

to assume responsibility for the co-ordination of all the Federal Government activities in this field, for example, from setting government purchasing specifications to research on skidding at the National Research Council.

This committee will also sort out the responsibilities of various levels of government in respect of automobiles and highway safety....

The Canada-United States Automotive Agreement is designed to provide a nationalization of the automotive industry on a continental basis. The agreement is particularly well adapted to the particular circumstances of this industry, so that it should not be concluded that this is the type of agreement which will prove equally suitable for other industrial sectors. Canada recognizes and values its important bilateral relationship with the United States and the possible extensions which might occur, while believing that its destiny lies in the world-at-large....

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### LOANS FOR YWCA HOUSING

Girls of low income working and living in Quebec City, Hamilton, and Winnipeg will soon be able to take advantage of low-rental accommodation in new YWCAs.

Approval during the past year of three federal loans for the construction of new buildings in these cities marked the first time that assistance under the National Housing Act had been extended to the Young Women's Christian Association.

Under the NHA, \$1,633,000 was made available to the three YWCAs for the construction of residential accommodation for girls on a permanent basis in three buildings that are worth a total of over \$5 million.

Manitoba has undertaken to make annual payments on \$238,000 of the loan to Winnipeg, and has guaranteed another \$574,067. The province will also make the payments on this portion if the Winnipeg YWCA cannot raise the money.

Quebec has extended aid to the Quebec YWCA with a lump sum grant of \$75,000 to the association.

### BUILDING COSTS

Construction of Hamilton's new YWCA is under way and occupancy will start between next September and December. The estimated cost of the whole complex is over \$2.5 million. The Hamilton association received a \$500,000 NHA loan. The 105 permanent residents will be accommodated in 75 single bedrooms at \$39 a month, and in 15 double bedrooms at \$30 a month each occupant.

Quebec's YWCA should be ready within the next two years at an estimated total cost of \$690,726. It received an NHA loan of \$350,000. The five-storey building will house the Y's activities now taking place in separate buildings. Hostel-type accommodations will be provided for 112 young women, 75 per cent of whom will be on a permanent basis. The others are students in residence during the school term only. The new Y will provide 59 single rooms at \$58 a month; 16 double rooms at \$47 a

month each occupant; and seven triple rooms at \$35 a month each occupant. Permanent accommodation will be restricted to girls in the income range of \$2,000 to \$3,000 a year.

Winnipeg's YWCA is expected to be ready next summer. An NHA loan of \$783,000 was approved for the complex estimated to cost a total of \$1,686,000. One hundred and twelve girls whose income does not exceed \$2,400 a year and whose normal stay is up to two years will be accommodated at the new YWCA in 50 single bedrooms at \$44 a month and in 31 double bedrooms at \$36 a month each occupant.

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### STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS

A preliminary summary of strikes and lockouts released by the Department of Labour shows that there were 70 work stoppages in Canada in October, involving 24,725 workers and a time-loss of 326,850 man-days.

Of the total number of work stoppages, four were in industries under federal jurisdiction, the remainder under provincial jurisdiction - 29 in Ontario, 15 each in Quebec and British Columbia, two each in Alberta and New Brunswick, and one each in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan.

In the previous month there were 92 work stoppages, involving 34,282 workers and a time-loss of 449,550 man-days.

Based on the number of non-agricultural wage and salary workers in Canada, the number of man-days lost in October represented 0.25 per cent of the estimated working time, compared to 0.36 per cent in September. The corresponding figure for October last year was 0.16 per cent.

Twenty-six of the October work stoppages involved 100 or more workers, of which seven were terminated by the end of that month.

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### HANDPAINTED ORIGINAL DRESSES

An "original," the dream of every clothes-conscious woman can now be obtained with the label of a Winnipeg, Manitoba, firm, Tajaylya Productions.

Completely individual, handcrafted garments created from handpainted fabric by designer Lois Juzak and artist Art Horsfall were introduced to the Winnipeg market this spring through exclusive dress departments and boutiques. In response to inquiries the company is now showing samples in London, England, Los Angeles and Vancouver.

Tajaylya Productions began with a chance remark when Mrs. Juzak jokingly suggested that Mr. Horsfall paint a dress for a special occasion. The idea appealed to Mr. Horsfall, who started experimenting on dress canvas and found he could create some exciting abstract designs. He painted a dress-length from which Mrs. Juzak made a dress that drew enthusiasm and an offer to buy it.