

CANADIAN ARTS AT OLYMPICS

Canada is fully represented in a series of cultural events leading up to and accompanying the Nineteenth Olympic Games, which open in Mexico City in October. In arranging this programme, the Mexican organizing committee for the Olympic Festival was recalling the fact that the celebrations held in ancient Greece at Olympia included musical and literary as well as athletic competitions. All countries affiliated with the International Olympic Committee have been invited to take part.

Canada's participation in the Olympic cultural events began on February 6 with performances by the National Ballet of Canada. Following their appearance in Mexico City, the National Ballet will perform in Jalapa and Guadalajara. Michel Cartier of Les Feux-Follets has choreographed an Eskimo dance that will form part of the *Ballet of the Five Continents*, to be presented in October in Mexico City by the Mexican Folklore Ballet.

Canada will also take part in a number of exhibitions associated with the Olympiad. The Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, the National Research Council, the Defence Research Board and

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. are collaborating with the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission in presenting displays illustrating Canada's achievements in space research and in the use of nuclear energy for human welfare. The National Museum and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development will exhibit specimens of the ancient and modern arts of Canada's Indians and Eskimos, and the National Gallery will provide displays of the work of contemporary Canadian painters. The Department of External Affairs will exhibit a large collection of Canadian handicrafts.

Paintings by Canadian children on the theme "A World of Friendship" will be included in an international exhibit of children's paintings, which will later visit countries affiliated with the International Olympic Committee. A new film on youth activities will be screened by the National Film Board as part of an Olympic film festival, and a collection of Canadian stamps will be included in a philatelic exhibition of postage stamps issued by member countries commemorating sporting events, and in particular the Olympic Games.

FEDERAL DISTRICT REJECTED

Prime Minister L.B. Pearson, Premier John Robarts of Ontario and Premier Daniel Johnson of Quebec recently agreed that there was no intention of proposing a federal district under the sole jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

In a joint announcement, Messrs Pearson, Robarts and Johnson said that representatives of the Federal Government and the governments of Ontario and Quebec, who had been meeting to consider the possibility of co-operative action in developing the capital region, had agreed that steps should be taken to develop the capital region further within certain geographic boundaries extending over both sides of the Ottawa River, including the cities of Ottawa and Hull and certain neighbouring areas.

The committee had also agreed that the capital region should reflect fully the linguistic and cultural values of English and French-speaking Canadians and Canadians of other origins, to encourage in all a feeling of pride, participation in and attachment to the capital.

The committee recommended that the Federal Government and the governments of Ontario and Quebec should consider how these objectives might be attained, and expressed the opinion that they could be attained without changing basic constitutional jurisdictions or existing provincial boundaries, and without impeding programmes for the "restructuring" of local government by the provincial governments.

Before any firm decisions are made, the provinces will consult local governments within their jurisdictions.

Messrs Pearson, Robarts and Johnson believe that, through concerted action, a truly bilingual and bicultural capital region can evolve, where no Canadian will feel himself to be a stranger.

The meetings between the government representatives are continuing on a regular basis in order that the objectives may be attained as soon as possible.

INCO IN INDONESIA

Mr. Henry S. Wingate, Chairman and Chief Officer of The International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited, recently announced that an agreement had been signed between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and International Nickel, following the decision of the Indonesian Cabinet to accept the company's proposal regarding nickel deposits on the island of Sulawesi (Celebes). International Nickel was one of a number of companies that responded to the Government's invitation for proposals covering the exploration and possible development of these potentially important deposits in Indonesia.

Mr. Wingate said that the company would proceed as rapidly as possible with a comprehensive programme for exploration of the deposits and, if justified, undertaking metallurgical and other work with a view to early development. The area in which the work will be conducted is relatively remote and the company will be working in co-operation with the Indonesian Government and others to facilitate the establishment of necessary supporting facilities.