

pattern of the labor force has evolved, and "with the trend expected to continue, the service industries may by 1980 employ more people in Canada than all other sectors combined - a situation that has already been reached in the United States", the Bank of Montreal review concludes.

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**INTEREST RATES DOWN:** Interest rates on new loans by the Industrial Development Bank have been reduced by 1/2 of 1 per cent effective Monday, November 18, it was announced by James E. Coyne, President of the Bank. In a statement Mr. Coyne said this action was being taken in view of the substantial decline in yields on Canadian Government securities and other interest rates in Canada during the past three months.

The last previous change in interest rates of the Industrial Development Bank was in September 1956, when the rate was increased from 6 per cent to 6 1/2 per cent. The present move brings the normal interest rate on typical five-year or ten-year term loans back to 6 per cent.

The annual report of the Industrial Development Bank for the year ending September 30, 1957, will be made public shortly and will show that nearly 400 new loans to provide medium term capital for small and medium-size business had been made in the preceding twelve months, a substantial increase over earlier years. The average size of loan had declined from approximately \$100,000 in 1956 to about \$60,000 in 1957. A substantial number of loans had been made in the under-\$25,000 category to many different branches of Canadian industry.

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**SHIPS FOR TURKEY:** The first five of 10 Bangor class coastal escorts of the Royal Canadian Navy to be transferred to Turkey under the NATO Mutual Aid agreement will be formally handed over by the Hon. George R. Pearkes, V.C., Minister of National Defence, on Friday, November 29. The Minister will be accompanied by Vice-Admiral H.G. DeWolf, Chief of the Naval Staff.

The ceremony will take place at Point Edward Naval Base, Sydney, N.S., where the ships will be formally accepted on behalf of Turkey by his Excellency Ahmet Cavat Ustun, the Turkish Ambassador to Canada and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Ottawa.

Making up the first group of five to be transferred are the Kenora, Kentville, Nipigon, Fort William and Medicine Hat. The others, due to be turned over early in 1958, are the Blairmore, Mahone, Sarnia, Swift Current and Westmount.

All 10 ships have been in the reserve fleet at Sydney and are being completely refitted in preparation for transfer. Following service in the RCN, they had been placed in strategic

reserve in Sydney as part of the Canadian contribution to NATO forces.

Officers and men of the Turkish Navy who will man the first five ships arrived at Sydney in the Turkish naval tanker Akar on Wednesday, November 13. An advance party of Turkish officers has been in Sydney since September familiarizing themselves with the ships.

Following the transfer ceremonies, the Turkish crews will carry out sea training in the ships and will sail early in December for Turkey via the Azores. They will be accompanied on the voyage by the Akar.

The Turkish Navy, with a personnel strength of approximately 20,000, already has some ships of this class in service. Highly manoeuvrable, they are employed in patrol work along the country's long coastline.

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**NEW SUB DESTROYER:** The eighth of Canada's new anti-submarine destroyer escorts, and the first of an improved type, Her Majesty's Canadian Ship Restigouche will be commissioned on Saturday, November 30, at Canadian Vickers Ltd., Montreal.

Following her commissioning, the Restigouche will sail for Halifax to join the Atlantic Command.

The Restigouche is one of a class of ships considered to be the most advanced anti-submarine vessels in the world. Her main anti-submarine armament consists of two mortar mountings, each capable of firing three high-explosive anti-submarine projectiles simultaneously and with great accuracy in any direction.

The mortar is controlled by means of electronic apparatus which locates and tracks the submarine and fires the mortar at the correct moment. The ship is also equipped with homing torpedoes which can alter course to pursue an enemy target on or below the surface of the sea.

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**PEACEFUL ATOMS:** Negotiations have taken place in Ottawa with representatives of the Swiss Government on the terms of a proposed inter-governmental agreement for co-operation in the peaceful uses of atomic energy. Such an agreement will permit arrangements to be made for the supply of uranium from Canada for peaceful uses in Switzerland. Bilateral arrangements of this nature are consistent with membership in and support of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The negotiations with Swiss representatives have now concluded with the preparation of a text for consideration by the two governments with a view to the early conclusion of the proposed agreement.

Similar negotiations are being undertaken with other governments desirous of entering into such agreements.