



**SIMPLE REQUEST SNOWBALLS**

The principal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help school in Vancouver asked students to bring 500 coat hangers to replenish coat racks. He got 8,000. Hemmed in by hangers are Eleanor O'Donnell, Marie Legg and Mary Lou Lalonde. (CP Photo)

# Diversified Program Lifts Pessimism From Springhill

SPRINGHILL, N.S. (CP)—A diversified industrial and construction program is lifting the cloak of pessimism that enveloped this community after a series of mining and fire disasters in the late 1950s.

Since 1959, the year the northern Nova Scotia community of 8,500 began recovering from its economic ills, three manufacturing plants, a food processing plant, a new coal mine and a minimum security prison farm have been located in the town.

Construction will soon yield a new hospital, a vocational school, a federal building and a grocery store. Work is to start soon on a 400- inmate medium security institution costing \$40,000,000, double the size originally planned.

Although these projects should eventually provide direct employment for at least 400 persons, the town will need more industries to ensure stability. Unemployment is still heavy.

"No stone is being left unturned," says Mayor Stanley Wood. "We have reasons to be grateful for what has happened so far. I'm sure we'll notice further improvement as we go along."

The coal mining town's problems started in the fall of 1956 when an explosion ripped the Cumberland Coal and Railway Co. No. 4 colliery, claiming 39 lives. The mine was closed. Later in 1957 a \$1,500,000 fire wiped out part of the business section and in 1958 an earth tremor caused an underground upheaval in No. 2 colliery that eventually resulted in 73 deaths and closed the mine.

The three disasters left the community without an industry and forced more than 1,500 of its 7,000-plus citizens to move out.

Opening of the new mine by Springhill Coal Mines Ltd., in 1959 with provincial government backing gave the town its greatest boost. The weekly payroll is in excess of \$3,000 for the 70 employees.

Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, parent organization of the Cumberland company, relinquished the mineral rights after the disasters.

Much of the work of attracting new industry was done by Industrial Estates Ltd., a Nova Scotia crown corporation, and its subsidiary, Springhill Development Corp. Ltd.

**FOUR MORE** Springhill development was given an initial allotment of \$1,000,000 and a broad field of negotiating inducements. It has been to assist four new industries: Surette Battery Co. Ltd., Springhill Homes and Supplies Ltd., Springhill Refractories Ltd., and a new \$20,000,000 food plant for C. M. McLean of Charlottetown. Total employment is about 75 but another 150 will eventually get part-time work at the food plant.

The minimum security institution, located on the site of the abandoned pitheads, has a staff of 40, mostly displaced miners.

The original plan for the medium security prison called for a staff of 125 and a \$500,000 annual payroll. Doubling the size will increase the staff but because a grade to education is required for staff members it will not directly help many of Springhill's unemployed.

A big problem is the disaster relief fund. About 200 ex-miners, most of them too old for work elsewhere, are still drawing weekly cheques. About 550 originally did. It is feared the fund, originally totalling nearly \$2,000,000 may run out by late 1964.

## Gasoline Prices Cut In Ontario

TORONTO (CP) — Imperial Oil Limited has dropped its retail gasoline prices in several Ontario centres to meet competition from other companies of price discounts.

An Imperial spokesman said the move was made to compete with Canadian Tire Corporation associate stores selling gasoline at reduced prices plus a 12 1/2 per cent coupon redeemable in merchandise.

At Kingston the price was dropped three cents to 37.9 cents a gallon. London, Sarnia, Barrie and Chatham stations cut their prices two cents to 37.9 cents a gallon.

Imperial said that in Hamilton, its dealers are at 37.9 cents a gallon at most stations, with a few at 34.9 and 35.9.

In Toronto, there are 68 Imperial stations selling at 34.9 cents a gallon and 121 at 35.9. There also are nine Imperial outlets selling at 34.9 plus a five per cent cash discount.

**EXTEND TO QUEBEC**

The price decreases also have extended to Quebec City and Montreal, the spokesman said. Quebec City Imperial prices were reduced to 39.9 cents a gallon from 40.9 cents Nov. 27. These were followed by selective reductions in some areas to 37.9 cents. A few locations went down to 35.9 cents a gallon.

In Montreal, prices went to 37.9 cents from 39.9 Nov. 24, plus a five per cent cash discount at four stations.

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## Soviet Jets Leave Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first three Russian Ilushin-28 jet bombers have left Cuba aboard a Soviet ship, the U.S. defence department said. U.S. patrol planes photo-

graphed three Il-28 fuselages on the deck of the freighter Obobsk Saturday as it steamed off the northern coast of Cuba.

**TWO MAIN KILLERS**

TAIPEI (AP) — Tuberculosis and cancer cause the most deaths on Formosa, officials here report. They gave the average number of deaths yearly from tuberculosis as totalling 4,700 and cancer 4,250.

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**TWO BONUS CONTESTS**

New excitement becomes a part of The Evening Patriot's annual Christmas Window Contest this year.

Two bonus contests, in which Summerside and Charlottetown will compete with each other, have been added to the separate contests in the two communities for shoppers and merchants.

A separate judge will consider the award-winning windows in Summerside and Charlottetown and select one as "Best on the Island." Its sponsor will receive a distinctive permanent trophy, to be retained, in addition to the handsome trophy offered annually in his community, to be held for a year.

And a bonus award valued at \$25.00 will go to the winner of the first prize for shoppers in the community where the "Best on the Island" window is located.

This year The Patriot's Christmas Window Contest becomes six contests in one. Total prizes to shoppers are more than \$100.00.

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