

B.C. CENTENNIAL ROYAL TOUR

Arriving for a ten-day visit to British Columbia last month, Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip and Princess Anne are greeted at Vancouver airport by Governor-General and Mrs. Michener and Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau.

B.C. had invited the Royal Family to take part in celebrating its hundredth anniversary as a Canadian province. Prince Charles, in training with the Royal Air Force, was unable to make the tour, which covered a distance in the province of some 4,000 miles.



CANADA-SOVIET SCIENCE WORKING GROUPS

The first meeting of a working group set up to implement the Canada-U.S.S.R. Agreement on the Industrial Application of Science and Technology will be held in Ottawa this month, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, announced recently. The meeting of the Architecture, Construction and Building Materials Group will coincide with a visit to Canada by a mission of Soviet construction specialists.

"Six working groups have been established as a result of the agreement we signed in Moscow in January, and I am most pleased with co-operation we have received from other Government departments and industry in getting down to work so quickly," Mr. Pepin said. The six groups are architecture, construction and building materials; forest-based industry; non-ferrous metals industry; electrical power industry; oil industry and gas industry.

"Although no dates have been set for meetings of other groups, we expect they will be getting together during the summer. In some instances the Canadian group will go to Moscow and in others the Soviet group will come to Canada," Mr. Pepin added.

The Minister said he expected that increased trade between the two countries will be one of the results of the consultations of the working groups. "We have already determined that there is much of interest to us in the Soviet Union and that Canada has many goods and services of interest to the U.S.S.R."

NAC IN THE BLACK

G. Hamilton Southam, Director General of the National Arts Centre (NAC), stated recently that in its first 22 months of operation (June 1969 to March 1971) the NAC had maintained a capacity of 72.6 per cent.

Appearing before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Broadcasting, Films and Assistance to the Arts, Mr. Southam presented three appendices drawn from the 1969-70 annual report of the Centre that gave a breakdown of the Centre's activities, and updated this information with figures drawn from the unaudited 1970-71 statement.

Since its opening, Mr. Southam said, an average of 45,000 tickets a month had been sold at the Centre, either by the NAC itself or by impresarios renting its facilities. This represents, for the Centre's activities (excluding those of impresarios), an average gross of \$100,000.

In 1969-70 the NAC's total expenditure was \$4.5 million, and its income less than half this amount at \$1,900,000. The unaudited statement for the second year, Mr. Southam told the Committee, showed that, though expenditures increased to \$5,400,000, more than half the amount (\$3,200,000) was covered by earned income.

Mr. Southam pointed out that, while in 1969-70 "the Centre's program expenses were \$2,200,000 (and therefore not quite covered by the \$1,900,000 income), for 1970-71 program expenses of \$2,800,000 were more than covered by the income of \$3,200,000".