

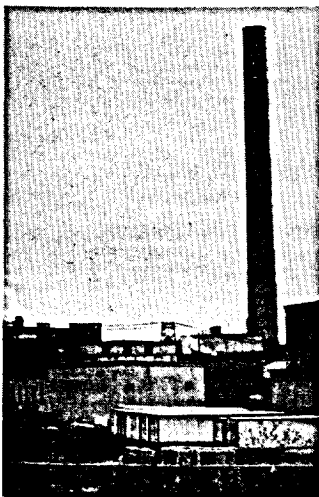
Mosaic

Cardinal Paul-Émile Léger, who abandoned the post of archbishop of Montreal 17 years ago to work among the lepers in Cameroon, is parting with his collection of papal treasures to raise money for the world's poor. "The only riches I have in the world are the gifts given to me by the popes whom I served," Léger said. His papal momentos, including a gold cross given to him by Pope Jean Paul, will be turned over to fund his two charitable foundations which raise about \$2.5 million a year for more than 80 projects in Africa and Asia.

OTTAWA-HULL

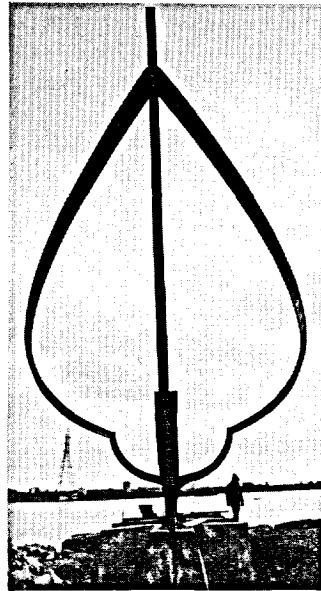
The **E.B. Eddy Plant**, considered by some as a blight on the landscape, may soon be beautified. Hull Mayor, Michel Légère, has asked the federal government and Quebec for about \$1 million to "spruce up" the building because "we'd like people to recognize that E.B. Eddy is part of the heart of Hull. It's an important part of the region's economy...of her heritage."

Proposed changes include resurfacing the facade, (possibly with mirrors), planting trees and shrubs, placing the large pipes underground and building a walkway to allow visitors to tour the plant.



E.B. Eddy Plant.

Taché Park in Hull has just been opened and the centre-piece is a 42 foot, six ton boat frame sculpture created by Toronto artist John McEwen. The park, which is just north of the E.B. Eddy plant, will also add aesthetically to the Ottawa-Hull landscape.



Boat sculpture in Taché Park.

LAW

Divorce Law. The federal government will resurrect legislation that allows couples to file for divorce on the grounds of marriage breakdown, Justice Minister John Crosbie said. Under the present law a couple may file for divorce after a three year separation or if one spouse is found to have committed an offence. The Liberal government wanted to replace the "fault" concept with a system under which marriage breakdown was the sole criterion and reduce the separation period to one year. The details of the Tory bill have not been made public but Mr. Crosbie said he hopes to introduce the changes this year along with measures to improve mediation services and maintenance orders which, among other things, establish how much one spouse should pay another after a divorce.

Adoption. Age and marital stability will no longer be used to screen out prospective adoptive parents of infants, the Metro Toronto Children's Aid Society has decided. The decision was taken because of concerns that the exclusivism criteria violated the Ontario Human Rights Code that prohibits discrimination on the grounds of age, sex or marital status. This means that these criteria will be taken into consideration during the adoption interview, but no longer can be used to exclude a person from applying to adopt a child.

Sunday shopping is taking over Alberta malls and the effects of the trend may be felt increasingly across Canada. A Calgary lawyer succeeded in having the Lord's Day Act ruled unconstitutional by a provincial court judge and later by the Alberta Court of Appeal. While the Supreme Court of Canada is considering this appeal, the provinces are unable to enforce the Act. Consequently two large malls in Calgary are now open on Sunday and are reporting sales at least equal to normal trade for a Saturday. (Ontario and British Columbia are the only provinces that have enacted legislation covering Sunday business. In 1975 Ontario passed the "Retail Business Holiday's Act" to allow small stores to open on Sundays and in 1980 British Columbia passed the "Holiday Shopping Regulation Act" that prohibits Sunday shopping but allows municipal governments to opt out of its provisions and most have done so.)

LEISURE

Cruise Ships. No longer does one spend endless hours lazily sunning in a deck chair stirred only by the not-infrequent summons to dine. Cruise ships are into fitness.

It is now aerobics, treadmills, rowing machines, jogging tracks, saunas and whirlpools.

Yesterday's floating palace has become today's floating spa — a gymnasium on the waves. "Health and fitness are a part of our lives now", says Alice Marshall of Cunard, which has introduced extensive fitness programs on the *Queen Elizabeth II*, the *Sagafjord*, the *Vistafjord* and numerous others. "We want to attract the people who have the misconception that all there is to do aboard is eat and grow".

W.O. Mitchell. 37 years after the publication of his famous *Who Has Seen The Wind*, W.O. Mitchell has matched this work with his latest novel, *Since Daisy Creek*.



W.O. Mitchell

Although legend has it that a writer's first novel is the strongly autobiographical one, Canadian novelists seem to work up to it. Margaret Laurence's *The Diviners* climaxed her *Manawaka* series and Morley Callaghan's *A Fine and Private Place*, followed 46 years of publishing; both were semi autobiographical. Mitchell now gives us a novel about a writer who suffers from writer's block and makes his living as a professor of creative writing. His own novels have come out at roughly 10 year intervals and he has spent a great deal of time teaching creative writing.