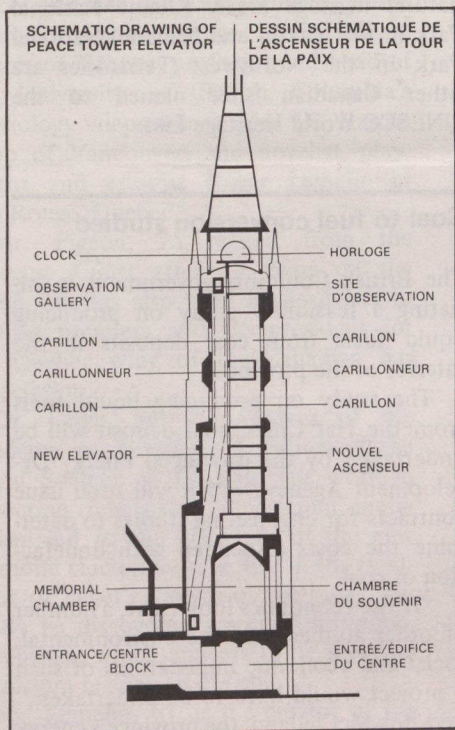


Peace Tower closes for renovations

The Peace Tower on Parliament Hill in Ottawa will be closed for a year-and-a-half in order to renovate the inner workings of the tower, which have been working non-stop for over 50 years.

Public Works Canada has recommended a major overhaul in order to extend the life of the tower for the next century.



The renovations will make it easier for the 5,000 visitors wanting to travel to the top of the 76.5-metre (255-foot) tower each year. Safety glass is being installed to replace the wire barrier on the observation level and will provide a better view to visitors. Special viewing windows will be cut in the stone at a low level for children and people in wheelchairs.

A new custom-designed elevator will replace the existing two-stage elevator system. It will be the only elevator in the world to travel on an incline and then vertically in one flight. The special design is necessary because of the restricted space available for an elevator. It will be capable of transporting 335 people an hour compared to the present capacity of 200 people an hour.

The Dominion Carillonneur will also be provided with better office space; there will be a new enclosed stairway replacing the "ship's" ladder now in place; and the outdated mechanical and electrical systems will be replaced.

Largest soccer tournament aids cystic fibrosis

The world's largest youth soccer competition was held recently in Toronto — all in the name of a boy named Robbie.

This year, 3,400 players under 18-years-old competed in the annual Robbie international tournament, with 184 teams from seven countries vying for championships in six divisions to raise money for the fight against cystic fibrosis. Ninety of the 107 teams from Canada were from Ontario, 63 from the United States, nine from Mexico, two from Denmark and one each from England, Ireland and Scotland.

The girls' Robbie has a separate identity — it is held Labour Day weekend because of the growth of the boys' tournament from eight teams when it started 13 years ago — and proceeds go to the muscular dystrophy foundation. Last year, more than 100 teams competed.

There is no entry fee for either tournament, but each team is responsible for all costs associated with the trip to and from the tournament.

More than 1,400 players participating in the Robbie were billeted by soccer

clubs from around the Toronto area.

The Robbie tournament is named after Robbie Wimbs, who has had cystic fibrosis since he was 15 months old. Cystic fibrosis is a hereditary disease that prevents normal digestion, making breathing difficult and cultivating infections. Progressive lung damage is the major cause of death.

Robbie is now 16 and attending Scarborough's Timothy Eaton Secondary School.

The tournament came about through the efforts of Robbie's father, Scarborough Alderman John Wimbs and John Frow, now executive-secretary of the Metropolitan Toronto Soccer Association.

The boys' version of the Robbie started as a peewee tournament and raised \$300 in its first year. For the first three years, fund-raising consisted of passing cans marked Cystic Fibrosis around the stands of Scarborough's Tomson Park. Last year, the girls' and boys' Robbies combined raised \$19,000 for the cystic fibrosis and muscular dystrophy foundations.

Newfoundland seeks sea-travelling tourists

Sea-travelling tourists may be opening up a new era for the Newfoundland travel industry.

When the cruise ship *Oriana* paid a 12-hour visit to Corner Brook, Newfoundland, in August 1979, her 1,700 passengers took advantage of whatever catering services and other facilities the city had to offer.

Recognizing cruise passengers as a source of quick and easy money, Corner Brook made plans to attract more ships of the *Oriana* type to the port in future.

The 40,000-ton *Oriana*, operated by P. and O. Cruises (The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.) of London will visit the province's west coast again this year during the Labour Day weekend.

A spokesman for the Corner Brook Economic Development Corporation said a letter from P. and O. Cruise Lines to the corporation confirmed that passengers from the *Oriana* enjoyed Corner Brook more than four other international ports the ship had visited — Halifax, Boston, New York and a port in Iceland.

Spurred by the success of the *Oriana's*

visit, Corner Brook hopes to attract other cruise ships including the *Queen Elizabeth II*. Talks between the city and Cunard Line officials are being held to find out if it is possible to have the vessel call at the port.

The *QE II* made at least one visit to Newfoundland waters. The luxury liner brought dignitaries to Come-By-Chance on Placentia Bay a few years ago when a controversial (now closed) oil refinery was officially opened.

The Cunard flagship has also visited Halifax and plans are to have the vessel call at the Nova Scotia port on one or two cruises in 1981.

John Parsons, managing director of Corner Brook Economic Development Corporation, said he was informed by Cunard officials that it might be possible for the 963-foot ship to stop at Corner Brook if mooring problems can be overcome.

Meanwhile the corporation has sent promotional packages to some 40 other cruise companies and nine or ten have responded saying they will consider Corner Brook as a port of call.