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A-POWER PLANNING.

Representatives of power companies were to present papers on the problems of production and distribution of power, trends in market requirements and general cost considerations. Members of the Chalk River staff were to present papers on various types of reactors and associated processing plants, effects of radiation on the structural properties of a number of materials, and reactor fuels.

Most of the information under discussion is still on the secret list and therefore all sessions of the symposium are closed.

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TURKISH AIRCREW TRAINEES: Five Turkish aircrew trainees will arrive in Canada on September 11 to begin training under the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Air Force Headquarters announced on September 9.

This marks the first time that Turkish airmen will train in Canada. They will join with eight other nations embryo flyers from Great Britain, France, Belgium, Italy, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and Portugal being trained in Canada.

They are scheduled to arrive by civilian aircraft at Dorval airport outside Montreal Friday evening. After an overnight stop in Montreal, they will depart for RCAF Station London, Ont., where they will take the preliminary course given to all NATO trainees. The course at London gives the students an insight into the traditions, customs and manners of the RCAF and of Canada in general.

Under the RCAF's NATO air training plan up to 1400 airmen per year are sent to Canada from other NATO nations. They are trained as pilots, navigators or radar observers, and then return to their own countries. At the end of March the RCAF had trained 748 pilots and 947 navigators from the different NATO countries and 1200 more were undergoing training at that time.

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ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR AIR SERVICES: Promotion of Air Vice Marshal J.L.E.A. de Niverville, C.B., District Controller of Air Services, Department of Transport at Montreal, to the newly created position of Associate Director of Air Services at Ottawa, was announced on September 10 by the Civil Service Commission with the concurrence of the Minister of Transport.

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STORE SALES RISE: Department stores boosted their sales in July by eight per cent as compared with a year earlier, according to the Bureau's monthly report. The sales total for the month was \$66,153,000 as compared with \$61,036,000.

EARNINGS RISE: Weekly earnings of wage-earners employed in Canadian manufacturing industries during the week ending October 31, 1952, averaged 7.5 per cent higher than in the corresponding week of 1951, while the average for salaried employees rose 7.2 per cent, according to the annual survey of earnings and hours of work of men and women in manufacturing.

Average weekly earnings of wage-earners during the survey week rose to \$55.17 from \$51.32 and the average for salaried employees advanced to \$70.75 from \$65.98. Earnings of male wage-earners rose to \$60.85 from \$56.46, and that for women to \$34.17 from \$31.27. Male salaried employees earned an average of \$82.60, up from \$77.55, while the average for women advanced to \$41.26 from \$38.42.

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FEWER FOX, MORE MINK: Canada's fur farms will take fewer fox but more mink pelts this season than was the case last year, according to estimates published September 9 by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The 1953-54 season yield of standard silver and new type fox pelts is expected to number 12,700 or 46.4 per cent below the 1952-53 season take of 23,700, while the harvest of standard and mutation mink pelts is expected to be 15.2 per cent higher at 623,200 against 541,200.

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PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANTS: Mr. W.G. Weir, Member of Parliament for Portage-Neepawa, has been appointed Parliamentary Assistant to the Prime Minister, it was announced on September 9. Eight Parliamentary Assistants were re-appointed to the same posts they occupied in the last Parliament. Mr. George J. McIlraith, Member of Parliament for Ottawa West, former Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Trade and Commerce, was not re-appointed at his own request. Mr. McIlraith was subsequently quoted as saying that he plans to devote more of his time to his law practice in Ottawa.

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Sales of appliance and radio stores were 17.9% higher in the first half of 1953 than in the like period last year, the largest gain of any retail trade. Motor vehicle dealers followed with a 12.9% sales rise, then lumber and building material dealers with an 11.7% gain.

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The Bureau of Statistics estimates that in the first half of 1952 there were 10 per cent more motor vehicle accidents in Canada than in the corresponding period of 1951, and that as a result there were four per cent more persons killed and six per cent more persons injured on Canadian highways.