

GIANT WHEAT SALE TO CHINA

The sale of 1.5 million tons of wheat by the Canadian Wheat Board to the People's Republic of China was announced in the House of Commons on June 2 by Mr. Otto Lang, Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

The \$100-million contract, which allows for a tolerance of some 5 per cent of the stated quantity, involves a maximum of 58.8 million bushels. Half of the deliveries will be made during July and December, the remaining 750,000 tons to be shipped in January and March 1973.

"As a result of this sale, our shipments of wheat to the People's Republic during the calendar year 1972 will total 3,750,000 tons (144.7 million bushels),

which is the largest amount of wheat we have ever shipped during a single year to China," Mr. Lang said.

Grades to be shipped are No. 1 CW Red Spring, 13.5 per cent, and No. 1 CW Red Spring, 12.5 per cent. All shipments will be through West Coast ports.

Terms of the sale are the same as in previous contracts with the People's Republic of China — 25 per cent cash when each vessel is loaded, the balance to be paid within 18 months, with interest.

Mr. Lang said that these credit terms were made possible under a guarantee to the Canadian Wheat Board by the Federal Government.

FUN FOLK AT ONTARIO PLACE

Seven-foot bird and animal "characters" will be part of the fun this year at Ontario Place, Toronto's summer entertainment complex.

Cool Crow, Bashful Beaver, a rollicking red fox and other "fun folk" have been created by the Canadian artist-sculptress Tanya Petrova for youngsters playing at the Children's Village, which is scheduled

to open in July. Madame Petrova, who shaped, built and sewed the fantastic figures, admits it's a lot of work but declares, "I like to give happiness with these characters".

The heads of birds and animals are carved from styrofoam blocks, the bodies shaped with wire and covered with light cotton. Porous, coloured terrycloth and felt, covering the heads and bodies are cut to make the animal and bird faces and to form their wings, paws and feet.

To keep the persons inside cool, Madame Petrova has designed a built-in air-conditioning system, using four battery-operated propeller fans in birdcage-style containers, one inside the top of the head, with lots of room to spare, and the other three in various parts of the body.

Madame Petrova is also designing raccoon, deer and moose characters to join their friends round the site as the summer season progresses.

PRESIDENT U.S. ACOUSTICAL SOCIETY

The international reputation achieved over a period of more than 20 years by an acoustics research team of seven scientists at the National Research Council of Canada was recognized recently at the eighty-third meeting of the Acoustical Society of America at Buffalo, New York.

Dr. Edgar Shaw, a physicist on the staff of the Acoustics Section of NRC's Division of Physics, became the first Canadian to be elected President of the Society, which has an international membership of 4,600. He was Vice-President of the Society in 1968.

The NRC acoustics research team, headed by Dr. George Thiessen, has been engaged in a wide range of basic and applied research related to the physics of sound with a strong interdisciplinary em-



Cool Crow and Bashful Beaver