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The object of the Festival is to bring out the characteristics of all member countries of the Agency. It will strive to illustrate the wealth and diversity of each nation's culture and provide a meeting-ground for youth of various cultures who have in common the use of the French language.

"Soirée Canadienne"

A "Soirée Canadienne", co-ordinated by the Secretary of State Department, will be held on August 18, when some 25 artists will perform on the large outdoor stage on the Plains of Abraham in a vast natural setting overlooking the St. Lawrence River.

The theme, "Merrymaking at the Jolifou Inn", was inspired by *Merrymaking*, a painting by Canadian artist Cornelius Krieghoff. Folk dancers, chansonniers, musicians and a pantomimist will present a musical interpretation of several phases of French Canadian history.

As well as the usual exhibitions and presentations, young artists will be given the opportunity to create new works, in a number of forms of artistic expression. Thus eight workshops (woodwork, metalwork, wickerwork,

pottery, weaving, painting, engraving and sculpture) will be set up to enable artists from different countries to produce group works. Troupes from each country will lend colour to the theatrical presentations. Poetry, music, cinema and the environment will also be featured on the program.

Sports events

For the sports activities, the organizers have tried to integrate the events into the cultural context. The Festival will present traditional games not normally included in international sporting meets so that in addition to such Olympic categories as track and field and volley-ball, games played in various regions are on the program. The African countries will demonstrate such sports as wrestling in the style of Casamance and Tchad, the dance of the waders, and the throwing of spears at mobile targets. Canada has chosen a lacrosse demonstration as its contribution.

Material organization of the Festival has been entrusted to the Festival's Société d'Accueil, a private non-profit company set up in June 1973 and financed by contributions of \$900,000 from the Federal Government and \$500,000 from the Quebec government.

Dairy products recorded a 0.6 percent rise and the fats and oils component rose 1.7 per cent. Sugar prices rose 3.5 per cent to reach a level 127 per cent above a year earlier. Various sugar-related products such as soft-drinks, jelly powder and jam also recorded increases in the latest month as did most frozen and convenience-food items. From June 1973 to June 1974, the total food index moved up 17.4 per cent, with the price of food consumed at home rising 16.7 per cent and that for food away from home 20.7 per cent.

The housing index moved up 1.2 per cent to 165.5 in June from 163.4 in May as a result of increases in both the shelter and the household-operation components. In the 12 months to June 1974, the housing index rose 8.8 per cent.

Clothing and transportation

The clothing index advanced 1.0 per cent to 152.0 in June from 150.5 in May as all major components registered increases. In the 12 months ending in June, the clothing index rose 10.1 per cent.

The transportation index advanced 1.9 per cent to 151.2 in June from 148.4 in May. For the second successive month the largest contributor to the rise was increased gasoline prices, up 4.5 per cent in June to reach a level over 25 percent higher than they were a year ago. The transportation index rose 11.1 per cent in the latest 12 months.

Health and recreation

The health-and-personal care index moved up 0.6 per cent to 169.3 in June from 168.3 in May. Higher charges for prescribed drugs were the main cause of a 0.6 percent advance in the health-care component. The index was 8.3 percent higher than it was a year earlier.

The recreation, education and reading index advanced 1.5 per cent to 156.9 in June from 154.6 in May. In the latest 12 months, the index increased 9 per cent.

The tobacco-and-alcohol index rose 0.5 per cent to 143.5 in June from 142.8 in May mainly in response to somewhat higher cigarette prices and to increases in the price of beer consumed in licensed premises in Halifax, Quebec City and Montreal. In the latest 12 months, the index rose 5.2 per cent.

Consumer price movements

The consumer price index for Canada (1961=100) rose 1.3 per cent to 166.7 in June from 164.6 in May. Though all major components moved up, most of the impetus behind the latest month's advance was a 1.2 percent rise in the housing index, a 1.2 percent increase in the food index (despite declines in beef, pork and egg prices) and a 1.9 percent advance in transportation. Clothing prices rose 1.0 per cent on average, and the index for recreation, education and reading advanced 1.5 per cent. The health-and-personal-care component rose 0.6 per cent, while tobacco and alcohol went up 0.5 per cent. The price level for all items other than food rose 1.3 per cent. From June 1973 to June 1974, the all-items index advanced 11.4 per cent.

Food and housing

The food index advanced 1.2 per cent to 188.4 in June from 186.1 in May as home-consumed food prices moved up, on average, 1.0 per cent and prices of

restaurant food rose 2.1 per cent. Higher fresh-produce prices were the main cause of the rise in the home food index, more than offsetting declines for beef, pork and eggs. Prices of fresh vegetables and fruit rose over 9 per cent, led by increases of about 40 per cent for carrots, 30 per cent for lettuce, 19 per cent for bananas and 13 per cent for apples. For the 12 months ending in June 1974, the price level of fresh vegetables increased by 17.6 per cent and fresh fruit by 13.9 per cent. In early June, beef and pork prices were 2.0 percent below their levels of a month earlier but poultry prices increased marginally. While poultry quotations were up 17.8 per cent from June 1973 and beef 9.1 per cent, pork was retailing 1.6 percent below its level of a year earlier and about 21 percent below its peak of September 1973. Egg prices declined 2.7 per cent in the latest month, but still sold at a level 17.6 percent higher than in the previous June. The cereal and bakery products index rose 1.4 per cent in June as most items surveyed increased.