

countries and the part played by new families in social action in their communities. "New" families are defined as those newly constituted, not necessarily young couples. This conference is one of a series on the "new family" theme; the most recent held in New Delhi in December 1966, discussed changing family patterns in Asia. About 8,000 questionnaires were sent to individuals, family associations and related organizations throughout the world. Reports prepared from data collected will be presented at the conference.

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### HEALTH MINISTER VISITS U.S.S.R.

Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of National Health and Welfare, is at present visiting the U.S.S.R. and will return to Canada on August 4.

The official invitation to visit the Soviet Union was extended to Mr. MacEachen as the Minister responsible for federal participation in the sphere of amateur sports and physical fitness. Canada's Fitness and Amateur Sports programme, involving annual expenditures of \$5 million, comes under the Health and Welfare Department.

In Russia, the Minister will represent Canada at the Soviet *Spartakiade*, an annual sports meet similar to the Pan-Am Games. A special *Spartakiade* is being staged this year in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of the U.S.S.R.

Russian athletes only take part in the *Spartakiade*, which makes the Minister's visit particularly appropriate this year in view of the recent inauguration of the Canadian Games.

### GREETINGS FROM PAN-AM

Mr. MacEachen, who was in Winnipeg recently to take part in the official opening of the 1967 Pan-Am Games, took with him special official greetings in the form of a colourful scroll, inscribed in four languages from the Pan-Am athletes to those participating in the Soviet *Spartakiade*.

While in Moscow, Mr. MacEachen hopes to meet with his Soviet counterpart, Health Minister B.V. Petrovsky, as well as with the Chairman of the Union of Sports Societies of the U.S.S.R., Mr. Y.D. Mashin.

The Minister also hopes to take advantage of his Russian trip to visit health, medical and sports facilities, as well as educational institutions (the University of Moscow) and urban development projects in and around Moscow.

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### REFUGEE WEEK AT EXPO '67

Several special events took place from July 24 to July 31 in the United Nations Pavilion at the Montreal World Exhibition to mark Refugee Week 1967.

The week began with a press conference in the theatre of the UN pavilion, which was attended by the representative at UN headquarters in New York for the High Commission for Refugees, Dr. Francisco Urrutia, as well as a representative from the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees and

several of the 300,000 Canadians who entered the country as refugees.

Films and photographs were shown, and UN guides, who had been specially briefed, answered questions about the world's refugees. A recording of the *International Piano Festival* was on sale, at which some of the world's most famous pianists performed free of charge, and reproductions on linen of Picasso's portrait of his wife were sold for \$25 each. Proceeds were donated to the World Refugee Fund.

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### LAING BECOMES INDIAN CHIEF

Blood Indians of Alberta have made the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. Arthur Laing, an honorary Kainai chief. At a ceremony on July 23, on the reserve at Standoff, about 10 miles southwest of Lethbridge, Alberta, Mr. Laing became the first Minister of Indian Affairs to be given this honour. The investiture was part of the centennial and "Indian Days" celebration of the Blood Band.

Kainai is the Indian name for the Bloods, who are members of the Blackfoot Confederacy. The special ceremony, which originated about 1919, is performed by medicine men of the band. Membership of the Kainai, which is limited to 40 living non-Indians, promote goodwill and work for the betterment of the Blood Indians. Mr. Laing was selected as a candidate by Chief Jim Shot-Both-Sides and his councillors. As an honorary chief, he will join the ranks of other outstanding members of the Kainai, notably the Duke of Windsor, Prime Minister L.B. Pearson, former Governor-General Vincent Massey, the retiring RCMP Commissioner, George B. McClelland, and Gordon R. McGregor, President of Air Canada.

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### MONACO ISSUES CENTENNIAL STAMP

The principality of Monaco has issued a special stamp commemorating Canada's centennial of Confederation. The mock-up, which bears the centennial symbol, was submitted recently to Centennial Commissioner John Fisher by H. Chiavassa, director of Monaco's Postage Stamp Design Bureau.

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### ARDA EXPENDITURE

The Federal Government has spent over \$17,880,000 for projects approved under the Agriculture and Rural Development Act (ARDA) during the fiscal year 1966-67. Of this amount, some \$4 million was spent on projects approved under the first federal-provincial ARDA agreement, and the balance under the current 1965-70 agreement.