

**DEW LINE STATIONS CLOSED**

The following statement was issued on July 15 by Mr. Paul Hellyer, the Minister of National Defence:

In 1955 Canada and the United States signed an agreement for the establishment of the Distant Early Warning Line on Canadian territory as part of a comprehensive North American control and warning system. This agreement was announced in the House of Commons on May 20, 1955.

Recently the United States Government suggested to the Canadian Government that a re-appraisal of the effectiveness of the DEW Line indicates that certain adjustments may be made in the equipment configuration and still provide acceptable early warning.

The new configuration would permit the discontinuance of 28 of the smaller DEW Line stations.

The Canadian Government has agreed to the United States Government's plan and the necessary arrangements are being made by the authorities of both governments. The affected facilities will be disposed of in accordance with existing agreements between the two governments.

Twenty intermediate DEW Line stations located in Canada and eight in Alaska will be closed. Approximately 123 Canadian and 60 United States citizens will be affected by this action. They are employees of the Federal Electric Co., Paramus, N.J., which has a USAF contract for the operation and maintenance of the DEW Line.

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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES**

In May and June 1963, consumer price indexes rose in all 10 regional cities. The increases ranged from 0.2 per cent in Vancouver, British Columbia, to 0.6 per cent in St. John's, Newfoundland, and Saint John, New Brunswick.

Food indexes increased in all cities, ranging from 1.0 per cent in Vancouver to 2.0 per cent in Ottawa. Housing indexes were higher in five cities, lower in three and unchanged in two. Clothing indexes were up in all cities. Transportation indexes registered increases in four cities, decreases in four and no change in two. Health-and-personal-care indexes were higher in four cities, unchanged in four and lower in two. Recreation-and-reading indexes were up in six cities, unchanged in three and down in one. Tobacco-and-alcohol indexes were unchanged.

*St. John's* - The all-items index moved up 0.6 per cent from 119.3 to 120.0, with increases in indexes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, and health and personal care. The recreation-and-reading index declined, while the tobacco-and-alcohol index was unchanged.

*Halifax* - There was an increase of 0.5 per cent in the all-items index from 131.3 to 132.0, resulting from higher indexes for food, clothing, transportation, and recreation and reading. There was no change in either the housing or the tobacco-and-alcohol indexes, while the index for health and personal care declined.

*Saint John* - With a rise of 0.6 per cent, the all-items index moved from 133.3 to 134.1. Increases occurred in the indexes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, and recreation and reading. There was no change in the indexes for health and personal care, and tobacco and alcohol.

*Montreal* - The all-items index advanced 0.5 per cent, from 132.1 to 132.8. The increases were noted in the indexes for food, housing, clothing, transportation, and health and personal care. No change was noted in the recreation-and-reading or tobacco-and-alcohol indexes.

*Ottawa* - An increase of 0.5 per cent moved the all-items index from 133.1 to 133.8. The indexes for food and clothing were higher. A decline took place in the transportation index, while no change occurred in the indexes for housing, health and personal care, recreation and reading, or tobacco and alcohol.

*Toronto* - The all-items index increased 0.3 per cent from 134.2 to 134.6. There were increases in indexes for food, clothing, and recreation and reading. The indexes for housing and transportation were down, while there was no change in indexes for health and personal care, or tobacco and alcohol.

*Winnipeg* - A rise of 0.5 per cent in the all-items index from 129.4 to 130.1 was the result of increases in the indexes for food, housing, clothing, health and personal care, and recreation and reading. The index for transportation declined slightly, and there was no change in the tobacco-and-alcohol index.

*Saskatoon-Regina* - The all-items index went up 0.5 per cent from 127.8 to 128.4. There were increases in the indexes for food, housing, clothing, and recreation and reading. The indexes for transportation, health and personal care, and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged.

*Edmonton-Calgary* - The index for all items increased 0.4 per cent from 127.1 to 127.6. The indexes for food, clothing, and recreation and reading were higher. There were decreases in the housing, transportation, and health-and-personal-care indexes, and no change in the tobacco-and-alcohol index.

*Vancouver* - A rise of 0.2 per cent moved the all-items index from 131.5 to 131.8. There were increases in the indexes for food, clothing, and health and personal care. The indexes for transportation, recreation and reading, and tobacco and alcohol were unchanged, while the housing index registered a slight decline.

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**IATA MEETS IN OTTAWA**

Transport Minister George McIlraith welcomed aeronautical authorities from more than 20 countries to the opening session on July 15 of a conference on procedures of the International Air Transport Association. Sir William Hildred, IATA's Director-General, attended.

The Ottawa conference, convened by the Air Transport Board, grew out of a conference held in London last April at which representatives of 16 countries with carriers operating air services on the North Atlantic met to reach an agreement on

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