

Canada Boosts Contribution To Colombo Plan

OTTAWA (CP)—The government plans to increase by \$8,000,000 Canada's contribution to the Colombo Plan next year.

The External Affairs department said Friday Parliament will be asked to approve a Colombo Plan contribution in 1956-57 of \$34,400,000, an increase of \$8,000,000 over the 1955-56 amount.

The Colombo Plan, established in 1950, is designed to provide capital and financial aid for economic development of South and Southeast Asia. So far, Canada has contributed \$133,400,000 to the plan.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

OTTAWA. External Affairs Minister Pearson, surrounded by a bevy of pretty girls, pulls a Christmas cracker with Helen Jones at the annual external affairs department Christmas party. The other girls are, left to right: Louise MacKay, Lois Hill, Ardath Matheson, and Louise Saint-Pierre. (CP Photo)

Farm Labor Agreement To Continue During 1956

OTTAWA (CP)—Federal and provincial officials have decided to continue through 1956 the inter-government farm labor agreements effective since 1943.

Under the agreements, seasonal movements of farm labor for crop harvesting are assisted by the federal and provincial governments.

The labor department said Tuesday delegates to the 13th annual federal-provincial farm labor conference, whose closed sessions ended Friday, agreed the arrangement should be continued.

Delegates said it would be necessary to increase the mobility of the farm labor force in view of expected labor demand in industry and a dwindling supply of

qualified farm labor from Europe.

Under the federal - provincial agreements, there have been organized movements of workers from the prairies and Maritimes to Ontario for the hay harvest, from Ontario and Quebec to the prairies for the grain harvest, from Nova Scotia to Prince Edward Island for potato picking and from the prairies to British Columbia for berry picking.

International movements also have been sponsored, with United States tobacco workers brought moving from the Maritimes to central Canada and potato pickers

Bruins Recall Ed Panagobko

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League Friday recalled forward Ed Panagobko from their Hershey farm club to bolster their injury-riddled ranks.

Panagobko was optioned to Hershey two weeks ago.

Four Bruins are on the injured list including wingmen Allan Nicholson, (pulled leg ligament), Doug Mohs (shoulder injury) and Lorne Ferguson (pulled leg muscle). Defenceman Fernie Flaman was hospitalized for treatment Thursday night after receiving a leg injury in the Chicago game.

Mixed Reaction To Observing Boxing Day

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

Christmas falls on Sunday this year and the question of giving two week days of one for Christmas and one for Boxing Day has had a mixed reaction throughout Canada.

Where cities have a free choice, the selection of Monday as Boxing Day has an edge over Tuesday and a four-day weekend.

In England, Boxing Day used to be the day when employers gave employees presents.

Four provincial governments—British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Newfoundland—have declared Tuesday Dec. 27, a holiday. Alberta and Manitoba qualified their declarations by saying the holiday isn't binding as statutory.

Quebec cities against the Tuesday Boxing Day holiday are Montreal, Quebec, Hull and Sherbrooke.

Ontario, where the provincial government has left Boxing Day declarations to the municipal governments, shows Toronto, Oshawa, Windsor, Port Arthur and Orillia against a Dec. 27 holiday. Ottawa, Kingston, St. Catharines, Brantford, Stratford, North Bay, Timmins and Fort William have declared a four-day weekend.

Ontario banks are to be open Tuesday.

Two Maritime provinces have taken opposite stands on the question. In New Brunswick, Saint John, Fredericton, Moncton, and Lancaster indicate they will hold Boxing Day. In Nova Scotia, Sydney, Halifax, and Dartmouth have turned thumbs down.

In Manitoba, Winnipeg, Lethbridge and Portage La Prairie are against a holiday while Brandon is for it.

In Alberta, Edmonton will treat Monday as Boxing Day.

Threat Of Recession In Canada Is Now Overcome

MONTREAL (CP)—Canada has successfully overcome a threat of recession which has been overwhelming her economy for the past year, J. Edouard Labelle, president of the Provincial Bank of Canada, said Friday.

In his address to the 55th annual meeting of the bank's shareholders, Mr. Labelle said industrial activity had attained high levels during 1955, and the production volume index had reached new records, well above those for 1954 and even 1953.

As a result, he said, both national and personal incomes have reached record levels.

Mr. Labelle attributed these improvements in the economic situa-

tion to an increase in foreign trade, and to government policies involving tax reductions. A decisive factor, he said, was the increase in credit facilities made available to house building by the entry of banks into the field of mortgage lending.

Mr. Labelle cautioned, however, that there are a number of problems facing Canadians at the present time, among them the danger of an increase in the cost of living and the disrupting effect of farm surpluses on the economy. He concluded that the solutions to such problems are made easier for Canadians through the fortunate circumstances of the country, endowed with huge natural resources of all kinds.

Rifle Scores

There will be no shoot at the York Rifle Club on Wednesday December 21st. The following are the results of last Wednesday's shoot:

Utley Birt	98
Howard Watts	98
H. T. Vessey	98
Irene Hardy	97
Raymond Vessey	96
Lloyd Vessey	96
Jack Andrews	95
Albert Court	95
Myron Ling	95
Cecil Watts	95
Arthur Brown	95
A. J. Cluney	94
Harold Taylor	94
Bonnie Ling	93
George Andrews	93
W. L. Crockett	92
Leigh Vessey	92
Louis Vessey	92
Edison Watts	92
Dewar Swan	91
Betty Andrews	91
Stuart Vessey	91
Ray Doucette	87
Frank Vessey	87
Elizabeth Watts	86
Robert Cooper	85
Robert Connolly	84
Joyce Ling	83
Donald Crockett	82
Norman Brown	81
Irving Vessey	81
Harry Lewis	80
Wendall Brown	80
Everett Wylie	80
Erna Watts	80
Hazel Vessey	80
Laken Lewis	80
Alan Brown	80
Marjorie Lewis	80
Debra Connolly	80
Joe Brown	80

TEMPLE INVALIDS

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MEASURED READING

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