



**WELCOME VISITOR**

Cuban Premier Fidel Castro smiles and waves to crowd of admirers who greeted him on his arrival at Pennsylvania Station today. Castro is scheduled to spend five days in New York before going on to Boston. (AP Wirephoto)

**Provide Home For Retired U.C. Ministers**

**BEAMSVILLE** — Part of the \$8,000,000 goal of The United Church's Missionary and Maintenance Fund this year will go toward building a new central building for retired ministers and missionaries, to be located at Albright Gardens, at Beamsville, Ont., Rev. Dr. H. E. D. Ashford, Secretary, said today.

Main emphasis of this year's drive for funds will be to meet "human needs." Already at the Beamsville Home are many cottages occupied by couples. The main central building will be used for single persons and families and will also house an infirmary and recreational centre.

**AND COTTAGES**

Cost of the new building is estimated around \$500,000. Additional cottages are also planned for the area. These will be unfurnished but be equipped with electric stoves and refrigerators. They will cost \$10,000 each if built in groups of five.

Lots are made available for ministers or missionaries who wish to build their own cottage as a gift to the church, with life occupancy guaranteed. Several congregations of the United Church are donating cottages in memory of loved ones.

The Beamsville property is 30 acres in size. It was given to the Church by Rev. C. Raymond Albright. Twelve cottages and a small apartment house were given by Miss Elsie Watt, of Toronto.

The new central buildings will house 100 people. Rev. Dr. Har-

ry G. Tuttle is Secretary of the Pensions Department which supervised the Albright Gardens.

**Fund Is Sought For Loggers**

**GENEVA** (Reuters) — Ernest Jones, leader of Britain's coal miners, appealed Wednesday for national and international action to alleviate the European coal crisis.

The present critical situation is "gnawing at the stability of a great and essential industry," he said. There is a deep sense of economic insecurity and impending social disaster among coal-mining people.

Jones, president of the British National Union of Mineworkers and secretary of the Miners' International Federation, was addressing the Economic Commission for Europe during a debate on the report of the commission's coal committee.

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**TIMELY NOTES ON FUR TOPICS**

The demand for furs continues very strong. Last week the New York Auction Company reported that autumn haze mink had jumped ten percent above February levels; touzinales and leuteidas advanced 7 1/2 percent, and other types were up 5 percent.

A survey of resident buyers in New York on the state of the nation's retail business during March revealed that sales averaged increases of from five to ten percent for most stores.

Statistics released by the National Board of Fur Farm Organizations show that every one of the states officially in the Union - Alaska included - boasts a mink ranching industry. The National Board survey reports 6,203 mink farms in the U. S. A., which are practically the same figures released a short while ago by another survey.

**ORGANIZE**

Fur retailers from all parts of Canada met in Toronto last week to organize on a national basis, and to form an autonomous retail division of the Fur Trade Association of Canada. This association already comprises four groups, representing manufacturers, dressers and dyers, pelts dealers and allied suppliers.

This new organization will be of great benefit to our mink ranchers, as they will control the workings of the entire fur trade and keep its position with the public in the best traditions of retailing.

Misleading statements or anything that would be to the detriment of the fur trade will be dealt with severely.

**DARK MINK**

Members of two major dark mink marketing groups met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last week and heard that the prospects for dark mink are the brightest in several years. Prices commanded by both Great Lakes Mink Association meetings and United Mink Producers Association meetings are up over those for last year, both groups were told.

A discussion took place on animal and mink diseases, which was taken part in by leading veterinarians and bacteriologists. The meeting was told by Dr. Mueller about the various uses of sulfonamides and antibiotics in the prevention and cure of mink disease. He stated that through the correct use of aureomycin, it has been possible to obtain mink which are somewhat larger.

United Mink Producers officials reported that the part of the 1957 U.M.P.A. crop of dark minks sold during 1958 was 144,703 pelts, and they brought an average of \$24.73 per pelt. They predicted a short supply of dark mink pelts before this season ends.

**FROM SCANDINAVIA**

A warning was given regarding the effect of the Scandinav-

ian campaign to sell their mink on the American market. To combat the campaign, they voted to spend more money on advertising. It is understood that "SAGA" will spend \$100,000 in the United States in advertising to feature their mink.

The world's first completely white silver fox has appeared on a fur farm in Norway. This event is looked upon with tremendous interest and considered of first-rate importance by European furriers and fashion experts, who have seen this sparkling white silver fox.

The ranch owner explained that the white silver fox is the cumulative result of cross-breeding over a number of years, beginning when he noticed a continuing paling tendency of some litters re-

sulting from certain matings. 1953 saw the birth of the first pure white silver fox - a female which later was mated to a male of definite mutative tendencies. This mating resulted in the birth of two completely white silver fox pups.

**GROUND FISH**

A new stabilized ground fish for mink that needs no refrigeration, stays free from rancidity, and is marketed as containing the highest energy values of any comparable commercially available mink protein, has been introduced by Viomul Corporation at Coldwell, New Jersey.

The proprietors claim that the elimination of need for refrigeration will lead to substantial savings through a combination of simplified storage, purchased without regard for season, and the retained nutritive values. The proprietors of the product, called Vio-Fish claim that six pounds of their produce are equal to thirty pounds of whole fish. It is available in 100-pound bags.

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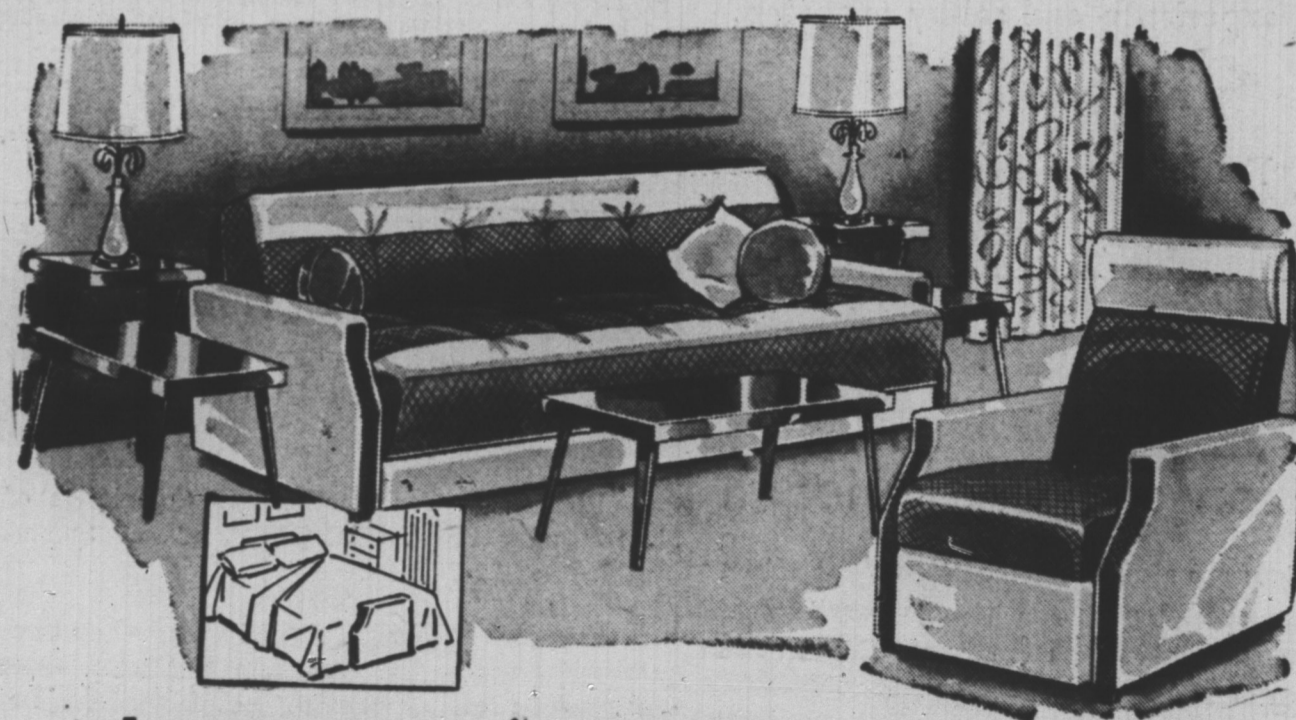
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**FEWER TRAFFIC DEATHS**  
OTTAWA (CP)—Motor Vehicle traffic accidents in Canada in 1958 increased to 227,432 from 220,644 in 1957, the bureau of statistics reported Tuesday. Number of traffic deaths dropped to 3,104 from 3,246 while the number of persons injured rose to 80,046 from 78,412.