

VANCOUVER FESTIVAL

The Vancouver Festival Society has announced the complete programme for the third annual Vancouver International Festival, taking place from July 22 to August 16 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The three-and-a-half week programme has been designed to appeal to the widest possible audience without relaxing the artistic standards that have earned an international standing for the Festival. The twenty-two major events from six countries will range from the all-Canadian production of "Madame Butterfly" to the North American première of the spectacular Peking Opera. The Kingston Trio will cater to the tastes of popular-music lovers. Hal Holbrook, with his impersonation of Mark Twain, is expected to delight young and old alike.

The Festival Symphony Orchestra will be conducted by William Steinberg and Carlos Chavez. Although much publicity has been given to the appearance of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra and Leonard Bernstein, no official confirmation has been received from New York as yet.

The Vancouver Festival, now going into its third season, has booked twenty-two different events with top performers coming from entertainment capitols of the world to take part.

The Festival events will take place in three theatres, at the Exhibition Forum, the Hotel Vancouver ballroom and on the University of British Columbia campus. Much of the programme will be presented in Vancouver's handsome new Queen Elizabeth Theatre.

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GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES BOARD MEETS

Dr. N.L. Nicholson, Director of the Geographical Branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, was re-elected Chairman of the Canadian Board on Geographical Names at its annual meeting held recently in Ottawa. Representatives were present from each of the participating provinces, with the exception of Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland.

Mr. G.M. Munroe, Secretary of the Board, reported that some 19,000 names had been processed for 126 new maps, 18 new hydrographic charts, and 9 revised maps. He also reported a strong demand for the gazetteers of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, southwestern Ontario, New Brunswick, and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, and noted that the Prince Edward Island gazetteer will be published shortly, and that the gazetteers for Nova Scotia and Ontario are under way.

Mr. Paul Comtois, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, through whom the Board reports to Parliament, entertained members at dinner. He paid tribute to the work of the Board and spoke of the two broad problems with which it was faced: that of obtaining satis-

factory new names for features, hitherto unnamed, in areas of Canada recently opened up, and in southern Canada, the need for changing names in response to local conditions, with the changes in population composition, the expansion of urban areas, and the depopulation of some rural areas.

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CAPITAL-EXPORTERS CONFER

A delegation headed by Mr. A.F.W. Plumptre, Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance, and including members of the Department of External Affairs, the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Bank of Canada, represented Canada from March 9 to 12 at a meeting of capital-exporting countries held in Washington, D.C. The meeting of what is now being called the Development Assistance Group was an outcome of the conference of twenty countries held in Paris from January 12 to 14 to discuss economic co-operation in the North Atlantic area.

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DECEMBER WEEKLY WAGES

Average weekly wages in manufacturing declined in December to \$68.78 from \$71.08 in November and hours worked to 38.7 from 40.9, while average hourly earnings rose to \$1.78 from \$1.74, according to advance figures issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Weekly wages in December 1958 averaged \$63.71, hourly earnings \$1.71 and the work week 37.3 hours.

Average hourly earnings in durable-goods manufacturing rose in December to \$1.92 from \$1.89 in the preceding month, while the work week decreased to 39.2 hours from 41.2. Factors contributing to these changes were a shorter work week over the Christmas holiday, especially in industries paying below the general average, back-to-normal operations in the automotive industry, following layoffs due to steel strikes in the United States, and overtime on Christmas Day in smelting and refining.

Average hourly earnings in non-durable goods manufacturing also rose in the month to \$1.63 from \$1.60 in November, and the work week was cut to 38.3 hours from 40.7. These changes were caused partly by short time and a seasonal decline of lower-paid employees in canning and preserving, and considerable short time during the holiday period in leather products and clothing factories where many women are employed.

Average hourly earnings in mining rose in December to \$2.08 from \$2.06 in November, mainly due to short time in the lower-paid segments of the industry. Excessive short time and further seasonal layoffs were reported in construction.