

Finally, I should like to say, coming back to the question of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons to which all of us are attaching the greatest importance, that we have noted with interest the proposal made by Poland and Czechoslovakia for the application of international atomic energy safeguards with regard to nuclear material and nuclear projects - a proposal

that was made to West Germany. We ourselves, because of our view of the importance of nuclear know-how being used only for peaceful purposes, welcome any support for the concept of international safeguards, and we are encouraged by the cautious but not unfavourable reaction of the Government of West Germany....

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BUFFALO MEAT FOR EXPO

Mr. Arthur Laing, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, announced recently that visitors to Expo '67 would be able to sample one of Canada's most famous foods. Buffalo meat, obtained this winter, through the herd-management programme at Wood Buffalo National Park will be reserved for Canadian specialty caterers at Expo. It is too early yet to estimate how much meat will be available.

Round-ups are carried out periodically in Canada's largest national park (which extends into Alberta and the Northwest Territories), to ensure the maintenance of healthy, free-roaming herds and some animals are cut out to maintain a proper balance of the herd. Before being marketed the meat products are inspected and approved by Federal Government Department of Agriculture officers.

The current population of Wood Buffalo is between 10,000 and 12,000.

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COAST GUARD SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Department of Transport reported recently that, among many other incidents during the summer, the Canadian Coast Guard had assisted in extinguishing fire aboard a fishing vessel, removed a sick lightkeeper from a lighthouse, and had searched for victims of a collision at sea.

The Coast Guard provides the principal marine element in Canada's air-sea rescue operations, in support of the overall responsibility of the Royal Canadian Air Force. Its 60-odd red and white ships, from the largest icebreakers down to small rescue launches, have been active in rescue undertakings during the past year. From July 1965 to July 1966, they took part in more than 500 such incidents.

On the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the ships are called on to aid stricken vessels or to carry out other mercy missions throughout the year. In the Great Lakes, the rush of activity comes during the months of navigation. On the West Coast and in the Great Lakes, where there is a great density of pleasure-boating, the Coast Guard ships have to cope mainly with mishaps involving yachts and small pleasure craft. The activities of the DOT fleet, where search and rescue undertakings are concerned, are directed by three rescue officers stationed at search and rescue centres maintained by the RCAF at Halifax, Nova Scotia, Trenton, Ontario, and Vancouver, British Columbia.

During the year, in Atlantic and Gulf waters, the ships responded to 97 distress calls involving sea searches, fire-fighting, provision of emergency medical aid, evacuation of accident victims, assistance with emergency mechanical repairs and towing helpless craft to safety.

In most cases, the Coast Guard ships acted in co-operation with search and rescue aircraft of the RCAF, which usually are sent out upon receipt of a distress signal to locate the victims and direct Coast Guard or other nearby ships to the scene. All ships in the vicinity of a marine accident are required by law to lend assistance as needed. When a number participate, the senior master of the participating Coast Guard vessels acts as searchmaster at the scene.

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LABOUR FORCE

Employment in Canada decreased by an estimated 134,000 during October and November to 7,190,000, which was somewhat larger than the usual drop in employment at this time of year. Unemployment increased by 43,000 during October and November to 238,000.

The decline in employment was associated with an unusually large withdrawal of seasonal and occasional workers from the labour market. During the month, the labour force declined by an estimated 91,000; teenagers accounted for almost half the decrease, and there was a corresponding decline in employment among persons in this age group. About a third of the decrease in the labour force was attributable to married women 20 to 64 years of age.

The labour force, which stood at 7,428,000 in November, was 269,000, or 3.8 percent higher than a year earlier. Employment was up 251,000 or 3.6 percent over the year. Unemployment was 18,000 higher than the figure recorded a year earlier.

EMPLOYMENT

About three-fifths of the October-November employment decline was in agriculture. The drop in non-farm employment was in community, business and personal service, manufacturing and construction. Employment in trade showed a seasonal increase of 25,000 during the month.

Compared to a year earlier, total employment was up 251,000 or 3.6 percent. Non-farm employment