

NHA LOANS FOR MOBILE HOMES

Mr. Robert Andras, Minister of State for Urban Affairs, announced recently that Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation had given the Royal Bank of Canada an undertaking to insure over \$5.5 million in National Housing Act mortgage loans for a mobile-home development in Stroud, Ontario — the first such development to be so underwritten by the Federal Government.

The project site is the northeastern section of Innisfil Township, about eight miles southeast of Barrie, near Sandycove, a resort area on Lake Simcoe, 50 miles from Toronto on Highway 11. As a resort area, it possesses all recreation facilities for summer and winter.

"A few days ago, at a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on Health, Welfare and Social Affairs," Mr. Andras stated, "I described some of the federal programs for this year arising out of the CMHC 1971 capital budget. I mentioned that about \$100 million would be set aside for initiative and development projects which would include, among other things, consideration of one or two mobile home projects. I am happy today to be able to confirm the Federal Government's willingness to underwrite this endeavour."

The Minister said that he recognized the widespread interest in Canada in the mobile home. "At the same time," he continued, "the vehicular concept of the mobile home has changed so that today, in ever increasing numbers, units are being permanently located on land as an inexpensive single-family house. As we interpret it, the mobile home has evolved from a vehicle to a form of systems building representing a manufactured unit. When properly located on an appropriate site in a suitable subdivision, the product provides a satisfactory form of permanent housing."

NATIONAL BALLET'S 20TH SEASON

During its twentieth anniversary season, the National Ballet of Canada will perform for 48 weeks, touring the Ontario centres of Sudbury, Elliot Lake, North Bay, Kirkland Lake, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Kingston, Belleville, Brockville, Peterborough, Orillia, Deep River, Ottawa and Toronto, as well as Montreal, and will embark on its first European tour next May and June.

The European tour, a highlight in the 20-year history of the company (which received its charter on October 22, 1951), will include performances in London, Stuttgart, Paris, Brussels, Glasgow, Lausanne and Monte Carlo.

Fifteen new dancers have been added to the company this year including some from abroad and across Canada. New members are: principal dancer Sergiu Stefanschi from the Paris Dance Theatre in France; soloist dancers Marc Digout from the Theatre Arts Ballet in Rouen, France, and Kenneth Lipitz

from the National Ballet of Washington; additions to the *corps de ballet* are Kristine Soleri of the Robert Joffrey School in New York City, Dianna Marks from the National Ballet of Washington, and Ronald Meister from the Los Angeles Ballet Society.

Joining the company from the National Ballet School are Andrea Davidson, Wendy Reiser, Valerie Wilder, Ian Amos, Brian Armstrong, Robert Desrosiers and Victor Edwards.

Rejoining the National Ballet after a one-year absence is principal dancer Nadia Potts, and soloist dancer Howard Marcus, who has been performing with the Toronto Dance Theatre.

ICAO REPRESENTATIVE

Pierre R. Joubert has been appointed by the Department of External Affairs as Canada's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization. Canada was re-elected this year to the Council of ICAO with the highest number of votes cast for any candidate. The headquarters of the organization are at Montreal.

Mr. Joubert replaces Henri Gourdeau, who as a representative of the Asian Development Bank, will advise Nepal in the development of a modern aviation system.

Before his present appointment, Mr. Joubert was on loan to ICAO from the Ministry of Transport as a technical adviser to Saudi Arabia. He served previously as chief of air-traffic control at Montreal International Airport.

GRANTS TO SPORTS AGENCIES

Sixteen national sports-governing bodies and program-operating agencies have been awarded federal grants totalling \$295,928.

The grants, awarded under the Department of Health and Welfare's Fitness and Amateur Sport Program, will help sports bodies stage national championships, send Canadian athletes to international competitions and help cover travel costs of delegates attending annual and executive meetings.

The 16 national sports agencies receiving grants are: Shooting Federation of Canada, \$81,230; Canadian Wheelchair Sports Association, \$24,127; Canadian Curling Association, \$9,275; Canadian Weightlifting Federation, \$8,815; Canadian Amateur Football Association, \$1,678; Canadian Women's Field Hockey Association, \$3,248; Canadian Amateur Speed Skating Association, \$732; Canadian Lacrosse Association, \$7,821; Canadian Amateur Basketball Association, \$2,435; Canadian Amateur Wrestling Association, \$14,234; Canadian Rugby Union, \$15,393; Association of Canadian Underwater Councils, \$1,498; Canadian Cycling Association, \$5,000; Canadian Gymnastics Federation, \$45,184; Canadian Canoe Association, \$68,758; and Canadian Horse Shows Association, \$6,500.