

ARMY WEEK, SEPTEMBER 17-24: "Army Week", designed to give Canadians a behind the scenes peek at their Army in action, will be held this year from September 17-24.

All army camps, stations and buildings -- including those in the Northwest Territories -- will be opened to the public and millions of dollars worth of equipment will be on display.

In larger communities the seven day period in which officers and men of both the Active and Reserve Forces will play host to civilians, will be highlighted by a spectacular series of displays, demonstrations and parades. All units will hold "open house" at least once during the week.

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\$850,000,000 FOR DEFENCE: The House of Commons, on September 5, commenced debate on Canada's defences and defence expenditures, based on the Defence Appropriations Act sanctioning expenditures to total ultimately over \$858,000,000 additional to funds voted at the last Session.

The various proposed appropriations were outlined in the following resolution, introduced by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Abbott:

"Resolved, that sums not exceeding \$142,200,200 be granted to His Majesty towards defraying expenses of the naval, army and air services of the Canadian forces:

"That His Majesty may also incur commitments during the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1951, for expenditures on the naval, army and air services of the Canadian forces in later years in amounts not exceeding \$409,257,821 in addition to the total amount of such commitments specified in the schedule to the Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1950;

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"Resolved also, that commitments not exceeding \$5,310,000 in addition to the amount of commitments specified in the schedule to the Appropriation Act, No. 4, 1950, may be incurred during the fiscal year ending the 31st day of March, 1951, for expenditure on defence research and development in later years, and also that sums not exceeding \$2,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to His Majesty towards defraying the expenses for the land services of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in addition to any other grant of Parliament;

"And resolved further, that sums not exceeding \$300,000,000 be granted out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to His Majesty, in addition to any other grants of Parliament, for the production, acquisition, repair and provision of equipment, services, supplies and facilities, for the use of the defence forces of Canada and those of any party to the North Atlantic Treaty, and the construction, improvement and repair of facilities, and the

acquisition, processing, and storage of materials, supplies and equipment, required to produce and otherwise make available any such equipment, supplies, services and facilities;

"With provision also empowering the Governor in Council to raise by way of loan under the provisions of the Consolidated Revenue and Audit Act, 1931, such sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of \$300,000,000 as may be required for the purpose of defraying the aforesaid expenses, the principal and interest of any such loan to be a charge upon and payable out of the consolidated revenue fund."

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MR. MAYHEW TO REPRESENT CANADA: The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Pearson, announced on September 6 that Mr. R.W. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries, will represent the Canadian Government at the meetings of the Commonwealth Consultative Committee on South and Southeast Asia, which will begin in London on September 25. Mr. Mayhew represented the Canadian Government at the previous meeting of the Committee in Sydney, Australia, last May. He was also present at the Commonwealth meeting on foreign affairs in Colombo last January.

The coming meeting in London will carry forward the discussions held in Sydney. These dealt with both the provision of technical assistance to countries of South and Southeast Asia and a review of major capital developments planned in the area.

Assisting Mr. Mayhew, as chief adviser, will be Mr. J.J. Deutsch of the Department of Finance. Mr. D.V. LePan, of the Department of External Affairs, will also act as adviser. They will be assisted, as necessary by officials from Canada House.

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AUTO SALES SOAR: July sales of new motor vehicles fell slightly below the record volume reached in June, but remained well above July last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Financing of sales of new and used motor vehicles continued to show marked increases.

Sales of new motor vehicles in July numbered 44,045 with a retail value of \$89,407,580, as compared with 45,814 units sold for \$93,475,586 in June, and 29,177 units at \$59,294,941 in July last year. Cumulative sales for the first seven months of this year totalled 257,951 units valued at \$518,905,045 as against 166,898 valued at \$348,284,481 in the like period of 1949.

Sales of new passenger cars in July totalled 33,137 units with a retail value of \$67,207,026, showing gains of 50.2 per cent in number and 49.6 per cent in value over the 22,057 cars sold for \$44,909,873 in the same month last year. Truck sales at 10,864 units retailed for \$21,462,008, up 53.4 per cent in number and 55.7 per cent in value.