

SIX FIRST AWARDS FOR CBC: The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has won six first awards and three honourable mentions for radio programmes, in competition with the American networks, at the 18th American Exhibition of Educational Programmes held annually at Ohio State University.

CBC shared an additional first award, in the regional programme category, with the Departments of Education of the Western Provinces for a school broadcast programme. Three Canadian privately-owned stations were represented in the awards as well, first awards going to CKWX, Vancouver; and CHUM, Toronto, and an honourable mention to CFAC, Calgary.

CBC's award-winning programmes were "Trans-Canada Matinee", cited for "providing women at home with a programme of adult, serious radio fare".

The CBC Wednesday Night series won a first award for its production of "1984", an adaptation by Melwyn Breen of the book by George Orwell, produced by Esse Ljungh. The programme was cited for "powerful and significant drama, superbly presented... an accurate, gripping projection of a book which hereby gains a vastly wider audience".

Other first awards went to the series "Press Conference"; to a production of the play "The Vigil", adapted by John Lucarotti and produced by Rupert Caplan; to a children's programme, "Roundabout"; and to "Cuckoo Clock House", written by Babs Brown and produced at CBC Toronto by Norbert Bauman.

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CANADA-U.K. AIR TALKS: The Department of External Affairs announced on April 8 that, at the request of the United Kingdom Government, discussions will be held in Ottawa from April 12 to 14 on the subject of possible modifications to the Canada-United Kingdom Air Transport Agreement. The Canadian Government will be represented by the Minister of Transport, Mr. Chevrier, who will be assisted by officers of the Air Transport Board and the Department of External Affairs. The United Kingdom Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation, Mr. Lennox-Boyd, will head the United Kingdom Delegation.

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DEATH OF ANGUS L. MACDONALD: Leaders in the House of Commons and public men all across Canada joined in tributes this week to the late Premier of Nova Scotia, Angus L. Macdonald, who died on April 13 at Halifax at the age of 64. He led Nova Scotia's Liberal Government for 21 years and served in wartime as federal Navy Minister.

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Cash sales accounted for 71% of all retail sales in the fourth quarter last year as against 68% in the last quarter of 1952.

UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT UP: Preliminary returns from Canadian institutions of higher education show 61,018 students in attendance for the current academic year, 1,216 or 2% more than in 1952-53 and a reversal of the downward trend in university and college enrolment in evidence since the peak year of 1947-48. The preliminary report covers an estimated 95% of full-time university grade enrolment, which means a total enrolment of about 64,200 for 1953-54.

Enrolment of men in the current academic year in the reporting institutions increased 2% to 47,412 from 46,390, while enrolment of women was up 1% to 13,606 from 13,412 in 1952-53. Both totals are also higher this year than in 1951-52 when 46,946 men and 13,435 women were enrolled. The number of veterans in receipt of allowances from the Department of Veterans' Affairs dropped by 995 or 63% to 580 in 1953-54.

University and College enrolment was higher this year than in 1952-53 in all regions, and higher than in 1951-52 in all except Ontario.

The number of male students enrolled was higher this year in all regions, and only the Ontario total was below that of 1951-52.

Enrolment in the current academic year was higher than in 1952-53 in the faculties of science (4,711 versus 4,037), architecture (495 versus 488), commerce (3,384 versus 3,150), dentistry (822 versus 821), education (2,501 versus 2,094), engineering and applied science (8,789 versus 7,823), journalism (80 versus 71), law (2,550 versus 2,157), library science (124 versus 115), medicine (4,568 versus 4,499), nursing (1,085 versus 907), physio and occupational therapy (389 versus 370), theology (1,288 versus 1,261), and veterinary science (405 versus 363). Percentage-wise, the largest increase in enrolment (18%) was in law, followed by pure science (17%) and engineering (12%).

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QUEEN'S MEDAL: Her Majesty the Queen has approved the institution of the "Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces" to encourage small arms shooting skill in the Air Forces of the Commonwealth. In Canada the medal will be competed for under small arms championship conditions during the annual prize meeting of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association and awarded to the winner of a competition conducted at these meetings.

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SPAIN, PORTUGAL MISSION: A Canadian mission is leaving shortly to enter into trade negotiations with Spain and Portugal, two important markets for salt cod, the Minister of Trade and Commerce announced on April 3. The Newfoundland Associated Fish Exporters Limited has been invited to name a representative.