

Eskimo wall-hanging donated to National Arts Centre



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A recent addition to the National Arts Centre décor, a wall-hanging (above)

by Jessie Oonark, with William Teron, the donor, and Miss Oonark.

A brilliantly-coloured Eskimo wall-hanging, 21 feet by 13 feet, was recently donated to the National Arts Centre in Ottawa by William Teron, a member of the Board of Trustees. The work, by Eskimo artist Jessie Oonark, of Baker Lake in the Northwest Territories, was accepted by François Mercier, Chairman of the Board, on May 17, with the artist and Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chrétien in attendance.

Jessie Oonark's drawings, which first appeared in the 1960 *Cape Dorset Annual Print Catalogue*, quickly established her reputation as an outstanding artist. The elements of mystery in mythology are reflected in the majority of her wall-hangings. The combination of a well-stocked memory and a lively imagination result in a blending of masterful design in her work. Jessie Oonark, recognized internationally as one of the best Eskimo artists, describes her paintings and wall-hangings as "my dreams".

Hand-stitched felt figures on the dark turquoise background of the wall-hanging depict Eskimo legends such as

that of the Bird Woman, hunting scenes and ceremonial dances. Birds, animals, spirits and half-human figures are represented. The red, yellow, purple, orange and blue work will be mounted on the wall of the staircase leading from the main foyer in the Arts Centre to the Opera mezzanine.

Première of Pitseolak film

Following the presentation of the Oonark work the film *Pitseolak: Pictures out of my Life* was shown for the first time. This National Film Board film is based on the book and drawings by another Eskimo artist, Pitseolak, who was also present at the première. Pitseolak, a resident of Cape Dorset on Baffin Island, has produced a variety of engravings, stone-cuts and drawings in colour and black and white. Her drawings reflect images of the past and depict Eskimo stories; the book *Pitseolak: Pictures out of my Life*, her autobiography, recounts the old Eskimo way of life and the changes on the arrival of "strangers from the South".

Study of national capital region

Douglas H. Fullerton, Chairman of the National Capital Commission, has resigned his position to carry out a special study for the Federal Government on future development in the national capital region. The announcement was made jointly by the Prime Minister and the Minister of State for Urban Affairs Ron Basford.

The terms of reference of Mr. Fullerton's study are "to undertake a study of the most effective arrangements for the future administration of matters directly affecting the national capital and its development, including the role of the National Capital Commission and its relation to other bodies concerned with the governing of the capital region and the co-ordination of those federal activities which bear upon the development of the region as a national capital".

Mr. Fullerton, whose term of office would normally have ended August 31, submitted his resignation effective May 31 to avoid any suggestion that his objectivity was prejudiced by continuing ties with the Commission.

It is expected that Mr. Fullerton's report will be available within a year.

The Government is considering the recommendation of the establishment of a special committee in the next session of Parliament, to make a thorough review of present arrangements for administration and development of the national capital; Mr. Fullerton's report would provide essential background material for such a study. The last such Parliamentary study was carried out in 1956 by a Joint Committee of the Senate and House of Commons and led to the National Capital Act.

Canada keeps closer watch on foreign fishing fleets

Aerial surveillance of foreign fishing fleets off Canada's coasts has been increased this year by aircraft of the Armed Forces at the request of the federal Fisheries and Marine Service.

Fisheries Minister Jack Davis recently welcomed the augmented service, which, he said, would improve the enforcement of territorial and fishing boundary-lines drawn to pro-