

Relief worker honoured by Koreans

During her twenty-sixth and final visit to Korea in April, founder and executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee (USC), Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, was presented with the nation's highest award, the Order of Civil Merit, Camellia Medal, by Minister of Health and Social Affairs Dr. Shin, Hyon Hwack, on behalf of President Park, Chung-Hee.

Speaking in Vancouver, where she arrived May 9 after a four-month inspection of USC projects, Dr. Hitschmanova said, "Since 1952 it has been our privilege to assist Korea in its struggle for relief and rehabilitation and I am happy indeed that our USC pilot projects in the fields of child welfare, aid to the handicapped and the launching of new, imaginative approaches in the social field, have borne far reaching fruit."



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"The USC has been incorporated as a completely Korean entity," said Dr. Hitschmanova, "and from the beginning of next year all running expenses will come from Korean sources. Although I will never return, Korea will always have a special place in my heart, for I deeply admire the courage, hard work and vision of her people."

Dr. Hitschmanova was the first Canadian relief worker to be invited to war-torn Korea by the United Nations in 1952, and in the past 26 years the USC has contributed \$13,280,104 in funds and gifts-in-kind.

Prodigal Prince returns

Four years after the Wright family lost their dog, they noticed a muddy, shivering animal crawling up the path of their home in Lac La Hache, British Columbia.

"He was absolutely exhausted," said Mrs. Wright. "I don't think he could have walked another inch. He was shivering and shaking and just lay down to rest." She carried the dog inside, fed him some milk and petted him.

"He began to get his strength back and, suddenly, despite all the mud and dirt I realized it was Prince." Four years earlier, Prince, then seven, had disappeared from the Wrights' 500-acre ranch.

"Highway 97 runs right through our ranch and we feared he'd been hit by a car," said Mrs. Wright. "We searched everywhere and asked everyone we knew for miles around."

Her husband, Wilf, recognized Prince immediately. When he shouted the dog's name Prince ran to him and raised a paw in greeting.

His wife says Prince is "older, quieter, thinner and greyer", and insists on sleeping inside the house. The dog is in good condition after his absence, indicating that someone has cared for him.

"We can only think he was picked up by someone in a car on the highway. But how far was he taken? How did he get back to us? I don't suppose we'll ever know."

Regional consumer price indexes

From March to April, consumer price indexes rose in 11 regional cities and declined in three others. Movements ranged from a 0.5 percent decline in Winnipeg to a 0.6 percent increase in Regina and Edmonton. Higher food prices, notably for beef, other meat, chicken and fresh produce were largely responsible for the advances. Also having a notable impact were higher postal rates, air fares, automobile labour repair charges and, in many provinces, increased prices for tobacco and alcohol products. These increases were partially (in some cases, more than) offset by the varying provincial sales tax reductions effected in the earlier half of the month of April.

St. John's, Newfoundland — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.5 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.8 per cent.

Halifax, Nova Scotia — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.5 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.1 per cent.

Saint John, New Brunswick — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.6 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.5 per cent.

Quebec City, Quebec — All items: March to April 1978, down 0.1 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.8 per cent.

Montreal, Quebec — All items: March to April 1978, down 0.2 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 8.1 per cent.

Ottawa, Ontario — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.2 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 8.0 per cent.

Toronto, Ontario — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.3 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.9 per cent.

Thunder Bay, Ontario — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.3 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.7 per cent.

Winnipeg, Manitoba — All items: March to April 1978, down 0.5 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.6 per cent.

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.5 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.9 per cent.

Regina, Saskatchewan — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.6 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 9.5 per cent.

Edmonton, Alberta — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.6 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 8.8 per cent.

Calgary, Alberta — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.3 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.9 per cent.

Vancouver, British Columbia — All items: March to April 1978, up 0.4 per cent; April 1977 to April 1978, up 7.3 per cent.

A public information program designed to change Canadians' attitudes towards handicapped people recently began. Announcing a \$300,000 contract signed with the Canadian Rehabilitation Council for the Disabled (CRCDD), Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin said, "A lot of the problems handicapped people face stem from other people's attitudes towards them. Working with the Council, we want to help change those attitudes and preconceived ideas about what handicapped people can do." The 1980 World Congress of Rehabilitation International will be held in Winnipeg. 1981 has been designated International Year of the Handicapped.