

## EXPO'S BIG SHOW

From April 28 to October 28 at Expo '67 in Montreal, five theatres and a 25,000-seat stadium will house the world's leading opera, ballet and theatre companies, orchestras, popular singers, chamber ensembles, comedians and athletes, as well as a film festival and a number of "spectaculars". Nearly 150 attractions and 25,000 participants from all over the world are ready to occupy the three theatres at the Place des Arts, the Expo Theatre and the Garden of Stars.

An automotive stadium, has also been erected on the Expo site to house such events as the Ringling Brothers - Barnum & Bailey Circus, the International Soccer Tournament, the 1,700-member Canadian Armed Forces Tattoo, the North American All-Indian Lacrosse Tournament, La Grande Parade de la Gendarmerie Française, the Great Western Rodeo and a show entitled *Flying Colours*, starring Maurice Chevalier.

### OPERA

Making their first appearances on the North American continent will be the Bolshoi Opera, La Scala of Milan, the Vienna State Opera, the Hamburg State Opera and the Royal Opera Company of Stockholm.

### BALLET

Balletomanes will be able to see the Paris Opera Ballet, the Australian Ballet, Britain's Royal Ballet, Belgium's Ballet du Vingtieme Siecle, the United States' New York City Ballet Company and Eric Hawkins' Dance Company, Tunisia's Troupe Nationale Folklorique Tunisienne, as well as Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet and National Ballet Companies. From Yugoslavia will come the Folklore Ensemble Lado; from France, Ballet Roland Petit. Also included are the National Dance Theatre Company of Jamaica, Japan's Folkloric Art Dance

Company and Morocco's Folkloric Ballet. Russia will provide the Red Army Chorus and Dancers and their Star Soloists of the Ukraine.

### ORCHESTRAS

Symphony concerts will be given by the Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam, the New York Philharmonic, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Montreal and Toronto Symphony Orchestras, the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, the Swiss Romande Orchestra, the Orchestra National de France, the Czech Philharmonic and the Vienna Philharmonic, which will also accompany the Vienna State Opera's Performances.

The chamber ensembles include the Bath Festival Ensemble with Yehudi Menuhin, the Collegium Musicum de Zurich, several Czech chamber groups, and the Danzi Woodwind Quintet from the Netherlands. The Munich Bach Choir and Orchestra will make its North American debut at the Festival. Many of the world's finest artists will appear in recital, among them Benedetto Michelangeli, the Istomin-Stern-Rose trio, Nicolai Petrov, Presti-Lagoya, Frans Brouw, Karl Engel and Christoph Eschenbach.

### THEATRE

The theatre programme includes Britain's National Theatre, with Sir Laurence Olivier, the Theatre of France with Jean-Louis Barrault and Madeleine Renaud, the Stratford Festival Company of Canada, Japan's Kabuki Theatre, Israel's Cameri Theatre, the APA Repertory Company from the United States, and the Broadway shows, *The Odd Couple* and *Half a Sixpence*. Jack Benny, Marlene Dietrich, Duke Ellington, Pearl Bailey, "The Supremes", Sarah Vaughn and Harry Belafonte will appear in their own shows.

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## AID FOR CAPE BRETON COLLIERIES

In a recent statement regarding emergency assistance to the Cape Breton coal industry, Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Jean-Luc Pépin said that, following the policy statement made by the Prime Minister last December 29, the situation of the Cape Breton collieries had been under review by the Government of Canada. Draft legislation to establish a Crown corporation to acquire and operate the Cape Breton coal mines and related facilities controlled by the Dominion Steel and Coal Company would be submitted to Parliament soon, together with a proposed agreement to be entered into with the Province of Nova Scotia.

"Meantime," said Mr. Pépin, "until the proposed Crown corporation can be established and undertakes the rehabilitation and orderly rationalization of coal production..., certain immediate and unusual measures are required. These are intended to prevent major deterioration which would result in a substantial and

unplanned discharge of mine workers, as well as a large and premature loss in coal production and markets."

### STEPS TAKEN

The Government of Canada, as an interim measure, has authorized the Dominion Coal Board to purchase, at a cost of \$2 million, modern mining equipment urgently needed in the Cape Breton collieries. The equipment will be leased by the Board to Dominion Coal Company Limited on a monthly basis at nominal rental. Mr. Pépin said it was intended that the proposed Crown corporation would buy the equipment from the Dominion Coal Board. "The Government of Canada has already announced that it will make a capital contribution of \$45 million to the Crown corporation, of which \$25 million is intended for rehabilitation and operation of the mines and \$20 million for the development of new industry," he continued. "This is in addition to underwriting coal operating losses of the Crown corporation. The