

From then on the Taji Team — designer Juzak and artist Horsfall — took the idea seriously and their new business is the result.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

The Canadian Government will seek approval from Parliament for the allocation of \$5 million from the 1968-69 external aid budget to provide financial support to Canadian voluntary organizations concerned with international development assistance.

Speaking in Windsor, Ontario, Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, said: "The government funds appropriated for this purpose will be extended in the form of project grants and used by the non-governmental agencies for specific projects of a capital, service or programme nature. We will not be providing funds to an organization for its general operating expenses. Until we are approached by organizations with specific programmes in mind, it will be difficult to predict which organizations will qualify for grants. Our support will always be directly related to increasing the extent or scope of Canadian aid activity and not to substituting government funds for available private sector funds. It will normally be on a matching basis and thus have a multiplier effect on Canada's total aid effort."

SHIP OWNERSHIP INQUIRY

The Water Transport Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission has announced its plans for conducting a public inquiry into the matter of the ownership and registration of ships in Canada.

The Committee will investigate the qualifications for owning and registering ships in Canada and the rights and obligations of ownership of Canadian ships. It will also investigate measures required to ensure effective jurisdiction over ships registered in Canada; and the implications for existing international obligations and the national interest.

TRADE MINISTER IN EUROPE

Trade Minister Robert Winters is at present in Europe for a series of meetings in eight countries to promote Canada's trade interests and to join in discussions of future world trade policy.

Mr. Winters will endeavour to advance Canada's trade policy at the meeting of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva, and at the meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

The GATT Ministerial Meeting was called to discuss further trade liberalization following the successful conclusion of the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations sponsored by GATT.

On November 30 and December 1, Mr. Winters will present the Canadian position at the meeting of OECD Ministers. Discussion will centre upon economic policy, and trade and development assistance to developing nations.

Mr. Winters will also meet individually with trade ministers and business leaders in a number of Western European countries. En route to Geneva, Mr. Winters will stop in London for talks with Anthony Crosland, President of the British Board of Trade, and other ministers.

Following the Geneva conference, Mr. Winters will visit Brussels for discussions with the Belgian Foreign Trade Minister, Mr. de Winter, and with officials of the European Economic Community. He will also address the Belgo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce.

Following the Paris conference, Mr. Winters will visit the capitals of the four Scandinavian countries. In Sweden he will meet the Prime Minister, Mr. Tage Erlander, and will address a meeting attended by some 200 Swedish financial and business leaders. He will have trade discussions in Oslo, Copenhagen and Helsinki.

GOLD PRODUCTION DOWN

Gold produced in Canada in August, at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint, was valued at \$8,911,122. This represents production of 236,432 troy ounces, a decrease of almost 10 per cent from the 262,436 troy ounces produced in August 1966. Increased production in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces, a combined total of 134,651 troy ounces compared to 130,491 troy ounces in August 1966, was more than offset by decreased production in the rest of Canada — 101,781 troy ounces compared to 131,945 troy ounces for the same month in 1966. Production in Canada for the first eight months of 1967 was 2,005,462 troy ounces, a decrease of almost 10 per cent from the 2,226,306 troy ounces produced during the first eight months of 1966.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

From September to October consumer price indexes declined in six Canadian regional cities, advanced slightly in two and remained unchanged in two others. Movements ranged from a decrease of 0.3 per cent in Toronto to a rise of 0.2 per cent in Ottawa.

Food indexes were lower in all cities, with the declines ranging from 1.3 per cent in both Winnipeg and Vancouver to 0.3 per cent in Montreal. Housing indexes advanced slightly in all cities, with the exception of Montreal where there was no change. Mixed movements were registered in the clothing indexes, ranging from an increase of 0.6 per cent in Ottawa to a decrease of 1.3 per cent in both Montreal and Toronto. The transportation indexes declined