

SIGVALDASON TO DJAKARTA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, has announced the appointment of Mr. John P. Sigvaldason, at present Head of the Department's Inspection Service, as Ambassador to Indonesia to succeed Mr. T.F.M. Newton, who has been assigned to duty in Ottawa.

Mr. Sigvaldason was born in Baldur, Manitoba, in 1904, and is a graduate of the University of Manitoba. He joined the Department of External Affairs in 1946, serving in London until 1952, when he was transferred to Ottawa. From 1956 to 1958, he served in Karachi, where he was Acting High Commissioner for nearly a year in 1957.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD

Production of gold in September rose slightly, to 368,365 fine ounces from 363,988 in the corresponding period last year. With increases from a year earlier in all previous months except April and May, output in the January-September period advanced 2.8 per cent to 3,412,592 fine ounces from 3,320,822 in the first nine months of 1959.

Production was larger than last year both in September and the January-September periods in Quebec, the Prairie Provinces, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories and smaller in Newfoundland and Nova Scotia. Output was down in the month and up in the nine months in Ontario and the Yukon.

January-September production by regions was as follows: Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, 9,634 fine ounces (10,434 a year ago); Quebec, 761,022 (741,379); Ontario, 2,021,390 (1,990,958); Prairie Provinces, 105,136 (100,426); British Columbia, 158,433 (137,356); Yukon, 45,424 (42,302); and Northwest Territories, 311,653 (297,967).

STRATFORD MINTS CULTURE

A net profit of \$64,308.73 on the 1960 season was reported at the annual meeting of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival Foundation of Canada on November 14.

"It has been widely recognized as the most successful season which the Festival has ever had," said Wilfrid P. Gregory, president of the board of governors. "Fortunately this can be said to be true both from an artistic and from a financial point of view."

Mr. Gregory pointed out that the profit was shown after allowing \$56,301.30 for depreciation of fixed assets.

"The Canada Council grant of \$75,000 was of great assistance", he added, "as we are committed to heavy financial obligations. We really cannot rest easily financially until we

have paid off our bond mortgage which now stands at \$534,300. Besides the interest requirements of \$36,077.10, we have a sinking fund to meet each year of \$39,000. This is a sufficiently extensive objective to meet each year to keep us all quite sober about the financial position."

The year-end audit showed that the 99 performances of "Romeo and Juliet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "King John" played to 203,780 people, who paid \$683,514 in admissions to the Festival Theatre, which represented 91.2 per cent of capacity. Music attracted 37,502 patrons and a box-office gross of \$99,789. This included 24 performances of "Pinafore," and week-end concerts in the Festival Theatre. The two-week film festival grossed \$11,826.

PEARSON GETS ISRAEL AWARD

Mr. Lester B. Pearson, Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada and former Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs, has been presented, *in absentia*, with the Medallion of Valor Award of the State of Israel.

Mr. Pearson received the award for his "outstanding role in the deliberations of the United Nations which led to the judicious consideration of the differences between the State of Israel and the Arab nations", and for his "illustrious record of dedication to the cause of world peace".

Because of his Parliamentary duties in Ottawa, Mr. Pearson was unable to receive the Medallion of Valor in person from Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at a "commendation" dinner on Sunday evening at Philadelphia, Pa.

Others chosen to receive the award were General Lucius D. Clay, Sir Anthony Eden, Chet Huntley, Herbert H. Lehman, Otto Preminger, Brigadier General David Sarnoff, Ed Sullivan, Harry Belafonte and Sammy Davis Jr.

WINTER WORK IN NATIONAL PARKS

Nearly \$4 million will be spent on winter works in 16 national parks and seven national historic parks across Canada, Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale has announced. It is estimated that these projects will provide winter employment for over 1800 men. The programme ends on March 31, 1961.

The largest amount of work under this programme will be carried out in Jasper National Park, where \$1 million will be spent on continuation of a road reconstruction programme.

Through this programme, facilities in each of the national parks and national historic parks are being improved and extended, in accordance with plans as a whole for parks development.