

season to come. Those chosen will not only get practical experience on the stage (in crowd scenes) but will also spend time working in and learning the operation of the wardrobe, properties -- and even the box office -- departments.

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### CITY FAMILY EXPENSES - 1957

The average family expenditure during 1957 reported by 1,088 sample families in the metropolitan areas of St. John's, Halifax, Three Rivers, Montreal, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver was \$4,830, of which 86.6 per cent was devoted to current consumption, and the remaining 13.4 per cent to gifts and contributions, personal taxes and security, according to advance figures based on a sample survey in these nine cities by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The average size of the survey families was 3.40 persons.

This is the third in a series of biennial surveys of family budgets initiated in 1953 by DBS. Three Rivers and St. John's are additional to the seven cities surveyed in 1955, when expenditures averaged \$4,424 for 787 participating sample families. Total expenditures for the seven cities (excluding St. John's and Three Rivers) averaged \$4,941 in 1957 for a sample of families selected within a somewhat higher income range, from \$2,500 to \$7,000, as compared with \$2,000 to \$6,500 in 1955.

With minor variations between the two groupings of cities, survey families allocated 24 per cent of their annual expenditure to food in 1957, 17 per cent to housing, fuel, light and water, 6 per cent to home furnishings and equipment, 9 per cent to clothing, almost 10 per cent to car purchase and operation, and a substantial 21 per cent to such other categories of current consumption as medical and personal care, recreation and reading, smoking and alcohol.

These proportions do not differ significantly from those revealed in the 1955 survey. Food accounted for a slightly smaller percentage of family spending in 1957, although dollar expenditures by family and, to a lesser extent, by individual, were higher. Survey families in 1957 spent proportionately more on car purchase and operation than in 1955 and 1953. A decrease in the percentage devoted to recreation can be explained entirely by one item -- television and radio purchase. Expenditure on this item was at maximum levels in Montreal and Toronto in 1953 and in the remaining cities in 1955, reflecting the effect of expanding television markets in the respective regions. Also consistent with higher income levels was the fact that gifts and contributions, personal taxes and security, accounted for slightly higher proportions of expenditure in 1957....

### UN DAY IN CANADA

On October 24, United Nations Day celebrations were general throughout Canada. The Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker, issued a press release on the occasion and delivered a special UN Day message on television in English and French.

In Ottawa there was a display in front of the Parliament Buildings of the flags of the 82 UN member countries, including a flag not displayed before, that of the Republic of Guinea, which was admitted to the United Nations on December 12, 1958. The United Nations flag was flown from the eastern flagpole of the Centre Block.

The Dominion Carillonneur, Mr. Robert Donnell, played the national anthems of those member countries whose citizens were presiding officers of the principal organs of the United Nations, the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly and the Chairmen of its main committees. This recital included the "United Nations March" and the national anthems of Peru, Brazil, Burma, China, France, Morocco, The Philippines, Roumania, Sweden, Turkey, the Union of South Africa, the U.S.S.R., the United Kingdom, the United States, Austria, Bolivia, Belgium, Indonesia, Czechoslovakia, Guatemala, Liberia, Japan, Mexico and Haiti. It concluded with "O Canada" and "God Save The Queen".

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation carried, on its Trans-Canada and French networks, special programmes concerning United Nations Day. The Corporation also transmitted, on its national radio and television networks, a "United Nations Concert" directly from New York. The International Service of the CBC carried a documentary programme on Canada and the UN over some of its transmissions, and special commentaries marked the occasion on other transmissions.

On United Nations Day, the United Nations Association in Canada distributed in schools and colleges across the country some 7,000 copies of a special leaflet issued by the Department of External Affairs in the English and French languages and entitled "Canada and the United Nations - a Record after Fourteen Years".

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### WINTER FAIR

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, to be held this year from November 13 to 21 at Toronto, will feature a spectacular horse show including International Jumping competitions with teams from the United States, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil and Canada. The new version of the RCMP Musical Ride will be another highlight of the annual Fair, which combines exhibits of farm products and farm machinery and home and field equipment with events such as the Royal Horse Show.