

at the meetings of the International Union of Geophysics at Helsinki, the Scientific Committee on Oceanographic Research at Helsinki, the NATO Sub-Committee on Oceanographic Research in Paris and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea at Moscow; and at the European Economic Co-operation Conference on Pollution in Paris.

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VISIT OF INDIAN PEDAGOGUE

Dr. Veni Shankar Jha, Director of the Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit in London, arrived in Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 21 on an official visit to Canada. He will remain until May 9, when he will proceed to The West Indies via the United States. By the time he leaves Canada, Dr. Jha will have visited Vancouver, Victoria, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, and have met representatives of provincial departments of education, of universities, of teacher-training colleges, and others concerned with educational matters.

Dr. Jha is a Vice-Chancellor of the Benares Hindu University and has been a member of the Central Advisory Board of Education in India. He has been associated with several educational reforms in his own country and was head of the Indian delegation to the Second Regional Conference of UNESCO National Commissions in Asian Countries, which was held in Manila in 1960.

The Commonwealth Education Liaison Unit was established as a result of the Commonwealth Education Conference held at Oxford in July, 1959. The Unit receives information from Commonwealth countries on programmes and other activities arising from the Oxford Conference. It reports periodically to all member countries and it performs duties for the Commonwealth Education Liaison Committee, which is composed of representatives of all member countries of the Commonwealth and one member for the colonial territories.

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MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS

Manufacturers' shipments in February were valued at an estimated \$1,760.9 million, down slightly (0.4 per cent) from the revised January total of \$1,768.6 million and down 4.0 per cent from the February 1960 figure of \$1,834.6 million, according to advance figures published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Seasonally-adjusted data show shipments in January at \$1,979.6 million and in February at \$1,925.2 million, a month-to-month decline of 2.7 per cent.

The total inventory owned by manufacturers at the end of February was estimated at \$4,278.3 million, up 0.7 per cent from \$4,248.9 million in January and up 1.3 per cent from \$4,225.1 million in February last year. The total inventory held by manufacturers at the end of February was \$4,507.8 million, an increase of 0.8 per cent from \$4,472.4 million in the preceding

month and a decrease of 0.9 per cent from \$4,547.7 million in the same month last year. The value of inventory held under long-term contracts (progress payments) was estimated at \$229.5 million at the end of February, up 2.7 per cent from \$223.5 million a month earlier and down 28.9 per cent from \$322.7 million a year ago. Components showed the following changes between January and February this year: finished products, up 1.3 per cent; goods in process, up 1.7 per cent; goods in process less progress payments, up 1.4 per cent; and raw materials, virtually unchanged.

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RED CHORUS TO VANCOUVER

The Red Army Chorus, dancers and orchestra have been signed for four appearances during the 1961 Vancouver International Festival, on the evenings of August 10, 11 and 12, with matinees on August 12. The famed singers, 180 strong, will make their first appearances in North America at the Festival. The company will fly from Moscow to Montreal, where it will be picked up by two CPA "Britannias" to bring it to Vancouver.

The Red Army Chorus is coming to Canada under the auspices of Canadian Concerts and Artists, Inc. Nicholas Koudriavtzeff, through whom the Festival Society made the booking, confirmed the final arrangements with the Festival Society after his return from Moscow, where he arranged for an exclusive Canadian tour of the choir with its 25 dancers and 42 piece orchestra of balalaikas and accordions.

The Festival Society's artistic director Nicholas Goldschmidt, stated that he hopes this engagement is the beginning of a long-range plan which will see other major Soviet attractions at the Festival in succeeding years.

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COLOMBO PLAN STAMP

Details of the special commemorative five-cent postage stamp to mark the tenth anniversary of the Colombo Plan have been announced by the Postmaster General, Mr. William Hamilton. Designed by B.J. Reddie, designer of the Northern Development and Pauline Johnson stamps, the new issue portrays two figures holding a blueprint in front of a huge hydro power plant. One figure is clothed in Western garb. The other wears a turban and warm-climate clothing typical of the Southeast Asian countries. In the top left corner, the following wording appears: "Le Plan de Colombo Plan". Along the bottom of the stamp appear the words "Postes Canada Postage". The figures and foreground will be printed in blue on a background of light brown. The stamp is a large horizontal design, measuring 1½ inches by an inch.

The stamp will be placed on sale in post offices across Canada on June 28, 1961, in time for the official anniversary of the Colombo Plan, which was inaugurated on July 1, 1951. Thirty million stamps will be printed.