linguistic rights outside Quebec should also be assured . . . the Constitution should be altered where necessary, carefully and by stages, to safeguard these rights. . . ." This credo for Canada should be converted into policy and action for Canada, Mr. Pearson said.

The Constitutional Conference being in Ottawa on February 5 will deal with facts to convert principles into action.

Mr. Pearson rejected any form of separatism which would destroy our unity. He was grateful, he said, for contributions made by those who came from other than British or French stock and shared the responsibilities of the growth of Canada.

The constitution conference, Mr. Pearson stated, will be the beginning of the making of the new Confederation . . . "It is appropriate that we should be doing it at the beginning of our second century, Canada," he said, "has a greater destiny than any other country in the world. This is the great country of the future, if we face national problems. . . ."

Resounding cheers and hearty applause followed the PM's address. Ray Perrault, M.L.A., Leader of the Liberal Party for British Columbia, thanked Mr. Pearson, saying, "We will remember him most as the greatest Canadian of all time."

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