

normal and reasonable supplies of copper required by our copper-consuming industries.

"In order to prevent this happening, several meetings have been held with the various sectors of the Canadian copper industry. I continue to hope that the industry will find its own solution to this problem but consider it desirable, however, to make clear at this stage the action the Government will take should a shortage in the supply of copper, traditionally available in the usual way for our users, develop in Canada.

"If a legitimate shortage of copper for the Canadian fabricating industry occurs and is substantiated, we shall, under the authority of the Export and Import Permits Act, take the following steps:

(1) Withdraw or withhold export permits for refinery shapes.

(2) Ensure that Canadian fabricators of rod and wire products return all new bare copper scrap generated in their operations through normal trade channels to Canadian refineries for conversion or exchange for primary copper.

(3) Ensure that the Canadian brass mills arrange for the return to their own mills of all usable scrap generated in their customers' operations.

"These measures would be taken to the extent and degree necessary to ensure the reasonable requirements of Canadian copper users on a competitive basis."

### HOMEMAKER SERVICES SURVEY

The Canadian Welfare Council is trying to discover why one of Canada's most important community services - the visiting homemaker service - is in short supply compared to other social programmes and services which have expanded significantly in the past few decades.

The Council, with the help of a grant from the Welfare Grants Division of the Department of National Health and Welfare, has begun a study of selected homemaker agencies in the seven provinces that have such agencies (Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia). The study is expected to cost over \$28,000 and take a year to complete. The Council has appointed a committee that will advise on the study and press for implementation of its policy recommendations when the work is completed.

The Council points out that visiting homemaker services are recognized by home economists, nurses, social workers, and by every observer of modern social systems as a necessary community service for people of all incomes in helping to prevent family breakdown when one parent is absent or unable to carry on, and in caring for the elderly and disabled in their own homes. It is a service that can be financed, through cost-sharing arrangements, under the Canada Assistance Plan. Homemaker services in Canada operate under the auspices of family service

associations, the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Victorian Order of Nurses, and other public and voluntary organizations or combinations of them. One measure of the problem in Canada is a comparison to Sweden, where there is one homemaker for every 500 people; in Canada there is an estimated one for every 30,000. The Council's study will examine the structure of these agencies and associations, their auspices and financing; the recruitment, training, hours of work, duties and salaries of the homemakers themselves, and the types of families that are served.

### SPAIN CONSULTS BELL CANADA

Bell Canada has been awarded a contract by the Spanish Telephone Company to examine Spain's telephone network and to make recommendations for its expansion. R.A. Cline, assistant vice-president of Bell's consulting services division, said recently that a task force of ten left Montreal during April for Madrid, which will be their home base for the next few months.

The members of the task force will recommend long-range plans for the Spanish long-distance network, the Madrid urban network. Methods of charging for calls other than local calls will also be recommended.

Mr. Cline said that negotiations began in 1967, when Spanish telephone authorities were in Canada and gained firsthand information on this country's telecommunications.

Bell's consulting services division was established last year to provide advice and training in telecommunications. "We already have company employees in Turkey, Greece, the Philippines, Kenya, Nigeria, the United States and other countries," Mr. Cline said. "Prospects for the expansion of this service are encouraging."

### CANADA COUNCIL BURSARIES

The Canada Council has awarded 229 bursaries, worth \$805,000, to assist Canadian artists in the early stages of their professional careers. The maximum value of each bursary is \$3,500, in addition to which he receives travel allowance for one year's free work or study.

The successful candidates were chosen from a total of 854 applicants after screening by several juries of professional artists and critics selected from across Canada.

Last year there were 668 candidates in the competition for 254 bursaries worth a total of \$859,000.

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William Lyon Mackenzie King is the only Canadian Prime Minister to be featured on a postage stamp of a foreign country. He is shown on an El Salvador stamp issued in 1948 to mark the third anniversary of the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt.