

ready to defend itself has sown the seeds of doubt in the minds of those who might entertain aggressive designs.

"His Holiness Pope Pius XII said in 1948:

"There are goods which are of such importance to society that it is perfectly lawful to defend them against unjust aggression. Their defence is even an obligation for the nations as a whole who have a duty not to abandon a nation that is attacked."

"I do not mean, however, that we shall not continue to act in good faith, that we shall not continue to attempt, by all possible means, to reach a peaceful understanding and settlement of present difficulties.

COMMON GROUND

"The free world, of which we are part, is just as anxious as ever to find a common ground within the bounds of justice and respect for the rights of all.

"We are always prepared to meet the leaders of other peoples, to negotiate with them, to settle differences by peaceful means and to appeal to all men of good will to preserve this peace which we all desire for our own good and for the good of mankind.

"We are not losing confidence and we shall continue to work towards that end patiently and firmly.

"A ceremony such as this should inspire and encourage us to work still harder in the interests of peace, so that we may eventually direct all our energies not to the production of instruments of war or even of buildings such as this, but to the development of our material and intellectual wealth, to our own betterment and that of all mankind. . . ."

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TRAINING FOR UNEMPLOYED: The Minister of Labour, Mr. Gregg, in addressing the twenty-first meeting of the Canadian Vocational Training Advisory Council, on May 12, urged the delegates to consider ways and means of expanding training for unemployed persons in order to facilitate their chances of obtaining suitable employment. The Council is under the chairmanship of Dr. G. Fred McNally, former Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

The members of the Council from all parts of Canada, and representative of provincial government, employers, labour and education, noted a growing recognition of the value of vocational training. Discussions covered, in addition to training for unemployed, such items as apprenticeship training, training for older persons and those with physical handicaps.

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139,190,000 lbs. of tobacco were harvested in 1953, some 500,000 less than in 1952, but an increase in the average farm price to about 43¢ from 41¢ raised the total crop value 5% to \$59,617,000.

DOMINION DRAMA FESTIVAL: The Calvert Trophy for the best play was awarded to La Nouvelle Equipe Theatre group of Montreal at the end of the week-long Dominion Drama Festival at Hamilton, Ont., on May 17. It was the second year in a row a French-language play, written by a Canadian author, had taken top honours at the Festival.

Adjudicator Hugh Hunt said the play was executed with professional excellence.

Among other Festival awards, the Henry Osborne Challenge Trophy for best actor went to Gordon Robertson, of Kingston Domino Players, for his role of Christopher in the play "The Playboy of the Western World".

The Nella Jeffries Trophy for best actress went to Edna Pozer, of Calgary Workshop 14, for her role as Jennet in the production, "The Lady's Not For Burning". Miss Pozer has already been chosen to appear in the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford this year.

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SEASONAL UNEMPLOYMENT STUDY: The Minister of Labour has announced the publication of the results of the first comprehensive study of Canada's serious problem of seasonal unemployment.

In explaining the background of the study, Mr. Gregg stated that late in 1952, the National Advisory Council on Manpower asked the National Employment Committee, an advisory body to the Unemployment Insurance Commission, to study the problem of seasonal unemployment.

During the summer of 1953, a questionnaire was sent out by the National Employment Committee, through regional and local employment committees, to employers in 18 seasonal industries.

The highlights of this study have now been published under the title "Seasonal Unemployment in Canada" in booklet form for distribution to those interested.

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AWARD OF GOODENOUGH MEMORIAL PRIZE: A naval graduate of the Canadian Services College at Royal Roads, Victoria, B.C., has become the first Canadian to be awarded the Goodenough Memorial Prize by the British Admiralty. He is Sub-Lieutenant Frederick William Crickard, RCN, 23 of Vancouver.

The prize is awarded annually to the Sub-Lieutenant, undergoing technical courses in the United Kingdom for the rank of Lieutenant, who makes the highest marks of his year in gunnery, provided he has also taken a first class certificate in seamanship.

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Since the war the average work week in manufacturing has been cut by 3 hours to 41 hours and 18 minutes, while average hourly earnings have almost doubled from 69.4¢ in 1945 to 135.8¢ in 1953. Average weekly wages jumped from \$30.74 to \$56.09 in the 8 years.