

and sixteen performances of "Le Malade Imaginaire" by the Montreal troupe, Le Théâtre du Nouveau Monde, make up the attractions at the Avon Theatre. An exhibition of Canadian ceramics and the Second Biennial collection of Canadian Painting highlights the Festival Exhibition, held this year in the former Concert Hall. And from abroad, the first visit to this Continent by the Little Carib Dancers from the West Indies proved to be one of the most popular events of this busy Stratford season.

British designers Tanya Moiseiwitsch and Desmond Heeley have returned to design the productions which have been directed by Michael Langham and Douglas Campbell. In the cast joining such Stratford stalwarts as Christopher Plummer, Douglas Campbell, Douglas Rain, William Hutt, Bruno Gerussi and Frances Hyland and guest stars Eileen Hurley from England and Jason Robards Jr. from New York. The contribution made by these personalities with their wide experience in the greatly differing theatres of Britain and America has been of great value.

Stratford has become the showcase of Canadian and international artistic expression, attempting to feature the best in native and imported talent.

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### EXPORTS TOTAL UP

Canada's commodity exports declined 6 per cent in July as compared with a year earlier but increases in four of the six previous months resulted in a gain of approximately one per cent in the January-July period, according to advance figures released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Increases were posted both in July and the seven months in the value of exports to the United Kingdom and the rest of the Commonwealth but decreases were registered for the United States and other foreign countries.

Exports to all countries in July were valued at \$421,700,000 as compared with \$449,200,000 in the corresponding month last year, bringing the seven-month value to \$2,803,000,000 as compared with \$2,779,700,000. Shipments to the United States in July were valued at \$249,500,000 as compared with \$255,300,000 a year earlier and the seven-month total stood at \$1,618,400,000 as compared with \$1,646,600,000. Exports to the United Kingdom were valued at \$74,100,000 in July as against \$69,300,000 and at \$443,800,000 in the seven-month period as against \$410,300,000.

July's exports to the rest of the Commonwealth were valued at \$26,000,000 as compared with \$20,200,000 a year earlier, bringing the seven-month total to \$181,600,000 as compared with \$133,800,000. Exports to all other foreign countries were valued at \$72,100,000 in July as against \$104,400,000 and at \$559,200,000 in the seven months as against \$589,000,000.

### WELCOMES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Prime Minister John G. Diefenbaker has welcomed proposals by the President of the United States for an increase in the resources of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the initiation of discussions looking toward the creation of additional machinery to promote economic development.

"I have long felt that much larger liquid resources are needed to enable the free world to expand trade to meet the economic challenge of the U.S.S.R., and I have been a constant advocate of the desirability that the International Monetary Fund and Bank be enabled to play a more useful part in helping countries overcome short-term balance of payments difficulties and to carry forward long-term economic development programmes." Mr. Diefenbaker said.

"In view of the important discussions which I anticipate will take place at the Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference opening in Montreal on September 15, and at the meetings of the International Bank and International Monetary Fund in New Delhi early in October, the Canadian Government welcomes the readiness of the United States Government to give its support to an initiative which I am confident will greatly contribute to strengthening the economic fabric of the free world."

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### CANADIANS LAUDED

At the end of his two day visit with the Canadian NATO brigade, General Adolf Heusinger, Inspector General of West German Forces, held a press conference with German newspaper reporters to comment on his impressions of the 5500-man force.

Speaking to journalists of three newspapers published in the city of Iserlohn (site of the barracks of the Royal Canadian Dragoons) he stated "I have an excellent impression of the Canadian brigade. It would be gratifying if all troop components within NATO were in such a state of readiness, organization and equipment as the Canadian units."

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### NAVAL VISIT

Two frigates of Japan's Maritime Self-Defence Force, the Harukaze and the Uranami, part of a Japanese training squadron in the eastern Pacific at the time, are on a four-day visit to Canada's West Coast September 4-8.

Nine headquarters officials of the Japanese Self-Defence Agency are with the ships, as are 11 Japanese journalists, including two motion picture company cameramen and one television network representative.

The first two days of the visit are being spent at Esquimalt, after which the frigates will proceed for a two-day visit to Vancouver.