

National Capital Planning Discussed By Federal Cabinet

By James Nelson
OTTAWA (CP)—Important decisions in the next stages of developing Ottawa's national capital will be made in a day-long meeting that ranged over the weekend.
 Prime Minister Pearson said the cabinet had a model of the congested area in front of the Parliament Hill. He indicated no definite conclusions were reached. The subject will be on the agenda again soon.
 The government will be bound to proceed with building a \$1,500,000 chapel-like veterans' memorial on Nepean Point, a park area high on the cliffs overlooking the Ottawa River last week.
 Also included in the plan is development of a convention centre and block of exhibition and office buildings on the east bank of the Rideau Canal in the heart of the city, adjacent to existing hotels and on land now occupied by railway track serving the union station. A new station is to be built in the southeastern part of the city; a 1,000-seat theatre and concert hall is planned for central Ottawa just west of the main town centre shopping district and close to the recently-completed Veterans' Memorial buildings, west of Bank and south of Sparks Streets, which house the departments of veterans affairs and of trade and commerce.

COMMISSION ANXIOUS
 It was learned authoritatively that the national capital commission is anxious for government decisions on these major projects. The capital plan is already dated. Most of the land already is owned by the federal government but decisions have to be made to clear it and to put architects and draftsmen to work.
 Mr. Pearson told reporters before the cabinet meeting that this year the reason has been raised why the government should not proceed with the Nepean Point memorial chapel. It was suggested by the previous Liberal government in 1957 that the memorial be in the House of Commons by all parties.
 Under the former Conservative government, a model of the chapel was studied and plans prepared. The Liberal government recently announced its intention to proceed.
 The chapel, of modern architectural design with hints of

CONSTRUCTION FIGURES SHOW UPWARD TREND
TORONTO (CP)—Canadian construction contract awards for the first eight months of this year totalled \$2,943,382,100, or \$334,161,800 more than in the corresponding period last year, says a compilation by Southern MacLean Building Reports.
 Awards announced in Western Canada totalled \$139,737,600, or \$59,846,200 more than in August last year.
 Eight-month figures by categories are: Residential \$792,439,600, up \$28,672,700; business \$739,231,000, down \$70,098,500; industrial \$188,672,600, up \$17,632,300; engineering \$291,749,000, up \$27,725,700.
 Eight-month figures by categories are: Atlantic \$184,042,000, up \$72,040,500; Quebec \$621,306,000, up \$82,914,300; Ontario \$942,628,200, down \$23,203,000; Western \$615,466,200, up \$72,512,000.
 August figures by categories: Residential \$104,820,000, down \$10,977,700; business \$121,128,200, up \$14,109,300; industrial \$21,674,200, up \$10,140,000; engineering \$282,281,500, up \$46,565,600.
 August figures by regions: Atlantic \$18,100,000, down 5.8 per cent but with gain in construction, new and repair.

Village Sold For \$1,000

NORTH BAY, Ont. (CP)—West Ferris township, Ont., has sold the village of Thorcliff—a pile of rocks and a beaver-infested swamp—for \$1,000.
 The village, to have celebrated its 50th birthday this year, is one of the oldest in the area but, according to records, has never contained a building or an inhabitant.
 It was registered as a village June 16, 1882, when the Canadian Pacific Railway was being pushed across Canada. Thorcliff was an ill-fated settlement selected as possible sites for CPR divisional headquarters.
 But settlement passed Thorcliff by. Years later, North Bay was selected as the site for the divisional headquarters.
 Thorcliff was left to the beavers until 1955 when Du Pont Canada Limited established an explosives plant on adjacent land. Tuesday, the firm bought the 50 acres containing the village site.

DIG CHANNEL
 Engineers have completed a seven-mile channel, 27 feet deep and 350 yards wide, giving sea access to aluminum in southern Australia.

South Australia Project Dropped

VANCOUVER (CP)—Macmillan, Bloedel and Powell River Ltd. announced Wednesday it had withdrawn from participation in a proposed linerboard and coarse paper mill in south Australia.
 J. V. Clyne, board chairman, said: "Despite prolonged negotiations with south Australian wood suppliers, the company has found it impossible to conclude satisfactory contracts for the supply of wood."
 The company announced in 1961 that it was interested in a mill project at Mount Gambier, south Australia.

MEANS HELLO
 When a chimpanzee makes a low-pitched "hoo" sound, he's saying hello, reports the National Geographic Society.

Roberts Starts To Hit Hard On 2nd Week Of Campaign

TORONTO (CP)—Premier Roberts came on swinging in the second week of Ontario's election campaign and in contrast to last week's relaxed approach, announced in Fort William he had embarked on a "gloves off" policy.
 He launched a stinging attack on the Liberal party, denouncing it for "substitution of slander for policy or platform."
 He accused Opposition Leader John Wintermeyer of trying to seize power through a campaign of "vilification and fabrication."
 Mr. Wintermeyer continued to question Mr. Roberts' stand on the issue of the federal pension plan.
 New Democratic Party Leader Donald C. MacDonald

told a press conference in St. Catharines a rash of municipal scandals in Ontario had been "breaking out like a pox on the province."
 He claimed the Progress Conservative government refused to investigate municipal scandals and now they had reached "epidemic proportions."
CHARGES SMEARS
 In Fort William, the premier charged Mr. Wintermeyer with delivering "in a sly and sneaky" manner on matters which had not mentioned in the legitimate campaign.
 "One would think he would have learned that you can't make progress by throwing mud," he said.
 "I tell you tonight that the gloves are off in this campaign," he said. "If they had any thought that I could take this campaign on vilification, in mud and falsification lying down, they have another thing coming."
 He denied Liberal charges that he was trying to sabotage the federal Canada pension plan and said the accusations were a part of the Liberal's smear campaign.
 Mr. MacDonald said no provincial government in Canada ever experienced "such a relentless succession of scandals" as has the Conservatives in Ontario during the last 10 years.
ALLEGES COVER-UP
 "The situation has gone from bad to worse because the provincial government has persistently tried to cover up, rather than clean up, its own mess," he said.
 Wintermeyer told 124 people at a Liberal rally in Pembroke it was time Mr. Roberts announced his stand on the issue of the federal government's Canada Pension Plan.
 "This is a situation where only a yes or no will do," he said, stressing that voters are entitled to know the premier's stand before they vote Sept. 25.
 "If the Canada Pension Plan says, great chunks of the Roberts pension legislation will have to be cut out," the Liberal leader said. "The cuts will have to be ripped out of it."
 Mr. Wintermeyer said he had prodded Mr. Roberts with this issue ever since the campaign began, an "it's just possible that sometime next week the leader of the Tory party will indeed condescend to tell the voters of Ontario where he stands on pensions."

Church Council Is Reported Short Of Cash

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—The World Council of Churches has embarked on a new program high on hope and a bit short on money.
 Its new central budget of \$27,000 involves an expected \$60,000 deficit. But it was approved in confidence that future increases in member church contributions will take care of it.
 The council's central committee Monday night concluded an eight-day policy-making meeting.
 Summing up results of the meeting, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft of Geneva, the council's general secretary, said: "All the new elements in the council have come to feel themselves at home. They are co-operating and participating much more freely and fully."
 Eastern Orthodox churches have become already represented in the Christian cooperative organization, which also includes most of the world's major Protestant denominations.
 On its final day, the meeting also voted to admit nine new member denominations, in various countries, bringing the total council constituency to 209 church bodies.
 Although they have an estimated 350,000,000 members, INJURED BY MINE
BRUNSWICK, West Germany (Reuters)—An East German refugee had his right foot blown off by a mine Sunday as he led his wife and four-month-old child across the heavily fortified border into West Germany, authorities said here. His wife and child were slightly injured by the explosion.

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