

the Kid. Winner of the Governor General's Award for 1971, the book has been described as "a brilliant, powerful, and fascinating work of art".

Opening on August 1 will be *Inook and the Sun*, a play for children by Montreal poet and playwright Henry Beissel. *Inook* uses both live actors and marionettes to trace the adventures of a young Eskimo boy who sets out in search of the sun. The marionettes will be designed and made by Felix Mirbt, founder and director of the Montreal Puppeteers.

Exiles, which is described as a "unique opera for the theatre", written by Raymond and Beverly Pannell, will have its première performance on August 15. This production, which was commissioned by the Festival with the aid of a special grant from the Canada Council, combines electronic and orchestral music, poetry and photography to depict the ordinary world with extraordinary vision. Although there is no plot, it uses a series of events and arias to portray what its author-composers call "a place between two worlds...mysterious, disturbing and limitless". Raymond Pannell, a former concert pianist, has been associated with the Festival as a composer of four productions, the most recent of which was last year's *She Stoops to Conquer*. He has also written two operas for the Canadian Opera Company, including *The Luck of Ginger Coffey*. *Exiles* will be directed by Michael Bawtree.

Labatt buys interest in Zambian brewery

John Labatt Limited has announced the purchase of a minority interest in Zambia Breweries Limited. The Government of Zambia, through the Government-owned Indeco Breweries Limited, is the major shareholder in the brewing operation. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed.

Zambia Breweries Limited operates

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two breweries with a total annual capacity of 750,000 barrels. The breweries are located in the Zambian capital, Lusaka, in Central Zambia, and in Ndola in Northern Zambia.

Labatt will provide production and engineering services under the terms of a technical-assistance contract.

The venture is another expansion of the company's international brewing interests. Labatt recently announced its participation in a Brazilian brewing company and also holds a minority interest in a brewery in Trinidad.

Automobile trade, 1972

Statistics Canada reports that, except for the year 1970, there was a deficit in Canada's international trade in automotive products from 1965 to 1972 (inclusive) and the cumulative deficit stood at close to \$2,900 million. Of this total, \$1,900 million, or some two-thirds, was attributable to trade with the United States.

From the surplus of \$95 million in 1970, Canada's trade in automotive products, changed to a deficit of \$113 million in 1971, which more than quadrupled to a deficit of \$511 million in 1972. This estimate was higher than that of any year since 1966, when the deficit was \$637 million.

Contributing to the expansion of nearly \$400 million in the deficit in 1972 were contractions of \$164 million in surplus for motor vehicles and \$43 million for snowmobiles, together with an increase of \$191 million in the deficit from motor-vehicle parts. The shutdowns of the assembly plants at Ste Thérèse, Quebec, and Oshawa, Ontario, for conversion and for model change had an impact on the vehicle trade balance in 1972.

A turn-around of \$235 million in the balance with the U.S., from a surplus of \$194 million to a deficit of \$41 million, was produced by a 19 per cent increase in imports to \$4,666 million and a 12 per cent gain in total exports to \$4,625 million. Canada's deficit on trade with overseas countries expanded more than 50 per cent to \$470 million in 1972. Exports, at some \$210 million, were virtually unchanged, but imports rose about 30 per cent to nearly \$680 million, with two-thirds of the increase being attribut-

able to vehicles. Imports of automotive products from Japan were some \$125 million higher in 1972, with the unit values of imported vehicles rising close to 18 per cent between year-end 1971 and 1972.

Record number of students at McGill

The final summaries of student registrations at McGill University, Montreal, for the full 1972-73 session show an enrolment of 15,218 full-time students, the highest in this university's history. Owing to changing patterns in Quebec education, this figure is unlikely to be reached again in the next ten years. Including 1,525 part-time students, total registrations have for the first time exceeded 17,000. The development of more part-time degree programs is likely to lead to a substantial increase in such registrations over the next few years.

For the first time, McGill has accepted January registrations of full-time students, resulting in a total of 15,286 such students registered in the second semester of 1972-73.

A land for all seasons

The Canadian Government Travel Bureau is participating in 16 sports and travel shows throughout the United States in the first months of 1973.

Canadian participation is in the form of 20-foot exhibits, the theme, Canada — A Land for all Seasons, dispelling the idea that Canada is covered with snow for most of the year and that there is little to do or see except during the summer.

Exhibits will point out the numerous attractions and activities that Canada has to offer for all seasons.