



GREEK MAKES HISTORY

George Seferis, left, first Greek ever to be awarded a Nobel prize, talks with Par Lagerqvist of Sweden in Stockholm where Seferis was awarded the 1963 prize for literature. Lagerqvist won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1961. (AP Wirephoto via Stockholm)

Winter Building Splurge May Cut Into Summer Jobs

By ALAN DONNELLY
OTTAWA (CP)—Federal officials are crossing their fingers in hopes they won't be embarrassed next year by too much success in this winter's housing incentive program.

Informants said Wednesday the new program of paying a \$500 bonus for winter-built homes has begun with a rush, with applications from builders they expect to complete by the deadline next March 31.

Applications are continuing to flow in, though the total qualifying for the bonus is not expected to reach the 40,000 homes originally budgeted for by the government. The \$500 will be paid to the first buyer of the houses.

The question now is the extent to which this winter program will "borrow" from next year's housing program, reducing the amount of housebuilding that would otherwise occur in the warmer months of next year.

TAX BOOST DUE
Another complicating factor is the scheduled jump next April 1 in the federal sales tax on building materials, to eight per cent from four. On top of the \$500 winter housing bonus, this likely will be an added incentive to some builders to crowd construction into the winter months.

Meanwhile, the bonus program is expected to ease the impact of winter season unemployment.

By the labor department's rule of thumb, the building of 30,000 homes in a four-month period would mean on-site jobs for an estimated 90,000 men, with an even larger volume of work in supply industries.

Another winter job program is the municipal winter works program under which Ottawa pays 50 per cent of the payroll cost of municipal projects during the six months to next April 30. This winter the federal contribution is boosted to 60 per cent in 56 high-unemployment areas—an extra that will apply to most municipalities in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces.

MAY BE LARGER
One official said indications are that the winter works program will be even larger than last winter's, when Ottawa paid \$45,679,000 on projects valued at an estimated \$292,800,000. It's estimated that last winter's program provided jobs at least part time for 146,400 persons.

Most of the 30,000 homes now lined up before the Dec. 1 starting date.

Officials say there is no precise comparison with last year to show the actual increase in housing starts attributable to the incentive program. In the

last three months of 1962 there were some 33,800 housing starts.

H. W. Hignett, vice-president of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, said in a recent speech that a record high 90,000 new homes probably will be under construction at the end of the year, compared with 78,000 a year ago.

He predicted 1963 housing starts will exceed 140,000 units compared with 130,100,000 in 1962.

Campaigning Ban Easing Is Sought

OTTAWA (CP)—The Commons is to be asked to push aside the barriers that prevent election candidates from campaigning on national defence property.

By a 5-to-4 decision, the Commons elections committee adopted a motion moved by

Erik Nielsen (PC-Yukon) recommending that election candidates be allowed to visit residences on defence bases for campaign purposes.

Three Progressive Conservatives, one Social Credit member



FREEDOM FROM HUNGER

Agriculture Minister Hays Vaner with a "Freedom from hunger" stamp collection in Ottawa as part of ceremonies

marking the 15th anniversary of the United Nations' universal declaration of human rights. Some 130 states and territories issued the special

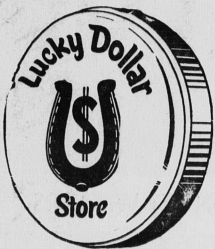
stamp this year in support of the UN food and agriculture organizations drive against hunger. (CP Wirephoto)

and one New Democratic MP lined up against four Liberal MPs to carry the motion.

However, its chances of early adoption by the Commons appeared slim. The committee's report recommending a host of

changes in current election laws is not yet prepared and relatively little time remains for it to be debated in the Commons before the end of this session.

Deputy Defence Minister E. B. Armstrong told the committee earlier that the defence department is anxious to retain the ban as part of its tradition against servicemen engaging in politics.



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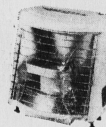
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