

VISIT OF MALAY PM

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced on July 20 that Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj of the Federation of Malaya had accepted the invitation of the Government of Canada to pay a five-day visit to this country at the end of the first week of November, 1960. Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman will also be paying a visit to the United States of America, and announcements concerning his tour of North America are being made simultaneously in Ottawa, Washington and Kuala Lumpur.

In making this announcement Prime Minister Diefenbaker referred to the close and friendly relationships existing between Canada and Malaya as members of the Commonwealth, and expressed his pleasure that Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman would be able to visit Canada.

CIVIL DEFENCE FOR TEENAGERS

Fifty-nine high school students of outstanding ability from nine provinces--ranging in age from 14 to 19--attended, from July 18 to 29, the first federal Canadian Civil Defence College course designed specially for teenagers.

The group--35 boys and 24 girls chosen by their provincial organizations -- learnt survival planning at the municipal level and received individual training in aspects of survival.

The aim of the course was to make the next generation familiar with civil defence needs, explained Major-General M.H.S. Penhale, Commandant of the College, which is conducted by the Department of National Health and Welfare at Arnprior, Ontario, 40 miles west of Ottawa.

The teenagers' course was longer than the usual course offered at the College and not as specialized as those given the basically adult civil defence organization participants.

SCOPE OF TRAINING

Lectures, demonstrations, films, practical periods and a co-ordinated survival exercise taught government emergency measures at all levels, the effects of nuclear explosions, shelters, radiation detection and decontamination, fire fighting and prevention, first aid, as well as home nursing and mass feeding for the girls and basic rescue skills for the boys.

The survival exercise included radiation monitoring, setting up an emergency mass feeding arrangement, light casualty rescue. Fires were set in the area and the students worked with a theoretical disaster situation outlined by the instructional staff.

The students "lived in" at the College, a converted former RCAF station, for the two weeks of their training, under the chaperonage of nine "house-mothers", one from each prov-

ince, who travelled to and attended the course with the students.

After course hours, a lively schedule, including swims, picnics, weiner roasts and a visit to nearby Fremont RCAF base, took care of leisure hours.

Some of the students, mainly from the western provinces, had previously attended short civil defence courses conducted by their provincial organizations. However, for most the recent course was their first experience in the methodic preparation for large-scale disaster.

Students received no remuneration but their travel to and from the course and their accommodation on the course was provided by the Federal Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES

Total sales of new motor vehicles in May increased 5.0 per cent, to 58,446 units from 55,646 in the corresponding 1959 month, and 3.1 per cent in value to \$174,509,000 from \$169,327,000. Sales in the January-May period rose 2.6 per cent, to 239,148 units from 232,980, and 0.8 per cent in value to \$723,506,000 from \$717,868,000.

Sales in May of British and European vehicles (included in total sales) advanced 8.5 per cent to 15,102 units from 13,916 a year earlier, and also 8.5 per cent in value to \$30,140,000, from \$27,778,000. January-May sales climbed 14.4 per cent in number to 57,711 units from 50,460 a year ago, and 14.7 per cent in value to \$115,380,000 from \$100,553,000.

New passenger car sales in May rose to 50,789 units (including 14,380 of British and European make) from 47,711 (13,011) in the same month of 1959. The value of these sales advanced to \$144,832,000 (\$28,624,000) from \$138,396,000 (\$25,832,000). Five-month new passenger-car sales increased to 205,560 units (54,652) from 198,506 (46,820) a year ago and the retail value to \$596,375,000 (\$108,394,000) from \$590,198,000 (\$82,851,000).

Financed sales of new passenger and commercial vehicles in May climbed to 21,421 units from 18,372 a year earlier, raising the January-May total 9.5 per cent to 78,678 units from 71,841 a year ago. Amount of financing involved in the month rose to \$54,190,000 from \$47,334,000, boosting the five-month total 9.0 per cent to \$198,514,000 from \$182,076,000.

Financed sales of used passenger and commercial vehicles in May decreased to 36,274 units from 36,359, lowering the January-May total 5.2 per cent to 138,360 units from 145,977. Amount involved in these sales in the month increased to \$39,142,000 from \$37,869,000, putting the five-month total 2.4 per cent below a year ago at \$152,441,000 versus \$156,207,000.