

Festival season of 1961. One year after the first performance the rights will revert to the playwright.

In casting an enthusiastic ballot for "To the Canvas Barricade," Peter Ustinov called the play "authentically original and often very funny." Robert Whitehead agreed that it had "wit and vitality."

Mr. Jack, whose parents were an English doctor and a Canadian-born nurse, was born in Manchester, England, but came to Canada in 1951. A veteran of the RAF, in which he served from 1943 to 1945, he first worked in Canada as a magazine salesman, shipping clerk in a department store and a surveyor in Alberta. During this time he did considerable writing and in 1953 and 1954 had two plays, "Minuet for a Brass Band" and "Flanacue Serenade," produced by the Canadian Theatre School in Toronto. As a full-time writer he has had plays produced by the CBC in the On Camera, Folio and GM Presents television series.

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ESKIMO RESCUE

Two Eskimo hunters were returned to their homes on November 2 after spending four days on an ice cake in Foxe Basin, in the Canadian Arctic.

Squadron Leader Keith Ball, of Milford Bay, Ontario, who directed the four-day air search over 48,000 square miles, said the two men were in fair condition. He identified them as Amimiyu, 55, and his son Usak, 25.

S/L Ball, serving as RCAF military commander of one of the Distant Early Warning Line stations, said the men left their village on Wednesday, October 28, on a walrus-hunting trip. They had two teams of ten dogs each, very little food, and no water.

After the hunters departed, a severe storm with 50-mile-an-hour winds hit the area. When they did not return to their village that night, another Eskimo hunter told S/L Ball he had seen the pair on a large piece of ice drifting in the bay. The ice cake had apparently broken away from the coast.

S/L Ball was directed by the RCAF Search and Rescue Centre at Winnipeg to conduct an air search for the missing pair in the Foxe Basin area.

The branch of the Federal Electric Corporation that maintains and operates the DEW Line for the USAF, under the supervision of the 4601 squadron support wing (DEW) Air Defence Command, released one of its chartered aircraft to be used for the search.

The aircraft combed the area for several hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday before the two hunters were spotted. They were some 200 miles south of their village.

The search was conducted in high winds and poor visibility, which on occasions forced the plane to return to its base.

REPORT ON AGING WORKER

What part do older workers play in the Canadian economy?

The status of older workers, particularly those over 65, in the economic scheme of Canada is revealed, in part, in a report, "The Aging Worker in the Canadian Economy", recently released by the Department of Labour.

Carried out by the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour, this study is chiefly concerned with people of 65 and over and their place in the economy, although there is a good deal of information about the 45-64 group. It should prove useful to those private and public agencies interested in the problems of Canada's older people.

The report indicates that caution should be used in drawing conclusions from the available statistics, since national and regional statistics frequently obscure local problems. Older workers, particularly those of 65 and over, are the least geographically-mobile part of the labour force and are thus affected by local situations. Local pockets of unemployment or poverty among older people that may constitute major problems in the areas affected tend, in national statistics, to be merged in an average with more favourably-situated areas.

According to the report, although the number of people over 65 will continue to increase, the growth in the proportion of those over 65 in the population will, in all probability, not be as great in the next half century. The report, of course, does not speculate on the effects of dramatic future medical advances, such as the possibility of discovering ways of eliminating cancer and heart disease as killers. If the present forecasts of Canada's economic future are realized, the task of finding employment for older persons and of providing for older people who are unable to work should be easier in relation to the resources, both financial and professional, that will be available for these purposes.

The study points out that, for some years, the percentage of persons, especially men, aged 65 and over who are economically active has been declining and that an increasing number of those retiring are better off than those who retired years ago because of more and better pension plans and because of the population's increasing ability to save for old age.

A section of the report dealing with the industrial distribution of older workers shows that, compared with other age groups, male workers aged 65 and over are quite heavily concentrated in own-account activities (self-employment) and in the service occupations. It is also probable that there is a good deal of movement of older workers from other occupations into the service industries.