

P.M. SALUTES NATO ANNIVERSARY

Prime Minister Diefenbaker issued the following message on April 4:

"Today marks the eleventh anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty. On this occasion it is fitting to recall that Canada was a founder member of this alliance, which has made such a major contribution to peace and stability.

"NATO is developing and changing with each passing year. Today when the threat to the free world has become increasingly political, economic and psychological in character, the organization has had to adapt itself to new and complex situations. The progress it has made in this respect has done much to foster a sense of community among the governments and people of the member states.

"I am satisfied that at the forthcoming summit meetings the non-negotiating powers will be able to play, through consultation in NATO, a constructive part in the preparation of the Western position. NATO remains today not only the best possible insurance against aggression but also a most effective political instrument for achieving the objectives of peace and security shared by all members of the alliance.

"I am confident that, as we face the problems of the years ahead, we shall continue to place any differences that may arise in the broader and much more important perspective of our common faith in the principles of democracy, individual liberty and the rule of law. It was to preserve these principles that the North Atlantic Treaty was signed eleven years ago today."

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PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN 1958

Young Canadians are making good use of public library facilities wherever they are available, according to preliminary figures from the *Survey of Libraries, Part I, Public Libraries, 1958*, shortly to be published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

These young readers, who represented 20.6 per cent of the population in 1958, borrowed 45.2 per cent of all books circulated by urban libraries and 62.4 per cent of all those circulated by regional libraries. This represents 10.6 books *per capita* for those 5-14 years of age in urban centres and 9.2 books *per capita* for boys and girls served by regional libraries. The total circulation figures represent 4.8 books borrowed from urban libraries and 3.0 from regional libraries for each member of the population served.

Wear and tear on books in boys' and girls' departments in urban libraries was high, as each book in stock circulated 7.2 times during the year, compared with a circulation of 4.4 times a book for total stock. Comparable figures for regional libraries were 9.8 a

book for boys and girls and 5.6 a book in total stock.

The population served by all forms of public library service in 1958 was 77.7 per cent of the whole population. Total bookstock was .73 volumes *per capita*, circulation was 2.68 volumes *per capita*, and expenditures were \$0.68 *per capita*. Comparable figures for Great Britain were: bookstock, 1.4 volumes *per capita*; circulation, 7.8 volumes *per capita*; and expenditure, \$1.01 *per capita*.

The survey covers 873 municipal public libraries, 29 regional libraries and 12 provincial library services.

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COLUMBIA RIVER NEGOTIATIONS

The third session of the Canada-United States negotiations on the co-operative development of the water resources of the Columbia River system was held in Ottawa on March 31 and April 1. The first session took place in Ottawa, on February 11 and 12, and the second in Washington, on March 4 and 5.

The exploratory phase of the discussions has now ended. The meeting was devoted mainly to actual negotiations, which it is hoped will lead to agreement on a plan of development. Technical advisers will make detailed studies of various matters that were the subject of discussion and will report their findings for consideration at the next negotiating session, which will be held shortly in Washington.

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EXPERTS TO WEST INDIES & GHANA

The Department of External Affairs has announced that assignments have been accepted by Mr. Angus McMorran of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, under The Canada-West Indies Aid Programme, in The West Indies and by Mr. R.J. Weiers, Chief Accountant of Max Factor and Company, Toronto, under the Commonwealth Technical Assistance Programme, in Ghana.

Mr. McMorran has been granted leave of absence to act as adviser to the Government of the Federation of the West Indies in connection with the 1960 Jamaica census. In this capacity, he is to help the Government of Jamaica set up a new mechanical tabulation process and advise it on the use of certain tabulation machines, in particular the IBM 101 Tabulator. He will also give personal advice and guidance as required to Jamaican statisticians. Mr. McMorran is expected to stay in The West Indies for at least three months.

Mr. Weiers, in addition to teaching accounting and related commercial subjects at the Ghana College of Administration in Achimota, near the capital city of Accra, will act as adviser to the Head of the Department of Commerce on the organization, administration and curriculum of the department. He will remain in Ghana for at least 12 months.