

**CBC Film Sparks Questions**

By JAMES NELSON  
OTTAWA (CP)—Mr. Pearson, the \$5,000 film on a day in the life of the prime minister commissioned by the CBC and scheduled for television broadcast but later cancelled, was shown for members of the National Press Club.

Most of the viewers found it a no-nonsense, but by no means flattering, inside look at the operations of the prime minister, his cabinet, and his office staff.

The hour-long production, filmed by InterVideo Television under the direction of Richard Ballentine, was made by means of portable movie camera and sound-recording equipment in the East and Centre Block offices and town residence of the prime minister.

It covered Mr. Pearson's activities during a day last October when Real Cousteau's Ballemont des Creditaires were demanding better seats in the House of Commons, the lake-shipping strike was boiling up to a crisis, and Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia arrived for a state visit.

"Well, I've had a hell of a day," Mr. Pearson summarized the events in a telephone conversation with Donald Gordon, president of the CNR.

The film is a revealing insight into the man, both as the leader of a government telling Labor Minister MacEachen to stay in town during the shipping crisis, and sitting with his feet up on another chair in his office, watching a world series baseball game on television.

**MINOR CRISIS SHOWN**  
Among the minor crises portrayed in the film is the inability to get in touch with Mrs. Pearson when Emperor Selassie's travel plans are changed at the last minute because she is at a hairdresser's; the necessity for the prime minister to wear a short black coat instead of morning coat for the official arrival ceremony; and a last-minute protocol switch that schedules the Lion of Judah's visit to the prime minister's country home after dark instead of mid-afternoon.

"He won't be able to see a damn thing," the prime minister says.

Scenes of Mr. Pearson with Labor Minister MacEachen and other ministers were filmed with obvious knowledge of the participants that their supposedly confidential talks are being recorded.

Broadcasting the film on television was cancelled by the CBC on grounds that it was below the state-owned corporation's technical standards. Mr. Pearson said in the Commons the sound track was so poor he walked out on a preview showing.

Reporters found no trouble with the sound track except for a few extraneous noises that creep into any on-the-spot live recording not done in a television or motion picture studio.

A few technical faults were seen in focusing the camera, but the editing of the film was described as good by television newsmen attending the National Press Club showing.

Introducing the showing, Mr. Ballentine told reporters he would let the film "speak for itself." It will be shown in film festivals around the world, he said.

He blamed its cancellation on a straw vote in the Liberal Party which decided "apparently that it would not be good for it."

**House Briefs**

OTTAWA (CP)—Approximately 26 patrol vessels, which will be supplemented by air patrols, will compose Canada's enforcement fleet for the proposed 12-mile fishing limit. Fisheries Minister Robichaud said Wednesday.

Information was given in a written Commons reply to Marcel Lambert (PC—Edmonton West).

The government has declined to say whether it intends to cancel the landed immigrant status of convicted former Senators' International Union President Hal C. Banks, Hubert Bagnall, parliamentary secretary to the immigration minister, told Robert C. Coates (P.—Cumberland) it would not be appropriate to answer the question at this time because Mr. Banks' conviction is under appeal.

**ESTIMATE POPULATION**

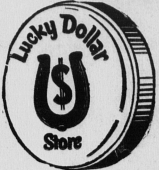
UNITED NATIONS (AP)—UN statisticians estimate the population of Communist China is 650,000,000. In the new 1963 edition of the UN statistical yearbook, they report Peking has issued no official estimate since 1957, but various other estimates have ranged between 600,000,000 and 800,000,000.

**LESAGE IS 52**

QUEBEC (CP)—Premier Lesage of Quebec celebrated his 52nd birthday Wednesday. Mr. Lesage, premier for almost four years, was born in Montreal June 10, 1912. Before becoming leader of the provincial Liberals, he was a federal member of Parliament, representing Montmagny-L'Islet from 1946 to 1952.

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