

One of these, announced by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration last autumn, is the review of immigration policy and population issues, which will examine immigration in the framework of Canada's demographic economic and cultural objectives. The consultations to precede the Bucharest conference, as well as the results of the conference itself, will contribute to the process of public discussion within Canada which the Government considers an essential aspect of the immigration and population review.

A major purpose of the conference will be to focus on the international dimensions of population questions and the development of co-ordinated international efforts in the field of population.

The Department of External Affairs has responsibility for co-ordinating Canada's preparations for the participation in the World Population Conference. An *ad hoc* interdepartmental committee on population, composed of all departments and agencies of the Federal Government concerned with population questions and chaired by the Department of External Affairs, will continue in an advisory capacity.

Consumer price indexes

Between December 1973 and January 1974, consumer price indexes rose in all regional cities and city-combinations with increases ranging from 0.1 per cent in St. John's, Newfoundland, to 1.1 per cent in Toronto. Food indexes increased in all cities. Higher quotations were registered in most centres for dairy, bakery and cereal products, beef cuts, fresh produce, processed fruits and vegetables, sugar and food eaten away from home. On the other hand, pork and poultry prices

were generally lower across the country. Housing components advanced in all cities except St. John's, reflecting increased shelter costs and higher prices for furniture and household supplies. Increased wages for domestic help were also registered in many cities. Transportation indexes rose in all cities and city-combinations in response to advances in the train-and-plane-fares indexes together with higher prices for new cars and motor oil. Taxi fares were also higher in several cities. The remaining components registered mixed movements.

St. John's, Newfoundland – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.1 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 10.9 per cent.

Halifax, Nova Scotia – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.6 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 8.8 per cent.

Saint John, New Brunswick – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.6 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 9.5 per cent.

Quebec City, Quebec – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.7 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 10.3 per cent.

Montreal, Quebec – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.7 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 9.3 per cent.

Ottawa, Ontario – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.7 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 10.2 per cent.

Toronto, Ontario – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 1.1 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 7.7 per cent.

Thunder Bay, Ontario – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.5 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 7.8 per cent.

Winnipeg, Manitoba – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.4 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 7.3 per cent.

Saskatoon-Regina, Saskatchewan – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.8 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 6.9 per cent.

Edmonton-Calgary, Alberta – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 0.7 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 7.8 per cent.

Vancouver, British Columbia – all-items: December 1973 to January 1974, up 1.0 per cent; January 1973 to January 1974, up 9.3 per cent.

Federal contribution to nurses' memorial fund

The Federal Government has contributed \$25,000 to the Judy Hill Memorial Fund, which commemorates the memory of a nurse who lost her life in November 1972 on a mercy flight in the Northwest Territories.

Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde said that the purpose of this fund, which was established by friends of Miss Hill, was most commendable for it would provide educational grants to allow nurses to improve their education for service in the Canadian Arctic and to promote exchange with nurses from Britain, where Miss Hill was born.

In presenting the cheque on behalf of his Department to Mr. Philip Ketchum, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Judy Hill Memorial Fund, the Minister said that Miss Hill would remain in the memory of Canadians, who themselves had contributed generously to the fund, as the nurse who died on duty while escorting Eskimo patients from her remote Arctic nursing station to hospital in Yellowknife.

Weekend hockey results

National Hockey League

Results March 9

Montreal 4, NY Rangers 2
Philadelphia 2, Toronto 1
Detroit 3, NY Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 5
Chicago 4, Vancouver 4
Boston 4, Los Angeles 4

Results March 10

Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 4
NY Rangers 4, NY Islanders 2
California 6, Boston 2
Atlanta 4, Detroit 0
Philadelphia 4, Buffalo 3
Minnesota 8, St. Louis 1

World Hockey Association

Results March 9

Minnesota 9, Quebec 5
Houston 4, Toronto 2
Chicago 5, Winnipeg 4

Results March 10

Vancouver 2, Edmonton 1
Los Angeles 6, Minnesota 5
Toronto 8, Cleveland 3
Quebec 5, New Jersey 2

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