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Forecasts 25,000 Homes To Be Built This Winter

OTTAWA (CP)—Public Works Minister Howard Green Wednesday forecast that 25,000 housing units will be built in Canada this winter.

"This construction schedule will provide jobs for 75,000 workers and help ease winter unemployment," he said as the Commons gave second reading—approval in principle—of a bill amending the National Housing Act.

Mr. Green said the government is trying to get houses built quickly to help the jobless find work.

This was part of the plan whereby the government, under the bill, would be authorized to secure financing for the construction of 25,000 housing units.

He said a similar sum made available earlier this year has been exhausted in loans for 15,456 housing units.

The "summit" is a committee of lenders from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

The legislation also would reduce down payments of 10 per cent to 5 per cent on houses between \$400 and \$500 on houses over \$500 to \$100,000 on houses over \$100,000.

Most members who took part in the day-long debate urged the government to reduce the interest rate on loans, now a maximum six per cent.

MINI-COUP LET PLANS However, Mr. Green said that the government was to discuss it is considering such a reduction might during the building program.

Many prospective home-builders might have obtained loans at a lower rate and this would delay providing jobs for construction workers.

Mr. Green also said he hopes that more municipalities, with the assistance of the government, will be able to operate, will

make use of federal assistance in slum clearance projects. The government was ready to go ahead on as many such projects as possible.

Before the Commons gave the bill second reading, many Opposition members criticized it on the ground that it would not raise those earning less than \$5,000 to buy their own homes.

Thomas Barnett (CCF—Constitution) quoted Mr. Green as saying earlier that the government cannot supply all the money for new housing.

"The only reason it cannot be done is because the minister does not want to do it," Mr. Barnett charged.

"We do not take the defeatist attitude of saying that the government is not doing it because it is not doing it, we believe in the adage that where there's a will there's a way and we think it is becoming more and more evident all the time that the new Progressive Conservative administration just hasn't the will."

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Several members expressed the view that the proposed changes in the federal housing scheme would do little to help low-income groups and only drive people further into debt.

But William G. Beech (PC—York South) said the legislation would be possible for persons earning as little as \$3,450 a year to obtain housing loans.

He also would be made easier by the lowering down payment requirements.

C. W. Carter (L—Burr-Burton) said the government should concentrate on helping those

with incomes of under \$3,000 annually. Unless such persons were helped, the National Housing Act would never benefit Newfoundland as possible.

He suggested helping those with low incomes with a system whereby such persons could build homes on a co-operative basis.

He also favored special schemes for fishermen, who don't need "so elaborate" a home as city dwellers.

Mr. Carter said federal housing regulations should be changed to permit cheaper houses to be built in poorer areas.

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Cape Canaveral, Fla. (AP)—The Jupiter intermediate range ballistic missile was fired Wednesday night in a spectacular display of rocket power, but the defence department announced later it did not complete its full flight because of "technical difficulties."

Observers at this launching site midway the Florida east coast thought the rocket had been an explosion but the missile streaked on through the air and was visible for more than four minutes as it soared toward the skies.

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SUCCESSOR CONGRATULATED

OTTAWA—Dr. Sidney Smith, president of the University of Toronto, congratulated his vice-president, Dr. Claude T. Bisell (right) two years ago when the latter became president of Ottawa's Carleton University. Dr. Bisell now has been appointed

president of Toronto University, succeeding Dr. Smith who has become Canada's external affairs minister. (C. P. Wirephoto)

Tornadoes Rip Several Towns

MOUNT VERNON, ILL. (AP)—Tornadoes ripped through several Illinois and Missouri towns Wednesday, killing at least two persons, injuring perhaps 70 and causing widespread damage.

Communications were disrupted in this southern Illinois area.

One of two hospitals were reported it had 27 injured.

Police at Mount Vernon said two persons were killed and an undetermined number injured at Murphysboro some 60 miles southwest of here. The twister started several fires here.

Earlier another twister skipped through eastern Missouri, injuring two persons near Farmington, Mo., and another at the village of Truxton 50 miles northeast of St. Louis.

The Murphysboro damage was concentrated in a Negro settlement on the edge of the town.

Indonesian Gov't Takes Over Industries

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Premier Djarda told reporters Wednesday the government officially has taken over major Dutch industries in Indonesia and if the Dutch want compensation they must turn over Dutch New Guinea.

But he said, whether West Dutch citizens yielded to Indonesia or not, the Dutch never will regain the powerful economic position they held here.

If the Netherlands refuses to give up the New Guinea territories, the government will give up the present course and eliminate Dutch economic interests in Indonesia.

Shortly after he spoke, 700 Dutch citizens on the Dutch ship Waterman for Singapore in the biggest evacuation since the campaign against Hollanders opened three weeks ago.

There were indications that most of the 700 Dutch nationals will leave within the next two weeks.

West Germany Seeks To Boost Canadian Trade

COLOGNE, West Germany (Reuters)—The West German Federation of industries urged steps to increase trade with Canada.

The federation said trade with Canada had developed favorably this year but the rate of increase dropped considerably.

West German exports to Canada would probably reach 400,000,000 marks (about \$520,000,000) in 1957, it said. Exports were expected to be about 730,000,000 marks (about \$1,000,000,000) in 1958.

For West Germany this would be an increase in exports of 10 per cent and in imports of 18 per cent over 1956, corresponding increases in 1956 were 57 and 38 per cent.

The federation said the reduction in the rate of increase was probably to some extent linked with the slackening in the world market.

It added that in view of West Germany's increased debt balance with the dollar area—1,100,000,000 marks (about \$1,380,000,000) in 1957 (the Canadian market had particularly importance as it offered many prospects and could be extended).

NO DEFINITE STATEMENT RE CAUSEWAY FEASIBILITY

OTTAWA (Special)—The Federal Government is not yet in a position to make a definite announcement regarding the "feasibility" and "practicability" of building a causeway to Prince Edward Island. Puffer, a causeway Minister Howard Green said Wednesday.

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U.K. Expects To Lift Bomb Taming Soon On H Bomb

LONDON (Reuters)—The government is preparing to lift the ban on hydrogen bomb "taming" for industrial use, government ministers announced Wednesday.

But security will prevent a complete disclosure of British nuclear secrets, which scientists indicate will rival in importance the original splitting of the atom.

Scientific commentators on both sides of the Atlantic are convinced that the new sphere of nuclear research Britain has sprung ahead of the U.S. in the field of discoveries in the control of thermonuclear energy are at least equal in importance to those in the U.S. in the field of atomic energy.

It is being widely suggested in Washington that the British government has been playing down these discoveries in deference to the U.S. feeling especially sensitive because of Soviet rocket and satellite achievements.

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