

Travelling by bus and train, boys and girls, many of whom will be seeing a live play for the first time, will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the production. Following the performance, William Hutt, who plays Jacques, will appear on-stage to discuss with the audience both the play and the theatre in which it is presented.

Organized through the co-operation of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival and the Ontario Department of Education, the school matinees were began last year with end-of-season performances of "Henry IV, Part 1." So great was their success that an early decision was made to continue them this year. Through a "package" arrangement, the students' transportation, meals and admission to the theatre are charged for at a rate that is as low as is economically possible.

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UNEF TROOPS CHANGED

The fourth contingent of Canadian Army personnel to be sent since 1956 to Egypt for a year's tour of duty with the United Nations Emergency Force will be airlifted over a six-week period this autumn, Army Headquarters have announced.

Beginning on September 16 the RCAF will transport about 530 soldiers to the Middle East and the same number back to Canada in 19 round trip flights. The aircraft will fly from Dorval, Montreal, to El Arish, Egypt and return. Each round trip will take about four and a half days and the airlift will be completed by November.

Not involved in this regular fall rotation is the 100-man reconnaissance squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons. It will not be replaced until early next year. The Dragoons have been patrolling a sector of the demarcation line between Egypt and Palestine since last February.

The first Canadian troops to serve with UNEF arrived in Egypt in November 1956, a month after the Suez crisis. Other countries serving with the international force include Denmark, Norway, India, Sweden and Yugoslavia.

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RETAIL TRADE RISES

Retail sales in June totalled an estimated \$1,383,862,000, a rise of 7.9 per cent from the year-earlier total of \$1,283,082,000. January-June sales were 5.4 per cent larger than a year ago at \$7,666,446,000 versus \$7,270,563,000. Both June and half-year sales were larger than a year earlier for all regions and for all trades except fuel dealers in the month, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports.

June sales rose 11.8 per cent in Manitoba, 10.2 per cent in British Columbia, 8.8 per cent in Ontario, 7.4 per cent in the Atlantic

Provinces, 6.7 per cent in Alberta, 6.6 per cent in Saskatchewan, and 5.4 per cent in Quebec. January-June sales increased 7.7 per cent in Manitoba, 6.8 per cent in Alberta, 6.1 per cent in Saskatchewan, 5.9 per cent in Ontario, 5.5 per cent in the Atlantic Provinces, 4.3 per cent in British Columbia, and 4.0 per cent in Quebec.

June increases for the trades ranged from 16.2 per cent for motor vehicle dealers and 10.7 per cent for lumber and building material dealers to 1.4 per cent for general stores and 0.9 per cent for restaurants. Fuel dealers' sales were 1.2 per cent smaller. Other major increases in the month were: department stores, 10.1 per cent; shoe and furniture, appliance and radio stores, 9.8 per cent each; men's clothing, 9.1 per cent; and variety stores, 8.6 per cent.

January-June sales gains were between 11.5 per cent for motor vehicle dealers and 9.0 per cent for fuel dealers and 1.7 per cent for family clothing stores and 0.1 per cent for restaurants. Other noticeable advances in the half-year were: lumber and building material dealers, 7.0 per cent; department stores, 6.2 per cent; drug stores, 5.9 per cent; and jewellery stores, 5.0 per cent.

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SEAWAY TOLLS BOARD

The Joint Tolls Advisory Board, provided for under the agreement between Canada and the United States relating to tolls on the St. Lawrence Seaway has now been constituted. Mr. B.J. Roberts, President of the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority (Canada) and Mr. Lewis G. Castle, Administrator of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation (United States) have announced the personnel of the Board.

The two Canadian members are Mr. George A. Scott, Director of Economic Policy, Department of Transport, and Mr. George M. Schuthe, Chief, Transportation and Trade Services Division, Department of Trade and Commerce. The two United States members are Mr. E. Reece Harrill, Assistant Administrator, the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation, and Dr. Charles A. Taff, Professor of Transportation, University of Maryland.

The function of the Board is to hear complaints relating to the interpretation of the tariff of tolls, or with respect to alleged unjust discrimination arising out of the operation of the tariff. The Board will report its findings and recommendations to the Authority and the Corporation for determination.

The chairmanship of the Joint Tolls Advisory Board will rotate each six months between Canada and the United States. The first chairman will be Mr. George A. Scott. The Board will meet shortly for organization. Persons desiring to file complaints and request hearings may communicate with Mr. Scott (Canada) or Mr. Harrill (United States).