

BIRTHDAY KISS AT 93

Adolph Zukor who was 93 Thursday and still keeping daily office hours in Hollywood at Paramount Studios which he founded, gets a birthday kiss from movie star Natalie Wood. When the photographer asked the usual, "How about just one more Mr. Zukor?" This was the answer from Zukor: "What, only one more. How about taking several?" Zukor, who had witnessed many changes in the film world, was never more confident. (AP Wirephoto)

New Longer-Range Plans Proposed In Construction

By JAMES NELSON

OTTAWA (CP) — The Economic Council of Canada, which a year ago planted the seed for a major realignment of government departmental responsibilities in the field of manpower, may have sown the seed for another involving construction.

The council says in its second annual review that because of the impact of the construction industry on the economy generally, longer-range and more co-ordinated construction planning should be undertaken by the federal government. It recommended postponing and stretching out current construction activity to ease inflationary pressures which recently have developed. This the government has already done by its announcement last summer postponing several projects, renewed this week by Finance Minister Sharp in a Toronto speech.

The council says in its second annual review, made public Tuesday night: "There is a need for effective co-ordination of construction expenditures which now are scattered over a large number of federal departments and agencies. Suitable procedures and machinery are required for this purpose."

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"Effective co-ordination of this nature would facilitate better long-term planning of federal construction programs and more appropriate timing of changes in such activities to assist in stabilizing the over-all volume of construction in the economy over a period of time." The works department now is the principal agency handling government building projects—but by no means its only one. In comparison with \$74,052,000 originally earmarked in the current fiscal year for acquisition and construction of buildings and works by the works department, these other departments have their own building and works budgets:

Transport	\$64,521,300
Agriculture	\$31,602,000
Resources	\$28,627,600
Defence	\$26,140,000
Justice	\$25,722,000
Immigration	\$12,796,000

There are for such things as airports, wharves, land reclamation, northern Indian and Eskimo housing, defence installations, penitentiaries, and similar projects of undertaken by the

works department itself.

Together they add up to much more than the works department appropriations, and none of these figures includes repairs to existing buildings or acquisition and repair of equipment—another large part of the impact of government spending on the domestic economy.

CALL FOR NEW SETUP

In its first annual review the council called for massive reorganization of federal government manpower services.

Last month Prime Minister Pearson announced a reorganization is being undertaken to create a new department of manpower, with Jean Marchand as the minister-designate. This now has taken on new significance with the emphasis the council puts on manpower and productivity in its second annual review.

The only real co-ordination among the various government departments in their construction planning and work has been through the finance department and treasury board in allocating funds for the work.

The idea of centralizing con-

trol in perhaps one department, making that minister czar of building and works, won't be popular from the standpoint of practical politics. All ministers like to have a hand in awarding construction contracts for their own departments—particularly if they survive in office long enough to unveil a cornerstone or plaque on the names are engraved for posterity.

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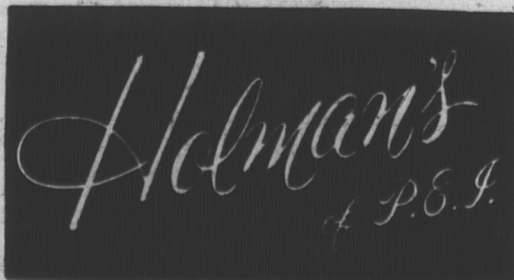
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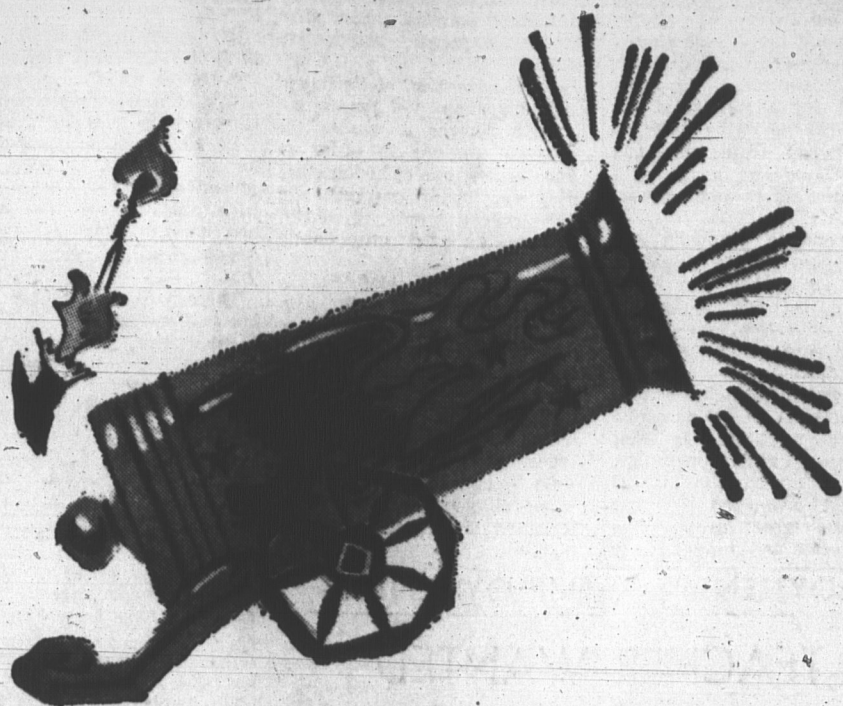
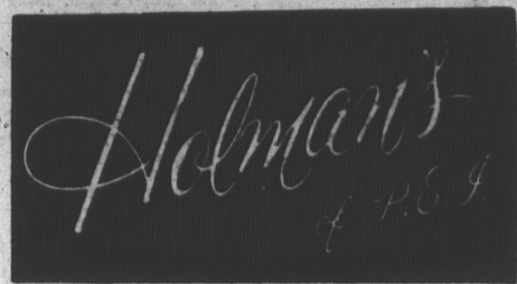
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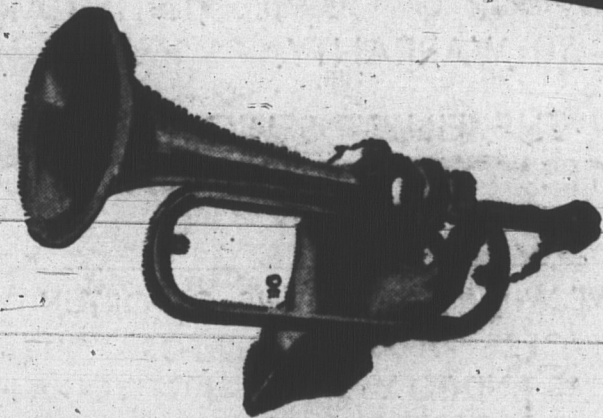
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