

Government has been confirmed by an exchange of letters. Finally, the two governments emphasized the interest which they shared in academic exchanges at the advanced level, as well as in exchanges in the field of the performing arts. In this spirit, an agreement concerning the joint production of films was reached last October.

ECONOMIC RELATIONS

The two Prime Ministers also exchanged views concerning economic relations between France and Canada; they expressed the desire that commercial exchanges between the two countries be developed to the fullest possible extent. They were agreed that this strengthening of ties could take place in the context of a reduction in trade barriers and the expansion of international trade, the objective of the forthcoming GATT negotiations. They noted with satisfaction that projects of mutual interest in the field of defence production were under study. They also took note of the interest of French business circles in new investment possibilities in Canada.

The Ministers were also in agreement on the importance of accelerating economic growth in the developing countries by assisting them in increasing their trade and by sustained programmes of external aid. The two governments felt that it would be useful to co-ordinate their policies in this respect, in view of the considerable role which France has traditionally played in this field and of recent developments in the Canadian programme of aid to French-speaking countries in Africa.

The President of the French Republic and the Prime Minister of Canada noted with satisfaction the warm cordiality and the spirit of mutual understanding which characterized their discussions. There is no doubt that the unanimity of views which has been evident on this occasion opens the most favourable prospect for the development of Franco-Canadian relations for their mutual benefit and for that of the Western world as a whole.

ZACKS AWARD AT ACADEMY EXHIBIT

At the opening of the eighty-fourth annual exhibition by the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts, Mr. Samuel Zacks announced the winner of the *Samuel and Ayala Zacks Purchase and Gift Award*.

The award went this year to the Montreal artist Marcel Barbeau. His painting entitled *Tonquilléne* will be purchased for \$2,000 and presented to the Stedelijk Museum, Amsterdam. An additional \$500 has been presented as an *Award of Merit* to Masha Teitelbaum of Toronto for his painting *White Jazz*.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

Marcel Barbeau was born in Montreal in 1925 and studied with Paul Emile Borduas. He has spent some time in Europe, chiefly in Paris, on a scholarship, and recently exhibited in Belgium and the United States.

Born in 1921 in Saskatoon, Masha Teitelbaum studied the history of art at the University of Saskatchewan and worked at the California School of Fine Arts under Clyfford Still and Ad Reinhart.

Mr. Barbeau's painting was chosen by Dr. Willem Sandberg, noted authority on contemporary art and director emeritus of the Stedelijk Museum. This is the second year that the Samuel and Ayala Zacks Purchase and Gift Award has been made. The award provides for the purchase of a work from the Annual Royal Canadian Academy exhibitions and the gift to a gallery abroad.

Honourable mention was received by William Cyopik, Marion Greenstone, Kazuo Nakamura, Michael Snow, David Partridge, and Harold Town.

The *Royal Canadian Academy of Arts Medal* was presented to the well-known theatrical designer Tanya Moiseiwitsch. The purpose of the medal is to honour persons who have made notable contributions to the fine or applied arts in Canada.

Miss Moiseiwitsch, the daughter of pianist Benno Moiseiwitsch, has worked with the best-known theatre directors in the world today. She designed both productions for the first year of the Stratford Festival and since then has designed the majority of the plays presented in the Festival theatre.

ELECTRIC-POWER STATISTICS

The generation of electric energy by plants that produce a minimum of approximately 10 million kilowatt hours *per annum* increased, 8.0 per cent in November 1963, to 10,686,924 megawatt hours from 9,890,999 in November 1962. This brought the level of power generation in the January-November period to 110,132,354 mwh, an increase of 3.2 per cent from the corresponding 1962 total of 106,689,076 mwh.

Imported electric energy declined in November to 174,695 mwh from 317,152 a year earlier, but rose in the January-November period to 2,654,718 mwh from 2,452,591 in the same period of 1962. Exports of electric energy were up in the month to 277,379 mwh from 264,481, but down in the cumulative period to 3,300,835 mwh from 3,767,530.

The amount of electric energy made available for primary uses rose 9.7 per cent in November, to 10,420,566 mwh from 9,503,824 a year earlier, and 5.8 per cent in the January-November period, to 105,917,943 mwh from 100,153,391 in the same period of 1962. The amount used in electric boilers dropped 62.8 per cent in the month, to 163,674 mwh from 439,846, and 31.7 per cent in the 11-month period, to 3,568,294 mwh from 5,220,746.

CANADIAN NATO GUNNERY PRIZE

The Canadian Army trophy for tank-gunnery competition among the armoured units of NATO countries in Central Europe was won recently by the Belgian Army Regiment. The German Army team placed second. Brigadier Arthur G. Chubb of Rossland, British Columbia, presented the trophy at Soest, Germany. Canada, Britain and the Netherlands also took part in the competition.