

**Support For Retarded Urged By PM**

TORONTO (CP)—Prime Minister Pearson said here he commends to all Canadians the objectives of the national crusade mounted by the Canadian Association for Retarded Children.

He said at a black-tie dinner given by the association: "Its success concerns us all, and deserves our full support."

Mr. Pearson said there are 500,000 homes in Canada where that concern is "tragically deep and direct."

He was referring to families with retarded children.

"Their heartfelt prayers and their innermost hopes are centred in the efforts of this association and in the work of the Kennedy Foundation; in research and in science."

The Liberal leader, paying a non-political visit to Toronto, said people with retarded children know intimately the griefs that harass the distressed.

"There is hope, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "these must be. We are here tonight to affirm that hope and to translate it into achievement through this great crusade."

**COMBAT DISEASE**  
The crusade involves an association campaign to combat mental retardation through 13 projects in nine provinces. The cost is \$15,000,000.

In his brief address, Mr. Pearson paid tribute to Mrs. Joseph P. Kennedy, mother of the late U.S. president, who attended the dinner to receive an international award of merit from the association on behalf of the Kennedy family.

Mr. Pearson said to Mrs. Kennedy: "We welcome you, particularly tonight, in furtherance of the cause so generously endorsed by the Joseph P. Kennedy Foundation and so richly advanced by President Kennedy's deep personal interest and support."

"That cause is the dedicated and unending search for answers to the mysteries of mental retardation."

Mr. Pearson said the U.S. and Canada fully share each other's hopes and efforts to find answers to mental retardation.

**Porpoise Joins Team Of Aquanauts**

LA JOLLA, Calif. (AP)—A versatile porpoise named Tuffy has joined aquanauts of Sealab 2 to assume tasks usually handled by watch dogs, guides, messengers and mail men.

"Tuffy is so well trained he can come down and tap a lost diver on the shoulder and hand him a life line," said Kenneth J. Conda, 32, of Phoenix, Mich., Navy Torpedoman Conda and John F. Reaves, 36, photographer's mate, are the aquanauts assigned to work with Tuffy.

Tuffy is seven feet long and weighs 270 pounds. He carries scars from encounters with sharks, which explain his name.

Tuffy, trained by the U.S. navy at Point Mugu, Calif., was wrapped in a blanket and flown to Sealab by helicopter. His pen is on the surface near the staging vessel Berkone.

"We think Tuffy will be able to make as many as 20 runs to Sealab every day, delivering mail and messages," Conda said.

"If a diver gets in trouble we just call up to the Berkone and they'll send Tuffy down to me," he said. Tuffy can make the 205-foot trip in 45 seconds.

**PRACTICAL PROPOSE**  
"He's very gentle. He knows exactly what to do. Tuffy is very practical for the safety of divers."

Conda said Tuffy has been conditioned to respond to an underwater buzzer, which could be used by a distressed diver to summon the porpoise to the rescue.

Visibility at the depth is limited and aside from painful scorpion fish stings, about the only thing a diver fears is getting lost when they lost sight of Sealab.

Meanwhile, the first team to return to the surface was reported "resting very well" in the decompression chamber. Nine were scheduled to leave the chamber after 36 hours late Monday night.

And Cmdr. M. Scott Carpenter, leader of the first two teams of divers, was fully recovered from a painful scorpion fish sting suffered Sunday and he was back on full duty.

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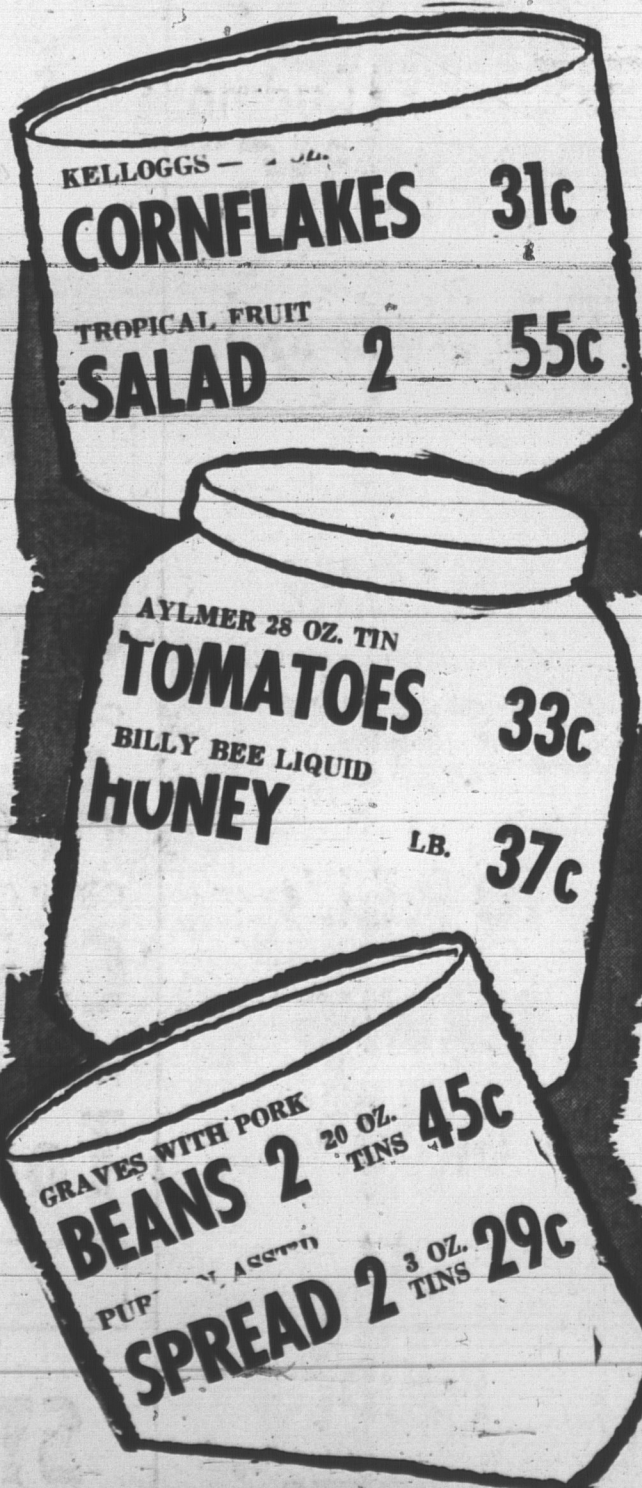


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