

## Huge Forestry Development Seen Feasible By N.S. Gov't

HALFAX (CP)—The provincial government believes there is room in Nova Scotia for a huge private enterprise investment in forestry which could add \$200,000,000 to the province's economy.

The forest industry's production returns now stands at about \$100,000,000.

Forestry experts say the industry could triple its production over the next 40 to 60 years by intensifying and bringing up to date forest management practices.

L. S. Hawboldt, director of forestry extension service, says the key is growth rate. He said Nova Scotia has one of the highest growth rates in Canada. The annual rate ranges from a sixth of a cord per acre to a third of a cord. This can be increased by planting more trees on each acre.

Mr. Hawboldt says some producers already are "farming" their timber stands to the extent that growth rate has reached a full cord per acre each year.

**Statue Arrives For N.Y. Fair**

NEW YORK (AP)—Michelangelo's Pietà, one of the most perfect marble masterpieces of all time, arrived Monday aboard the liner Cristoforo Colombo en route to the New York World's Fair.

The 6,700-pound Pietà was encased in a cushioned package weighing a total of 11,800 pounds. The 46-year-old white statue which depicts the Virgin Mary grieving over the body of Christ, was insured for \$6,000,000 for its trip.

Two years ago Pope John XXIII promised Francis Cardinal Spellman that the statue would be loaned for the Vatican pavilion at the fair. Italians in general and art experts in particular feared for its safety in transit.

The statutory is in a wooden case 2½ inches thick with an eight-inch lead surrounding by four inches of special cushioning.

A round-the-clock guard was posted during the eight-day journey from Naples.

The Pietà was completed by Michelangelo when he was 24.

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He said to take advantage of the long-term forestry potential a big landowner would need a large investment and the capacity to withstand a long waiting period before making a profit.

The small woodlot owner does not need to invest much money. He already has the land and trees and technical advice are supplied practically free by the forestry service.

Mr. Hawboldt says the first cash crop after planting seedlings usually is available after 40 to 45 years when the trees can be sold as Christmas trees.

He said the value of Christmas tree crops can be doubled by proper planting and some time invested over the years in trimming growing trees.

Pulpwood production is possible 40 to 50 years after planting and sawlog production takes 80 to 100 years.

Intensive forest management, recuperative measures and a

## Exercise Mohawk Begins Off N.S.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (CP)—A convoy of five troop-laden Canadian warships sailed from here at noon Monday for a three-week exercise in the Atlantic off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Exercise Mohawk, a five-day scheme near Sheburne, employs a total of six navy ships, troops and equipment from Camp Gaspoint, N.B., and RCAF aircraft.

The supply ship Cape Scott and four frigates took on more than 250 soldiers, 26 jeeps and several three-quarter ton trucks for the voyage to an area designated as Blueland.

Men and equipment of the Blueland occupation force will be loaded into scows from the warships for transportation to the beachhead, where they were to begin fortification of their area by tonight.

A force of enemy Orangeland troops, reported Monday to be "somewhere in the Halifax area," was expected to attempt a landing of some type from the submarine Alcide during the next two days.

The RCAF and a helicopter taking part in the trial, first joint manoeuvre since an Ottawa announcement that the three forces will be integrated. Mohawk had been planned prior to the integration announcement.

**Defence Bill Introduced**

OTTAWA (CP)—A government bill abolishing the posts of the three service chiefs and replacing them with a single chief of the defence staff was introduced in the Commons Monday by Associate Defence Minister Gardiner.

The bill, forecast in Defence Minister Hellyer's white paper on defence last month, was given first reading without debate. It is the first formal step in a plan to integrate the army, navy and air force.

Air Chief Marshal Frank Mill, now chairman of the chiefs of staff committee, has already been designated as chief of the defence staff when the bill becomes law.

## CALL TO STRIKE

OSLO (AP)—The Norwegian Federation of Labor called Monday for a strike of 125,000 workers Friday in some of the nation's top industries. The federation is demanding wage increases of 17 per cent for workers which would be retroactive to March 1. A federal would be met in a building, textiles and a garment's industries, bus transport, hotels, restaurants and offices of most major firms and the chemical industry.

**Heathman Faces Narcotics Charge**

WINNIPEG (CP)—Charles Murrell Heathman, 40, acquitted in the sex slaying of a Vernon, B.C. newswoman, close trial by magistrate when he appeared in court Monday on a charge of possession of narcotics.

Two other persons facing the same charge, Gordon Hood and Mrs. Patricia Ann Karsaw, both of Winnipeg, also chose trial by magistrate. Neither of the defendants entered a plea to the joint charge.

They were arrested by RCMP in a raid on the city rooming house April 3.

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## ISLAND NEWSMEN GO ON SEARCH FLIGHT

Four Island newsmen accompanied a 415 Squadron Argus from RCAF Station Summerside Friday night on a Search and Rescue Mission to Frobiisher Bay. The aircraft took off at 11:30 p.m. and returned to Base at 7 p.m. Saturday night. Shown above

## Maine Road As Shortcut Is Proposed

OTTAWA (CP)—Construction of an all-weather highway through the state of Maine is a short-cut between Quebec's industrialized area and the Atlantic provinces was suggested in the Commons Monday.

John B. Stewart (L.-Antigonish - Guysborough), a political scientist and parliamentary secretary to State Secretary Lamontagne, made the sugges-

tion as the Commons resumed its budget debate.

He recognized the proposal would involve extensive negotiations with the state of Maine and the United States authorities, but said the plan should be seriously considered as a means to shorten direct overland communications.

A highway would offer a form of competition to railway transportation links with the Atlantic provinces. The CNR main line now follows an all-Canadian route; a CPR line runs through Maine.

Mr. Stewart said the Atlantic provinces are at the remote end of a transcontinental ribbon of Canadian development, and even tax concessions for new industry are insufficient to overcome the attraction of central Canada.

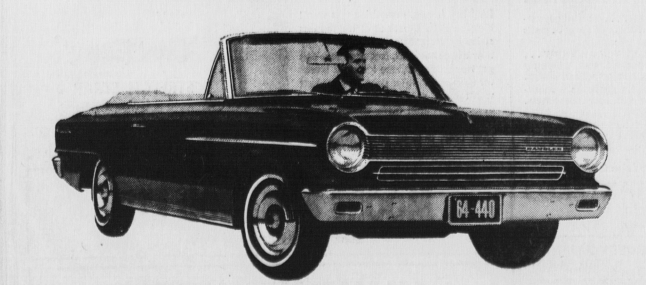
But the Atlantic provinces would be near the centre of a North Atlantic economy, he added, and further economic assistance to the area is desirable.

## WILL RECEIVE DOCTORATE

HAMILTON, Ont. (CP)—Ralph J. Bunche, Nobel prize winner and permanent undersecretary of the United Nations, will deliver the convocation address at McMaster University May 25 and receive an honorary doctorate of laws, McMaster announced Monday.



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