

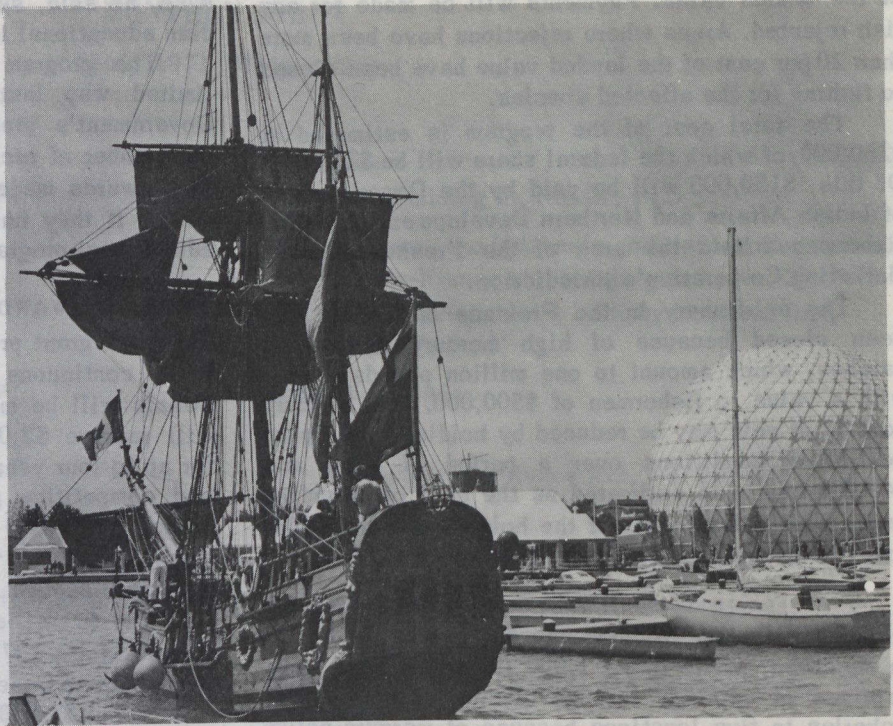
## "NONSUCH" AT ONTARIO PLACE

The *Nonsuch*, a copy of the Hudson's Bay Company's first ship, berthed at Ontario Place, the new entertainment complex in Toronto, for 12 days in June, providing much interest to the many visitors who boarded her.

The original *Nonsuch* was a 53-foot ketch whose historic voyage from the River Thames in England to the New World in 1668 resulted in the opening of Western Canada to commerce and led to the incorporation of the Hudson's Bay Company on May 2, 1670.

Plans and specifications for the new *Nonsuch*, prepared under the supervision of Rodney Warington Smyth of Cornwall, England, took over five months of research and development. He obtained his information from Hudson's Bay archives, seventeenth century models and paintings, and accounts of ship-building techniques housed in the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich, England.

The building of the *Nonsuch* called for revival of old skills now rapidly passing out of use. Some of the tools needed could no longer be found and had to be recreated, based on originals displayed in the



National Maritime Museum. The vessel was launched on August 26, 1968, at Appledore, Devon.

Although the ship has the authentic appearance of a 300-year-old sailing vessel, the new *Nonsuch* has an electrical supply system, a 100-horsepower diesel engine to help her manoeuvre in and out of port, and an up-to-date galley.

## MINISTERIAL CHANGES

The Prime Minister has announced that the new Ministry of State for Urban Affairs has been officially established by proclamation and that Mr. Robert Andras has been sworn in as Minister of State for Urban Affairs. The order-in-council relating to the establishment of the Ministry was approved recently by the House of Commons.

Mr. Joseph Julien Jean-Pierre Côté has been sworn in as Postmaster General and Mr. Jack Davis Minister of the Environment, pursuant to the Government Organization Act 1970 which received Royal Assent on June 10.

## COMPENSATION TO FISHERMEN

A 1.5-million assistance program has been introduced for Canadian fishermen and processors whose business has been hurt by contamination of fish by mercury in both Atlantic and inland waters.

The Minister of Fisheries, Mr. Jack Davis, announced recently that cash payments would be made for commercial shipments of fish found to be unsafe for human consumption, and said that special projects

would be undertaken to help fishermen to convert vessels and gear for alternate fishing operations.

The commercial lots or shipments of fish — all in the Maritime Provinces — condemned by the Inspection Branch of the Fisheries Service have been taken off the market. A total of \$617,000 will be paid for rejected fish, mostly swordfish and tuna, but including some halibut. It is not expected that any further shipments of those species will be rejected because of mercury-contamination.

## SWORDFISH SECLUDED

Because of the excessively high mercury contamination found in swordfish, it is not likely that fishing for this species will be resumed out of Nova Scotia. The fleet of 70 swordfish boats will be converted, at an estimated cost of \$185,000, to catch other species.

In Ontario, where the major commercial fishery is now getting under way, a cost-sharing agreement has been reached with the provincial government to sustain fishing operations, particularly in the north-western area of the province, where data has been incomplete. The program is to provide for the continuation of commercial fishing on those lakes where the level of mercury-pollution is unknown, or where rejections owing to mercury do not exceed 20 per cent