

ASTRO-MECHANIC

Artist's concept shows how astronaut David Scott will practice with a power space tool during his mid-March Gemini 8 space walk. While attached to 25-foot lifeline, Scott will evaluate tool by tightening and loosening bolts on a metal plate attached to a compartment which he will pull out of the side of the spacecraft. (AP Wirephoto)

Army's Heavy Brigades To Get New Howitzers

By DAVE MCINTOSH
OTTAWA (CP) — The Canadian Army's two heavy brigades — in Europe and at Camp Gagetown, N.B. — will be equipped with self-propelled 155-millimetre howitzers at a cost of approximately \$40,000,000, officials have disclosed.

They emphasized that though the howitzer can carry a nuclear warhead it will be armed only with conventional explosive. Delivery of the 50 howitzers — 25 for each brigade — in 1968 will fill the last major deficiency of these units. The other major deficiency had already been plugged by purchase of some 1,000 M-113 armored troop carriers. The self-propelled howitzers, which travel on their own tracks instead of being towed, will add to the mobility of the brigade in Europe. They can move at 20 miles an hour cross-country and can swim rivers.

PROVIDE SUPPORT

They will enable the artillery regiments of the two brigades to provide close support for tanks and the infantry's armored carriers.

Officials said the howitzer is the first new major close-support weapon obtained by the army since the Second World War. The gun will be acquired from the United States. The \$40,000,000 cost includes spare parts and ammunition.

Officials said the present 50-ton Centurion tank will last until 1970. By that time, the defence department would have decided whether to convert the two heavy brigades into light brigades — that is, give them equipment light enough to be lifted by air.

DEFENCE SUPPORT

Defence Minister Hellyer announced last week that both light brigades at Camp Petawawa, Ont., and Camp Wainwright, Alta., will be made air-transportable. Previously, this plan had applied only to the brigade at Petawawa. The defence department now is taking a look at light tanks which can be carried by transport planes.

BRIGADES ROTATE

There are two heavy brigades so that the one in Canada can rotate with the one in Europe. New heavy weapons for the 6,000-man brigade in Europe seemed to be a clear indication that Canada has no intention of withdrawing it for at least five years.

The brigade is stationed in the Soest area near the valley of the major skill would be sensitivity and an ability to work with other people.

While volunteers won't get pay cheques, their expenses will be paid and they will be supplied with pocket money. At a press conference Mr. McWhinney said it is difficult to lay down specific skills and educational training needed for volunteers.

Many skills and aptitudes were needed and it was possible that a school drop-out might be able to overcome his lack of formal training.

Ruhr. It is capable of deploying right up to the border of East Germany.

Steel Demand Strong In U.S.

CLEVELAND (AP) — The return of idle blast furnaces and steelmaking facilities to production in U.S. mills reflects a "surging demand" for steel, an industry publication said Sunday.

Steel magazine said some "less economical standby units" are among those being brought out of mothballs.

"Particularly significant," Steel said, "is projected resumption of melting at U.S. Steel's National Works which was suspended only last December."

The weekly trade publication said steadily rising order volume "is making predictions of an unusually active second quarter steel market look like a sure bet." Estimates now are that April and May production and shipments will top March volume by 15 to 20 per cent.

Steelmaking has risen impressively over the last four weeks, Steel said, estimating ingot production for the week ended March 5 at 2,650,000, up more than nine per cent from the 2,422,000 tons poured the week ended Feb. 5.

Scrap prices eased off again last week. Steel's composite on No. 1 heavy melting grade steel scrap was down 33 cents a ton at \$35.17.

Gaspé Copper Profits Higher

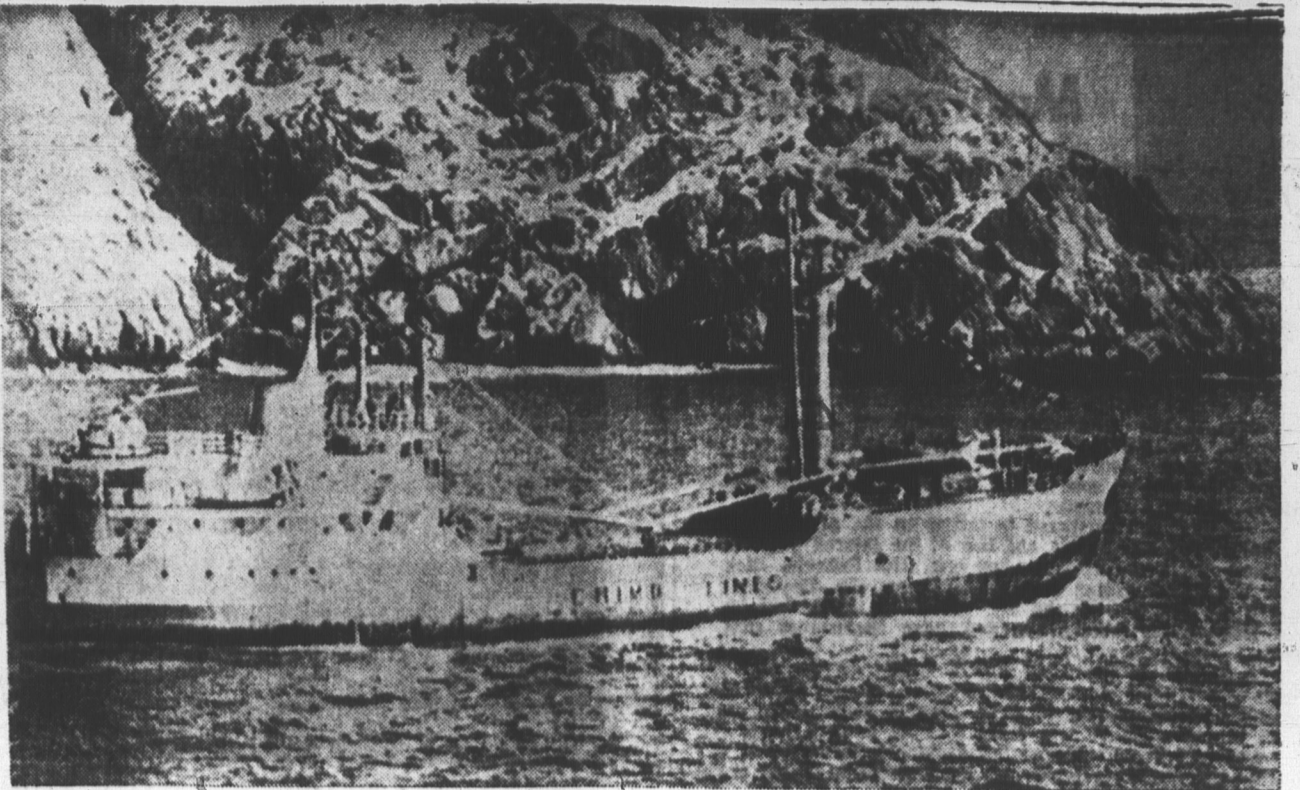
MONTREAL (CP) — The net operating profit of Gaspé copper mines in 1965 was \$5,385,739 compared with \$4,798,856 in the previous year, the company says in its annual report. This represented \$2.03 per share, compared with \$1.81 per share in 1964, the report said.

R. R. Porritt, the company's president, said in the report that the increase was due mainly to higher copper prices and revenue from the sale of molybdenite concentrates. He added, however, that the increase in investment income was almost offset by the increased provision for depreciation and taxes.

BAN ON SHIPS
ATHENS (Reuters) — Greece Thursday banned all ships under its flag from sailing to or from North Viet Nam.

Merchant Marine Minister Isidoros Mavridoglou said the measure is aimed at protecting the lives of the crews and security of the ships because of the dangerous war conditions in North Viet Nam.

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FIRST SEALER LEAVES

from St. John's, Nfld. for the Arctic front off Labrador for the 1966 sealing season, aboard the Chesley A. Cross, owned by Chimo Shipping Ltd. of St. John's. The vessel was the first to leave St. John's this year for the front. (CP Wirephoto)

Capt. Clarence Dyke and 23 members of his crew sail

cently received word that their daughter Shirley, of Ottawa, Que., has been chosen Miss National Revenue for 1966, in a beauty contest.

CREW ALLOWED ASHORE

HONG KONG (Reuters) — Hong Kong immigration authorities Friday rescinded their refusal to allow the crew of 156 of the Russian liner M. Uritsky ashore for leave. There was no explanation for the sudden change. The 270 Japanese cruise passengers were permitted ashore, earlier. The Russian seamen were allowed ashore in small parties during daylight hours.

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Joey Reveals EPA Financially Troubled

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CP) — Premier Smallwood said here Eastern Provincial Airways was in "desperate" financial difficulties and steps might be necessary in the future to maintain the air link with Labrador. The government now was reluctant to take these steps, he said. The Premier said in the legislature the government already had invested \$3,000,000-\$6,000,000 in EPA because it provided a vital means of transportation between the island of Newfoundland and the natural wealth of Labrador. Without EPA, Newfoundland probably would have had a government-operated airline by now, Mr. Smallwood said. He stressed the need to maintain solid communication and transportation links with Labrador during second reading of a bill to create a department of Labrador affairs.

Justice Minister Challenges Dief

OTTAWA (CP) — Justice Minister Cardin tossed a teaser in the Commons Friday when he challenged Opposition Leader Diefenbaker to "put on the record his participation in the Monseigneur case when he was prime minister."

Mr. Cardin did not elaborate and Mr. Diefenbaker did not reply. Gilles Gregoire (Creditiste — Lapointe) asked the justice minister whether he could give the House more details. He knew this might be difficult, since the minister was bound by security, but could he say whether the Monseigneur case involved national security, "like the George Victor Spencer case?"

In the Monseigneur case were there Canadian citizens who suffered penalties as Spencer had? "Was it not true that the former prime minister had acted personally to prevent prosecution or a judicial inquiry into the matter?"

Mr. Gregoire also asked whether the former prime minister had not "camouflaged the facts" after feeling some kind of influence on the part of some persons outside the cabinet and the House?

JUSTICE MINISTER ANGRY
Waving his fist at the Opposition benches, Mr. Cardin made his oblique reference in an exchange with Mr. Diefenbaker during debate on justice department estimates.

The justice minister showed his anger over a remark by the Opposition leader that "the minister of justice is not acquainted" with the law. "He's been seldom before the courts, I am told," Mr. Diefenbaker said.

True, said Mr. Cardin. "The minister has not had very much

CYC Volunteers Being Sought

OTTAWA (CP) — The Company of Young Canadians has announced it is seeking 250 volunteers for a number of pilot projects starting this summer.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and will be taken on for a two-year period. There are no educational requirements.

William McWhinney, interim director of the company, said no decision has yet been made as to the projects the volunteers will tackle, but all will be in Canada.

Suggestions include working with school drop-outs, young law-breakers, poor children, Arctic villages and Indians on Arctic villages and Indians on reserves.

Mr. McWhinney said idealism would be a plus factor for those who want to volunteer but interviewers will be looking for persons committed to service.

glass chin," said Mr. Cardin. "He can't take it."

Mr. Cardin said the Opposition leader had been looking for "an excuse for my execution" since he (Mr. Cardin) attacked him in the Commons when he was prime minister.

"I criticized the untouchable one" because of his attitude as prime minister. Since that time "he's proven me to be right day by day."



Think you can talk her into it?

Yes. If she's a little self-reliant. And likes to get around and go places by herself.

Yes. If she's still a bit dependent. And relies on you for advice about mechanical things like cars.

Yes. If she's got lots of zest and energy. And doesn't mind shifting four fully-synchronized gears. Instead of just steering around town.

Yes. If she's a little bit lazy. And doesn't like pushing her way out of snowbanks in the winter.

Yes. If she's thrifty with pennies. And likes to save you money on little things like gas. And oil. And anti-freeze.

And tires. And maintenance.

Yes. If she likes to be extravagant. And spend the money she saves on brocade wallpaper for the bathroom.

Yes. If she's flexible in her thoughts. And will let you lay out \$800 or \$900 on a used Volkswagen when she's already had thoughts about a Hammond organ.

Yes. If she's strong willed. And insists you get the most for your money in a small car.

When you get down to it, it's really a matter of your wife talking you into it.



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