

STRATFORD'S THEATRE IN THE PARK

An extra attraction at the Stratford Festival this year will be the Third Stage, a "theatre in the park" featuring drama, mime and puppets.

Michael Bawtree, the Festival's director, will direct *The Red Convertible*, a new play by one of the leading dramatists of Latin America, Enrique Buenaventura, in its première in English.

The National Theatre of Puppet Arts will present Excerpts from Shakespeare, and Montreal Marionettes will present opera, ballet and other musical works, including *Hansel and Gretel*, *Peter and the Wolf*, *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* and *The Brave Little Tailor*.

Rounding out the season at the Festival's new theatre will be Adrian Pecknold's Canadian Mime Theatre with a presentation entitled *Shapes and Shadows*.

VISITORS DOWN UNDER

Mr. Jean Chrétien, Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, is leading a 12-man group of members of Parliament, senior officials of government departments and other officials, that will visit New Zealand and Australia to study government programs for the Maoris of New Zealand and the Australian aborigines as well as the development of natural resources in the latter country.

The officials will also study the operations of national parks systems of both countries.

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The party left Ottawa on March 26 and will arrive in New Zealand on March 29 for a three-day stay as guests of the Government. Leaving New Zealand on April 2, the group will arrive in Australia the same day and will depart for the return trip to Ottawa on April 9, having visited Canberra, Sydney and various communities in the Northern Territory *en route*.

PURPOSE OF TRIP

In New Zealand, the main focus will be on how the Maoris and the other segments of the population have been able to develop a social and economic relation considered to be among the most successful in the world.

In Australia, the group will study the administration of the Northern Territory, the development of natural resources as well as the Government's programs for native people.

Mr. Chrétien said: "All the areas in New Zealand and Australia in which we are interested have special relevance for Canada. Both countries have populations that consist in part, as Canada's does, of native people, and I am hopeful that our studies of government programs and the manner in which a viable social and economic system has been co-operatively devised will assist us and our own native

people to achieve an equally satisfactory arrangement — although perhaps not precisely along the same lines."

FEATURES COMMON TO BOTH COUNTRIES

The Minister observed that a parallel could also be drawn between Canada's and Australia's northern latitudes and the efforts being made in both countries to develop the mineral and other sources of wealth in those areas.

"As far as geography and demography are concerned there are many similarities," Mr. Chrétien said. "Canada's northern territories and Australia's North are both rich in natural resources. The problems of inaccessibility are similar. Both are vast land areas containing only scattered and sparsely populated communities. The same needs for improved transportation and communications exist.

"Seeing at first hand how these problems are met by the Australian Government, its industry and its people, could help us in the decisions we must make where Canada's North is concerned," the Minister concluded.

FLAVOUR POWER AWARD

Three scientists on the staff of the Canada Department of Agriculture — Mr. John Kitson, Dr. Hiroshi Sugisawa and Dr. Dugal MacGregor, all of the CDA Research Station at Summerland, British Columbia — recently won the top award in food engineering at an international competition in Paris.

The award, a bronze medallion, was presented by the *Revue des Industries Alimentaires et Agricoles*, a food-trade magazine.

The winning entry is a product that packs the full flavour and aroma of apple juice into a powder, which, when mixed with low-flavoured dry applesauce flakes and rehydrated with water, acquires the aroma and flavour of fresh, homemade applesauce.

The same process can be applied to produce any available natural or artificial fruit flavour.

The process is patented and is creating considerable interest among potential manufacturers and users both in Canada and abroad.

GRANTS FOR NORTHERN ATHLETES

Federal athletic grants, totalling \$30,000, to the governments of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory were announced recently by the Member of Parliament for the Northwest Territories, Mr. R. J. Orange.

The Northwest Territories will receive \$15,000 from the federal Health and Welfare Department's Fitness and Amateur Sport Directorate to help in the development of the Territorial Experimental Ski Training (TEST) program.