



The "Thunderbirds" hockey team of the University of British Columbia, which is at present touring China under a program of cultural exchanges. Dr.

Bob Hindmarch, coach (front row, third left), was general manager and assistant coach of the 1962-63 Canadian Olympic hockey team.

UBC hockey team tours China

A Canadian hockey team is touring China from December 5 to 25 as part of a continuing program of cultural exchanges between Canada and the People's Republic of China.

The team, the University of British Columbia's "Thunderbirds", coached by Dr. R. Hindmarch, has an enviable record of 32 out of 38 international games either won or tied during the last ten seasons. One of the reasons for their success is the coaching ability of Dr. Hindmarch, who was general manager and assistant coach of the Canadian Olympic hockey team in 1962-63.

The purpose of the trip to China, however, is not to compete with the Chinese. The guiding principle in the program of sports exchanges is that each country sends teams in those sports in which it is proficient. Earlier this year, for example, the Chinese sent a gymnastic team to Canada to practise with and help Canadian teams to improve. Similarly, the UBC hockey team is in China participating in training sessions and exhibition games so that the Chinese players will be able to learn from the coaching and playing experience of the Canadian team.

The tour is sponsored jointly by the Department of External Affairs and the Department of National Health and Welfare.

Canadian style townhouse in Tokyo

A three-unit woodframe townhouse being built in Tokyo for Canadian Embassy staff will also serve for a year to demonstrate Canadian house-building techniques and materials.

Canada Commerce, November issue, reports that the project was organized after the Japanese Ministry of Construction requested an education program on Canadian house-building methods. The Japanese, who want to increase their housing supply by 1.9 million units a year, are studying ways of speeding up construction as well as

controlling housing costs.

The two-story complex will provide three units of 3,000 square feet each as homes for External Affairs officers and their families. The design, by McCarter, Nairne & Partners of Vancouver, incorporates facilities for official entertaining.

Construction should be complete by the end of the year. The townhouse, which has been built to harmonize with existing residences in the area, retains much of the garden of the house formerly occupying the site.

Interiors are designed for Canadian-style living and conform to the Canadian National Building Code.

For one year, Japanese building authorities, architects, contractors and lumber dealers will be able to study the stages of woodframe construction based on Canadian standard-dimension lumber and construction-grade softwood plywood.

Adaptability of methods

While Canadian construction methods are being used, the design was developed to show how those techniques could be adapted to Japanese requirements. Although the traditional Japanese building method produces good homes, it is too slow to meet current Japanese housing objectives. The old way means that each Japanese house, is, in effect, handcrafted. It is built of seasoned lumber cut in dimensions roughly like those of a Canadian "four-by-four". The design tends to follow post-and-beam style with hand-fashioned mortise-and-tenon joints,

