



**FLORIDA - BOUND**

Bert Taylor is shown above with his half-son, home-made camper just previous to leaving for Florida for the winter. Accompanying Mr. Taylor on the vacation trip was Chester

Schirmer. Both men are from Lower Montague and expect to spend the winter in Florida. The camper is rigged with hot pane heat, has tables that can

be erected for eating their meals and two bunks. They will sleep and eat on the entire trip to and from Florida in the camper.

**New Giant Building Brick Hailed In Western Canada**

VANCOUVER (CP)—A giant building brick that doesn't need paint and costs less than concrete block has been developed by a fast-growing clay products company here.

R. M. Hungerford, president of Clayburn-Harison Ltd., calls the Clayburn brick a breakthrough for brick products in Western Canadian building.

A big sales push is being made in Washington state, where the newly-marketed product has been specified for a school, a library and two churches. It also is the main material for an apartment block in Vancouver.

The Clayburn giant is a precision brick weighing 60½ pounds, measuring 16 inches long, eight inches wide and four

inches deep. It has two large square holes, similar to a cement block.

But unlike cement blocks, it is smooth enough to lay without gloves and has a permanent finish in three burn-in colors that does not need painting.

A dry-press method maintains size tolerances accurately. Installed cost in a wall is about \$1 a square foot less than a normal eight-inch-thick brick wall and cost to the contractor is \$200 per 1,000.

The company employs 150 men at its Abbotsford plant, 35 miles east of Vancouver, and takes all its material from nearby Sumas Mountain.

**SELLS WIDELY**

Clayburn-Harison sells 20 per cent of its face brick and fire

**\$74 Million Cut From Budget By Defence Department Axe**

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP)—The defence department has chopped some \$74,000,000 from its 1964-65 budget. The axe fell mainly on RCAF weapons programs.

Informed sources said here it now is calculated that defence expenditures in the current fiscal year, which ends March 31, 1964, will amount to some \$1,560,000,000 against the revised estimate of \$1,634,000,000 after pay increases for the 122,000 servicemen.

The \$1,560,000,000 figure will be approximately the size of the 1964-65 defence budget which will be presented to Parliament early next year, informants said.

The \$74,000,000 cut was achieved mainly through De-

fence Minister Hellyer's decisions not to buy more CF-104 low-level nuclear bombers for the RCAF Air Division in Europe or more CF-103B Voodoo jet interceptors for RCAF Air Defence Command at home.

**OPERATING COSTS RISE**

The defence department also decided to purchase fewer CF-104 two-seat trainers than the RCAF had requested and it deferred, perhaps indefinitely, the program to build some 45 unmanned radars to detect low-flying planes.

Consequently, expenditures on weapons and equipment, originally calculated at \$774,411,000, has fallen to the smallest amount in more than a decade. Meanwhile, expenditures on personnel, operations and

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**Pope's Planned Tour Sparks Arab Alarm**

BEIRUT, Lebanon (Reuters)—The politically tense Middle East rejected today over news that Pope Paul will visit the Holy Land in January, but there were some notes of alarm.

The news was headlined Thursday in almost every Arab newspaper. Rejoicing was centred on the Pope visiting the holy places which kind Christianity irrespective of sect or denomination.

The press of both Israel and Jordan welcomed the pilgrimage by the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

The rejoicing, however, was mingled with Arab fears the visit might lead to Vatican recognition of Israel.

The Arab press was more concerned with the political implications of the visit than its face value of a pilgrimage retracing the steps of Christ in the land where He was born and crucified.

Apart from reactions of welcome from the governments of Jordan and Lebanon, there were no official reactions from other Arab countries.

Arab observers thought the reticence was due to the fact that the trip would include a

visit to Israel. However, the religious significance of the Christian places there was not denied.

In Tel Aviv, the evening newspaper Maariv said Israel would welcome the Pope and accord him the honor due his high office.

"The Pope's decision to make the visit 'electrified the Christian world and aroused unusual interest in the Middle East countries, including Israel,' the newspaper added.

Maariv said in an editorial that although every effort would

probably be made to present the Pope's pilgrimage as a religious and spiritual event, "it would nevertheless be unrealistic to ignore the delicate political implications that are liable to emerge from this act by the head of the Catholic Church."

In Lebanon, the following newspaper Al Shaaab commented that the visit "must blow up the basis of Israel since the trade of Christ must be protected with the restoration of justice, that is, the recovery of Palestine as a holy land that is not confessional, Zionist or aggressive."

In Amman, Jordanian Premier Sherif Hussein Ben Nasir said his government and people would do their utmost "to provide all means of comfort for His Holiness."

Jordanian newspapers welcomed the Pope "as a man of justice who cannot see injustice without doing something about it."

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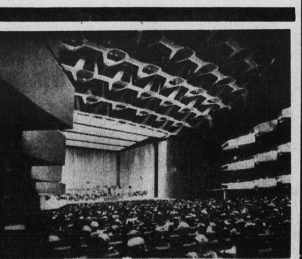
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