

"Madonna and Child" could have been painted between 1650 and 1660; the "Good Shepherd", which is more sentimental, could have been done in the next decade.

"With the two Murillos we already have in our collection," the Curator of European Art, Mr. Gyde Shepherd, said, "this probably gives us the strongest group of this artist's work in North America."

## CANADA GETS RESTORED ZEROS

Pieces of two Japanese Zeros, fighter planes of the Second World War, found by a Canadian engineer in the Bougainville district of New Guinea and the British Solomon Islands, were brought to Canada by a Canadian Air Force plane last month.

After the planes have been reassembled, one will be given to the Canadian National Air Museum and the other might be sold to a film company or kept by the finder.

## YEAR OF LABOUR UNREST

Last year, the Conciliation and Arbitration Branch of the Department of Labour handled its heaviest case-load since the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act was enacted in 1948.

Of a total of 162 collective bargaining disputes, 129 were processed to finality. The efforts of conciliation officers, conciliation boards and departmental mediators settled 121 cases without work stoppage. Eight disputes went to the strike stage.

Conciliation officers settled 99 disputes involving some 11,144 workers in industries governed by federal labour legislation. Twenty-two settlements were reached at the conciliation-board stage, in post-conciliation board negotiations and through the efforts of departmental mediators in which some 19,469 workers were affected.

Of the eight strikes, involving 3,808 workers, five were subsequently resolved by further mediatory work by the Department of Labour.

The main federal work stoppages during the year occurred in the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Lake-head Grain Elevator disputes. The other six concerned the employees of minor trucking and bus operations, airline services, flour mills, mining and communications.

At the end of December, 33 disputes were in various stages of handling by conciliation officers

and boards. The recent settlement between the railways and 75,000 non-operating employees is not included in this summary as ratification is still pending.

## OCTOBER TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

Motor-vehicle traffic accidents in Canada claimed 549 lives in October, a decline of 6.0 per cent from last year's October total of 584. The regional death toll, with last year's figures in brackets, was as follows: Newfoundland, 4 (10); Prince Edward Island, 8 (4); Nova Scotia, 19 (32); New Brunswick, 30 (23); Quebec, 170 (171); Ontario, 166 (189); Manitoba, 29 (29); Saskatchewan, 26 (26); Alberta, 38 (45); British Columbia, 55 (54) and the Yukon and Northwest Territories, 4 (1).

## REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON HOUSING

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### ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

All governments make every possible effort to streamline and simplify their administrative procedures for dealing with housing and urban development.

The Federal Government should establish a Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Within the confines of approved government policy, the administrative functions of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation should be further decentralized to encourage a more efficient and effective response to local applications and conditions.

The name of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation should be changed to Canada Housing Corporation.

### RESEARCH

The Federal Government, through a new Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, encourage, support and co-ordinate an expanded urban research programme with greater priority on the initiation of practical research programmes, including pilot projects.

The Federal Government, in co-operation with a provincial government, should seriously consider the construction of a "new city" as a pilot project where proposed urban solutions could be tested in an actual environment.

A new Department of Housing and Urban Affairs should give early priority to the creation of a central information bank to collect, organize and disseminate available data on these subjects to other governments, agencies, and Canadians generally.