



**PRESENTATION MADE TO HOSPITAL**  
The Junior Red Cross Council of Queen Charlotte High School yesterday presented a radio, books, games and toys to Mrs. Wendell Wood, executive director of the Sherwood Hospital for Retarded Children, for use at the hospital.

# Mines Minister Holds Hope Of New Coal Industry Aid

OTTAWA (CP)—Mines Minister Flynn has held out hope that the federal government will announce long-term aid to Canada's ailing coal industry.

"The government is considering the whole problem and it hopes to be able to make an announcement as soon as possible," he told the Commons.

Mr. Flynn spoke during debate on a \$4,800,000 supplementary spending item required in connection with the movement of coal by the Dominion Coal Board under federal subsidies. The item was approved.

The minister referred to the government's coal policy after H. Robichaud (L—Quebec) and Harold Winch (CFC—Vancouver East) called for an immediate announcement of a national coal policy.

Mr. Robichaud said the federal treasury is paying large amounts in the form of subsidies to keep the coal industry operating. But this was only a temporary measure which would not enable the coal industry to become established on a permanent basis.

**SEEKS PLANS**

"I feel we have a right to know from the minister (Mr. Flynn) what are the plans of the government," Mr. Winch said the present

# Head Of Doctor Organization Retiree Before Commission

By JACK BEST  
OTTAWA (CP)—The president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada bluntly refused here to discuss the question of helping medical specialists under any program of national health insurance.

"I can only comment on extraneous circumstances as they exist now," said Dr. Malcolm Brown of Kingston, Ont., under questioning before the Hall royal commission on health services.

He said the college, national association of Canada's 8,300 specialist doctors, has developed an opinion on whether the country should have some form of government medical insurance health plan. Therefore he could not deal with questions pertaining to a "hypothetical" plan.

In its formal brief to the commission headed by Saskatchewan's Chief Justice Emmett Hall, the college avoided all discussion of the merits of a state plan.

**CAN'T COMMENT**

Answering Commissioner O. J. Firestone, Dr. Brown said he could not comment on allegations that have been made by the Canadian Medical Association—representing mostly general practitioners—that the quality of medical care would suffer under a state health plan.

At another point Chairman Hall asked Dr. Brown whether the college had any "fears or apprehensions" respecting its position under national health program-bearing in mind the experience in countries where such programs have been instituted.

"Not that I am aware of," replied the president.

Answering another question from the chairman, Dr. Firestone specialist standards could be set by the college "no matter what the Canadian Medical Association—representing mostly general practitioners—that the quality of medical care would suffer under a state health plan."

**TRAINING HINDERED**

The college's formal brief to the commission expressed concern over the dwindling supply of "teaching patients" in hospitals, which would hamper training. These are patients who, by terms and conditions of the supervision of fully-qualified doctors.

Teaching patients were formerly drawn from the general hospital beds, but because of increased property and the expense of maintaining them, it is "almost all segments of society," their numbers were de-

# Canadian Exporters Urged To Check Plans, Marketing

By FORBES HUDE  
Canadian Press Business Editor  
Canadian manufacturers facing tough competition from foreign manufacturers should first look to their own manufacturing and marketing methods if they wish to stay in business, says E. L. Lindsay, vice-president, Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd.

Mr. Lindsay made the comment at a press conference while outlining one of his own company's experiences.

In the past it had manufactured Christmas decorative lights for private-brand string and socket manufacturers who marketed the entire product under their own names.

Then, about 1956, the private producers found they could buy imports cheaper and GGE's production between 1955 and 1960 dropped from 15,500,000 units to less than 4,000,000 at a time when the Canadian market was increasing from 27,000,000 units to 35,000,000.

"It wasn't hard to see that we would be entirely out of the business by 1964," Mr. Lindsay said, "and that we would have to decide either to get out of the market or gamble on introducing our own line."

The "gamble" involving an expenditure of \$2,500,000 and a completely new production, packaging, distribution and marketing techniques under a Canadian-made name, was announced last June with the comment that Christmas sales would decide whether it would pay off.

Now the Christmas figures are in and they show sales of 11,500,000 units or about one-third of the Canadian market.

"We went into the program," Mr. Lindsay commented, "feeling that Canadians prefer to buy Canadian-made products that are not only competitive in price but also of top quality, safe to use and attractive in the home. Now we know that this is true."

He estimates that the extra work of 500,000 man hours of employment.

# Birds Underestimate Speed Of Jets To Crease Problems

By DAVE MCINTOSH  
OTTAWA (CP)—Birds don't seem to understand that jet planes are faster than prop planes.

Consequently, as they sit on the runway waiting their feet many get sucked into the jet engines. This can wreck an engine, not to mention the bird.

The birds long ago figured out the time needed to get out of the path of propeller-driven planes. But, officials say, they panic in the path of the jets.

This is no laughing matter for the birds or the transport department. The problem is most acute at airports at Vancouver, Port Williams, Ont., Windsor, Ont., Toronto Island, Charlotteville and Yarmouth, N.S.

Trans-Canada Air Lines struck 78 birds in Canada during the first 10 months of 1962. Feb. 4, a TCA DC-8 jet struck some seagulls during takeoff from Freeville, Scotland, and was diverted to London with a damaged engine.

So far, at least in Canada, there has been no serious air accidents caused by birds.

**TRY MANY METHODS**

Hundreds of methods have been tried to shoo away birds from airports around the world. They include scarecrows, shotguns, firecrackers, trapping and play-back records of birds' distress calls.

None has been notably successful. The birds can be fooled for a while but not for long.

At the moment, the transport department is using two rudimentary techniques to try to get rid of birds.

One is to send maintenance staff out to the runway just before a jet takeoff or landing to scare the birds away temporarily. This obviously is wasteful of manpower.

Another method is to try to remove things which seem to attract birds. Grass is cut short, berry bushes hacked down, the ground levelled, water holes filled in.

This may reduce the number of birds but it doesn't eliminate them.

The transport department may embark on some experimental methods of bird shooting at one or two of its airports if it can get the funds.

OTTAWA (CP)—Two Dutch destroyers, the Groningen and Limburg, will pay an informal visit March 31 to April 6 to the Canadian naval base at Esquimaut, B.C. the navy said Monday.

The vessels, belonging to the Royal Netherlands Navy Squadron five, have been exercising in Caribbean waters.

# Painted Gas, Dance Halls Get Into Commons' Debate

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP)—Painted ladies in short-skirted joints, liquor, gambling and Arizona Charlie's Palace Grand dance hall satirized in the past and into the Commons' Debate.

At issue was an innocuous-seeming request by the government for \$2,500,000 to buy liquor. But it served as a starting point for three MPs to raise questions about a project to restore Arizona Charlie's in Dawson City, Yukon.

"Evidently," said W. H. McMillan (L—Wellsand), "I was run during the time of the gold rush by a wealthy American called Arizona Charlie who was in pursuit of more wealth by providing the boys with liquor, with gambling and with other diversions for a price."

But, he asked, why restore Arizona Charlie's? Histories of the Yukon indicated he competed with the Tiroll, Nigger and Jim's, Pavilion and other places in providing select entertainment, liquor, gambling, etc.

"There are accounts of painted dancers and other ladies who were present as an adjunct to such an establishment. . . . Now this dance hall, or theatre as the minister (of northern affairs) prefers to call it, has been declared an historical site, a shrine, or a monument, and I want to know why."

**OTHERS JUMP IN**

Before Northern Affairs Minister Dinsdale had a chance to reply, in stepped Douglas Fisher (CFC—Port Arthur) and J. W. Pickersgill (L—Bonaville-Twillingate).

Mr. Fisher said it seemed the \$200,000-odd being spent was far more than Charlie spent building the "palais de danse" from the remains of two old steamboats.

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# CF-104 Program Trails 5 Months

OTTAWA (CP)—The CF-104 low-level bomber program now is at least five months behind schedule and \$200,000 more expensive than originally planned, officials said Tuesday.

The superonic CF-104 will replace the subsonic Sabre fighter in eight of the 13 squadrons in the RCAF air division in Europe. The other four squadrons will retain CF-100 interceptors.

On Sept. 15 last year, Defence Minister Harcourt was asked in the Commons when the first CF-104 squadrons would be posted to Europe.

"In November of 1962," the minister replied.

He was asked the same question in the Commons Tuesday and replied: "We have no absolutely firm date on it but we anticipate it will probably be around March, 1963."

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Mr. Flynn said he is not in a position to make public the recommendations of the interdepartmental committee.

Douglas Fisher (CFC—Port Arthur) asked whether coal movement costs from the Maritimes to the Lakehead could be reduced by having it carried in grain vessels normally loaded with ballast.

Mr. Flynn said he was not too hopeful that such a plan would be feasible.

**Talks Are Slated On Nfld. Roads**

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP)—Highways Minister F. W. Rowe says he will visit St. John's on Thursday for Ottawa to hold talks with federal authorities on the Newfoundland highway program.

Dr. Rowe was scheduled to meet with Public Works Minister Walker in Ottawa. He is responsible for federal aspects of the Trans-Canada Highway and Resolute Highway programs on the roads to Resolute.

The minister said he also hopes to discuss implications of the report of the MacPherson royal commission on health services, which recommended that the federal government assume responsibility for national health services in Newfoundland.

**Newsprint Output Shows Increase**

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian newsprint production in February was 814,763 tons, compared with 811,525 tons in 1961; the newsprint association of Canada announced Thursday.

Canadian shipments in February rose slightly to 480,000 tons from 468,812 tons last February. Canadian shipments to U.S. consumption fell 10 per cent to 368,593 tons from 379,047 tons last February.

Production in February was at 84.7 per cent of 1962 rated capacity, the same level as last February's production. Production per working day increased slightly to 20,993 tons from 20,163 tons in February, 1961.

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