

N. B. Steel-Making Plans Bring Views of Sceptics

By GORDON GRANT
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Plans to make steel in New Brunswick brought out the sceptics last week, but the men behind the project have reputations for knowing what they are doing.

K. C. Irving, a dominant name in the Maritimes, has a large stake in the project and isn't known as a backer of losers. Neither is mining-man M. J. Boylen.

Palino Mining and the Belgian Societe Generale des Minerais, two world-wide mining giants also involved in the steel project which is part of a \$117,000,000 expansion by Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corp. Ltd. in New Brunswick.

The steel mill will take up \$60,000,000 of the total outlay. This is the second steel project announced in Canada in as

many weeks, the first being the proposed \$250,000,000 scheme in Quebec.

EXPRESS DOUBTS
Some sceptics said Quebec's project was marginal, he same people say the New Brunswick proposition is even worse.

"Where will the steel be sold?" is the main question, as it was when Quebec announced its plans.

One steel expert said he couldn't see the thinking behind producing steel in the Maritimes which isn't a large consumer.

He said export markets are not growing rapidly and the Quebec market will not be open to Maritime steel.

A spokesman for Brunswick Mining, which will produce 200,000 tons of steel a year, said the company isn't concerned about the market.

The New Brunswick mill will

start operations in 1968. Demand for steel that year is estimated at 11,000,000 tons, an increase of almost 2,000,000 tons from this year's demand.

CITE COST SAVING
Iron feed for the mill will come from the recovery of pyrites contained in Brunswick Mining's ore, and this is cited as a cost saving factor.

Financing details have not been announced, but a spokesman for Brunswick Mining said it will be done in Canada.

Brunswick is already being helped in the base metal field by a New Brunswick government guarantee on the debt of its smelter subsidiary. It is speculated that similar assist-

ance from the provincial government may be expected for the steel mill.

Elsewhere on the business scene, a nation-wide survey of consumer buying intentions showed Canadians may be on the verge of a buying spree.

The survey said the index of "consumer mood" this year reached the highest point of any third quarter studied to date.

Furniture and major appliance buying plans showed sharp increases. Of those people intending to buy cars 52 per cent will buy new models.

EARNINGS INCREASE
With nine-month reports beginning to roll in there is no sign of a let-up in increasing corporate earnings.

Companies representing a broad cross-section of industry reported this week, and most showed sharp gains. Included in the list were: McIntyre Porcupine Mines, Dominion Foundation and Steel, Texas Canada, Trans-Canada Pipe Lines, Price Brothers, Moore Corporation



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The camera caught this moment he was hit by a bullet during a battle with tin miners at Sora Sora, Bolivia, recently. The soldier was wounded in the left shoulder. (AP Wirephoto via radio from La Paz).

African Writers Attract Wide Attention In Europe

By GERARD McNEIL
QUEBEC (CP)—An average North American might connect "African literature" with the writings of Robert Ruark or Ernest Hemingway.

A deeper penetration comes up with such names as Alan Paton, the South African, or the late Albert Camus, an Algerian.

But the African writers, now attracting attention in European literary circles are dark-skinned men whose poems and novels pump with the pulse of the continent's new nationalism.

Aime Cesaire, deputy for Martinique, and president Leopold Senghor of Senegal both weave the concept of "negritude"—the big literary word there—into their poems.

Cesaire's work is surrealistic and striking. It has been made famous in France by poet Andre Breton, who introduced it to Europe.

Also writing in French, focusing on nationalist themes, but doing so in a highly individualistic way are novelists like Ferdinand Oyono and Mongo Beti, both of the Cameroons, and Camara Laye of Guinea.

CRITICIZED AT HOME
Where Oyono's indictment of colonialism in Africa is humorous, Beti is biting Laye's work, in politically harsh a Guinea, is a moving and beautiful look at African life. His expression of the idea of bronze-age love has placed him under a cloud in his own country.

These facts are valuable for members of the United States Peace Corp going to West Africa. They spent three weeks here in September, learning about French writing in Africa from, oddly enough, a University of British Columbia professor.

Did the 150 youths now teaching English in African countries, have any knowledge of modern writing there?

"A perfect blank, of course," says Gerard A. Tougas, who teaches French language and literature at UBC.

Edmonton - born and raised, prof. Tougas, 45, a trim, six-foot-four, has twice visited West Africa in recent years on Carnegie grants.

He joined UBC in 1953, at a time when the Carnegie foundation has granted the university money for French - Canadian studies. Since then, UBC has developed a library of French



GERALD TOUGAS

ity in the new African nations.

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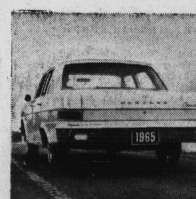

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