

Arrival of the Conic Anamorphoses, complements works by Dali in other Canadian public collections: the early portrait of *Maria Carbona* of 1925, bought in 1970, by the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; and four late works housed by the Beaverbrook Canadian Foundation at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton, New Brunswick – *La Turvie (Sir James Dunn Seated)* of 1949; *Equestrian Fantasy (Lady Dunn)* of 1954; *Sir James Dunn* of 1958; and *San Diego El Grande* of 1957.

Railways to be subject to inflation guidelines

Transport Minister Otto Lang emphasized recently that Canada's railways would be required to live within the Federal Government's anti-inflationary guidelines and that the Canadian Transport Commission (CTC) would have the responsibility of monitoring increases in freight rates.

Mr. Lang said that all federal Crown corporations and other corporations, whose rates were subject to review or regulation by federal regulatory authorities, would be subject to the guides published by the Government.

Among these corporations, Canada's railways will be required to limit freight-rate increases to amounts which will leave their pre-tax net profit margins no higher than 95 per cent of their average net profit margin over the past five years.

Mr. Lang said that the effect of the 95 percent rule would be monitored by the CTC and more specific guidelines may be issued at a later date. He said that, in view of the large number of rate changes made each year, it was unlikely that guidelines could be generally applied to increases on individual movements at this time.

The Canadian National and Canadian Pacific managements would have the responsibility of making their own price decisions, Mr. Lang said. The CTC would review increases and report if there were a possibility of the guidelines being breached. In such a case, the Governor in Council could refer directly to the administrator of the Anti-Inflation Act, to initiate enforcement of the provisions of the Act, Mr. Lang said.

Boost for production of 'flu vaccine

Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde recently gave \$200,000 on behalf of the Federal Government to the Armand Frappier Institute in Laval, Montreal, towards the renovation of facilities to produce influenza vaccine.

The money makes it possible for the Institute to expand the only plant in Canada that produces the 'flu vaccine needed to meet estimated future requirements.

Purchase of equipment for the expansion has been made possible by guaranteed support from the provinces to buy a minimum number of doses of the vaccine.

In the past when epidemics occurred, Canadians had access to a limited quantity of vaccine to meet essential needs. At present, the plant can produce about 100,000 doses a year; after the enlargement, it will be possible to produce 300,000 doses in 1977 and as many as 1 million thereafter, should they be required.

Canada and Poland discuss fisheries

Officials of the Canadian and Polish Governments met at Ottawa from November 25 to 27, to discuss fisheries matters of mutual concern.

Pursuant to the understanding reached earlier in Ottawa on September 19, the two sides began the elaboration of a bilateral agreement on co-operation that would establish the terms and conditions governing continued fishing by the Polish fleet in waters off Canada's coasts. They also considered proposed short-term arrangements regarding Polish fishing off the Pacific coast of Canada.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with progress achieved and agreed to meet in Warsaw in January 1976, with a view to concluding negotiations.

October trade deficit

Canada continued to buy more than it sold in October, pushing the trade deficit to \$1.113 billion for the first ten months of the year, Statistics Canada reported recently.

The deficit compared dramatically with a surplus of \$1.455 billion in the



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value of merchandise trade on a balance-of-payments basis for the same period last year.

The October deficit totalled \$70 million, but a spokesman said that this could not be compared with the October 1974 figure because the mail strike had delayed receipt of some records and reduced the monthly totals for this year.

World Health Organization chief visits

Dr. Halfdan T. Mahler, director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), was in Ottawa, November 24 and 25 for an official visit as the guest of Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde.

Dr. Mahler had discussions with officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare, the Department of External Affairs and the Canadian International Development Agency. Topics included were the Organization's expanded program of immunization, the special program for research and training in tropical diseases and the international program for the improvement of water supply and sanitation in rural areas of developing countries.