

## EXPO 67 BECOMES HISTORY

The biggest fair in history came to an end last week when Governor-General Roland Michener declared closed the 1967 Universal and International Exhibition - Expo 67 - on October 29.

Over 7,000 spectators attending the final ceremonies in the Place des Nations heard speeches by Prime Minister Lester Pearson, Premier Daniel Johnson of Quebec, Montreal's Mayor Jean Drapeau, the Expo Commissioner-General, Pierre Dupuy, and the Commissioner of the Belgian pavilion, Jean-Albert Goris, who thanked Canada on behalf of the 62 participating countries.

Mr. Pearson said that Canadians shared great pride and self-confidence as a result of Expo's success, and they had "discovered that we do have an identity and character of our own".

Premier Johnson said Expo proved that Quebec welcomed every opportunity of co-operating with

others and had no desire to isolate itself from the world.

Expo 67 was described by the Governor General as a triumph of goodwill and Canadian unity. At 12.15 p.m. the symbolic flame was extinguished, and the Royal Canadian Air Force "Golden Centennaires", which had greeted the opening of the fair in April, roared a final salute.

### YOUNGEST VISITOR

Expo 67 broke all previous exhibition records with a total attendance of 50,306,648 visitors in 185 days. The youngest, whose attendance was not recorded, was a seven-pound baby girl born on the last day in one of the clinics on the fair-grounds. The fifty-millionth visitor, Mrs. Marthe Racine, who entered the exhibition the day before it closed, won a flight to Japan, with all expenses paid, to attend Expo 70, which is to be held in Osaka.

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## WATER SUPPLY LOAN TO BAHAMAS

Trade Minister Robert Winters has announced that a long-term loan from the Export Credits Insurance Corporation has made possible the sale of a Canadian water supply and distribution system worth \$3.8 million to the island of New Providence in the Bahamas.

Canada Iron Foundries Limited, Montreal, obtained the contract to supply equipment and provide technical services for the project, including the construction of transmission and distribution mains, pumping-stations and reservoirs and the renovation of existing facilities. About 30 Canadian companies will benefit directly from this sale.

Mr. Winters congratulated Canada Iron Foundries on obtaining the order and said that, besides expanding Canada's range of manufactures for export, the sale opened new marketing possibilities for similar Canadian equipment and services in the West Indies.

The Export Credits Insurance Corporation, which administers the Canadian Government's long-term export financing programme, extended the credit, which will be repaid in 25 consecutive semi-annual instalments, beginning after a grace period of two years. The interest rate is six per cent per annum.

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## MAJOR LABOUR APPOINTMENTS

Two senior labour appointments of national and international interest have been made by the federal Public Service Commission.

Dr. Gil Schonning, Director-General of Research and Development for the Department of Labour, has been appointed, with the concurrence of the Depart-

ment of External Affairs, to the newly-created post of Labour Counsellor at the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London. In his new position, which he will assume in January, Dr. Schonning will be the senior Labour Department representative in Europe, responsible for advising the Canadian post in London and the Canadian Government in Ottawa on labour affairs and related matters in Britain, Scandinavia and Western Europe generally.

Widely known in international labour and economic circles, Dr. Schonning has represented Canada at several conferences of the International Labour Organization and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, where he served as a consultant for two years. Succeeding Dr. Schonning as Director-General of Research and Development will be Harry J. Waisglass, Research Consultant with the Special Planning Secretariat of the Privy Council Office.

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## DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SUCCESS

Improved employment conditions in the southern Georgian Bay region of Ontario, will permit the removal of three Canada Manpower Centre areas from the list of designated areas, effective December 1. Designated areas are eligible for special industrial incentives under the federal Department of Industry's Area Development Programme.

The three areas concerned are Owen Sound, Collingwood and Midland, where more than \$105-million capital investment is being spent on new industrial projects with the help of area-development incentives.

Since August 1965, when the region became designated, 68 industrial projects have been approved or are under consideration for area-development benefits. The plants will produce a wide variety