

Mr. St. Laurent Home For Christmas: Ottawa, Dec. 20 (CP) -- Mr. St. Laurent plans to spend Christmas at home in Quebec City with his family, but will leave his Cabinet ranks here well staffed.

More than half of the Cabinet will celebrate the holiday in the capital, on call in case of emergency. Mr. Howe, the senior Cabinet Minister, will be acting Prime Minister in Mr. St. Laurent's absence.

The Prime Minister leaves Ottawa for home early this week. Mr. Drew will observe Christmas at home here, as will Mr. Coldwell and Mr. Low.

Canadians To Study In Europe: Two Canadians, Dr. Robert Garneau and Dr. J.P. Wallace Thomas, will study in Europe under the British Empire Cancer Campaign Exchange Fellowship Plan through awards made recently by the National Cancer Institute of Canada, the Montreal Gazette reports.

Dr. Garneau, born of Canadian parents in Paris, France, already has considerable cancer research experience at Laval University and at hospitals in Quebec City. For the last year he has been working at the Cancer Institute in Paris and will use the fellowship to study at Oxford University.

Dr. Thomas, a native of Liverpool, Eng., will use his exchange fellowship to study leukemia and allied disorders at the British Post-Graduate Medical School, Hammersmith, London. He has worked at the Department of Clinical Pathology at the Vancouver General Hospital and at the British Columbia Cancer Institute.

Gold And U.S. Dollar Reserves: Ottawa, Dec. 19 (CP) -- Canada's official reserves of gold and United States dollars climbed by \$22,200,000 during November to a 10-month high of \$1,806,700,000. Gold holdings increased by \$8,100,000 to \$976,400,000 while holdings of U.S. dollars rose by \$14,100,000 to \$830,300,000 the Bank of Canada statistical monthly summary shows.

The total stockpile now is just \$60 million below the all-time high of \$1,866,800,000 held last January.

Across Canada: Two shipments of Canadian naval ammunition, totalling 188 tons, will be sent to Norway and Portugal before the year-end under the mutual aid agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty.... Robert Thomas Waters, aged 14, of Comox, B.C., becomes the seventh and youngest Canadian to receive the decoration, instituted in 1940 and named for King George VI. The boy and Albert Richard De Cuyper, 30-year-old farmer, each rescued a man from the burning wreck of a Lancaster bomber. Mr. De Cuyper also was awarded the George Medal. Eight airmen were killed.... Hockey: (Saturday) Canadiens 7, Boston 3. Toronto 3, New York 2. (Sunday) New York 3, Canadiens 1. Detroit 4, Boston 2. Chicago 4, Toronto 1.