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BARLACH EXHIBIT IN OTTAWA

An exhibition of 137 works by the North German artist Ernst Barlach, including sculpture in bronze and porcelain, original drawings, woodcuts and lithographs opened in Ottawa on January 17 at the National Gallery. They were on loan from galleries and private collections in West Germany. This, the single Canadian showing, will run until February 16.

The display was organized by the Ernst Barlach Society in Germany and Dr. Wolf Stubbe, Keeper of Prints and Drawings at the Kunsthalle in Hamburg, who prepared the catalogue. The show has been circulated by the Travelling Exhibition Service of the Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the Cultural Division of the West German Foreign Office. It returns to Germany immediately following the present showing. This is the first time that so many works of sculpture by this noted twentieth-century artist have been available in Canada, where a smaller, Canadian-owned show of Barlach prints has travelled from coast to coast during the past eighteenth months.

SCULPTURE

Although, in reproduction, most of Barlach's carvings in wood and models cast in bronze look huge, because they have monumental bulk and simple sweeping lines, almost all are much smaller than life-size, as is the case with the 35 pieces in the current show. They range from figures made soon after a two-month trip to Russia in 1906 ("The Melon Easter", 1907, and "Russian Lovers", 1908), through the

violent expressionistic phase ("Frenzy", 1910, "The Avenger", 1914, and "The Fugitive", 1920) to the artist's growing preoccupation with religious and mystic themes ("Christ appears to Thomas" 1926, and "Monks Reading", 1932), ending with the witch-like tittering of the 1937 "Old Woman Laughing", the year before the 68-year-old artist died under the shadow of Adolf Hitler.

DRAWINGS

The 59 drawings in the present exhibition also show the wide range of the artist's development from his youthful, playful Art Nouveau stage in the 1890's, onward. Some half-dozen works of special interest show Russian landscape and character heads made under the inspiration of the brief but vital experience in Southern Russian in 1906. No fewer than 15 splendid examples of Barlach's mature drawing style come from the renowned Barlach collection of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Niescher of Aachen in West Germany.

GRAPHIC WORKS

The graphic section of the exhibition presents 43 of Barlach's most dramatic works in the difficult medium of woodcut and in lithograph, often side by side with the preparatory drawing. These include "Raging Barbarian", 1916/17, and "Kneeling woman with Dying Child", 1919, which force a striking contrast to the large, very rare woodcuts illustrating the "Ode to Joy". The show includes all seven of the mystic "Transformations of God", carved in 1920/21.

COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY

Representatives of Canada and the United States concluded on January 13 a series of negotiating sessions, begun last August, to complete arrangements for the co-operative development of the water resources of the Columbia River basin.

At the latest meeting, on January 13, agreement was reached among the negotiators on all remaining points of substance relating to clarification and adjustments in the Columbia River Treaty and to the implementation of Article VIII, regarding the marketing of Canada's entitlement of power generated in the United States. The documents embodying these agreements are being submitted by the negotiators to their respective governments for their immediate consideration. When approved, these documents will be put in appropriate form for signature and released to the public.

CANADIAN DELEGATION

The Canadian delegation was headed by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, and included Mr. Ray Williston, British Columbia Minister of Lands, Forests and Water Resources, Mr. Robert Bonner, British Columbia Attorney General, Dr. Jack Davis, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. Hugh Keenleyside, Chairman, British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, and other officers of the departments and agencies concerned.

The representatives of the Canadian Government and of British Columbia announced on January 31 the conclusion of a supplementary agreement covering the relations between their governments under the arrangements being made between Canada and the United States. This agreement will be made public at the time of the signing of the U.S.-Canada arrangements to which it relates.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Canada's consumer price index (1949=100) rose to 134.2 in December, up 0.1 per cent from the November index of 134.0 and 1.7 per cent above the December 1962 index of 131.9. In November and December, increases occurred for five of the seven main components. The transportation component was lower, while tobacco and alcohol showed no change.

The food index for December rose to 131.4, up 0.5 per cent from the previous month's index of 130.8. Prices were higher for most dairy products, fats, bakery and cereal products, fresh and canned vegetables, poultry and a number of specific items, including jams, coffee, soft drinks and apples. Prices were considerably lower for eggs, oranges, bananas and sugar, and more moderate declines occurred for most meats.

The housing index edged slightly higher to 137.0, up 0.1 per cent from 136.9, as a result of increases in the shelter component. Within shelter, the rent index was unchanged but the home-ownership index was higher. The household-operation component of housing was unchanged as scattered price increases for some items of furniture, floor coverings, textiles,

utensils and equipment, and household supplies were not sufficient to move the index.

The clothing index increased 0.2 per cent to 118.9 from 118.7. Indexes for men's wear, footwear and piece goods increased, while indexes for women's wear, children's wear and clothing services moved down from the previous month.

The transportation index fell 0.4 per cent to 140.6 from 141.2, reflecting a decrease in the index of automobile operation. Initial prices for the 1964 models of new passenger cars were below the year-end prices of 1963 models. Prices for gasoline and chassis lubrication were slightly lower, while motor oil was somewhat higher.

The health-and-personal-care index moved to 165.4 from 164.8, an increase of 0.4 per cent, as a result of higher prices for men's haircuts. The recreation-and-reading index rose 0.3 per cent to 151.4 from 151.0. In the recreation component, prices were higher for toys. A newspaper price increase in Montreal moved the reading component. The tobacco-and-alcohol index was unchanged at 118.5.

COMMERCIAL WOOD EVALUATION

Forestry Minister John R. Nicholson recently announced that a meeting of Canadian and United States forest-products specialists to deal with research on log and tree quality evaluation, will be held in Ottawa on January 21 and 22. Dr. L.Z. Rousseau, Deputy Minister, will open the discussions at the Forest Products Laboratory of the Department of Forestry. Chairman at the sessions will be Dr. J.H. Jenkins, Director of Forest Products Research for the Department.

The purpose of the meeting is to study common problems of log and tree quality evaluation for commercial hardwood and softwood species, and to further co-operation between the United States and Canada in the development of adequate evaluation techniques.

SPECIES FOR DISCUSSION

The principal species under discussion will include spruce, Douglas-fir, white and red pine, jack pine, yellow birch and maple. Because of the wide variation in the quality of the products from the forest, great emphasis is now placed on evaluation in relation to various product uses, to ensure selection of the logs best suited for veneer, lumber and a variety of other uses.

GUATEMALAN ENVOY RECEIVED

On January 14, His Excellency Dr. Carlos Garcia-Bauer presented to the Governor-General his letter of credence as Ambassador of Guatemala in a ceremony at Government House. The Chief of Protocol for the Department of External Affairs, Mr. Henry F. Davis, presented the Ambassador to Governor-General Vanier. Mr. Max Wershof, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Butler, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance on General Vanier on this occasion.

Dr. Garcia-Bauer, who is 46 years old, was born in Anuigua, Guatemala. He has a Doctorate in Law and has specialized in international law. He was Permanent Delegate of Guatemala to the United Nations from 1948 to 1950. He was a Judge *ad hoc* of the International Court of Justice in 1955. In 1958, as Minister of Foreign Affairs, he accompanied the President elect of Guatemala on official visits to Central American countries, Mexico and the United States of America. Dr. Garcia-Bauer is currently Ambassador to the United States of America, with dual accreditation to Canada. He will reside in Washington.

DENIZENS OF THE ARCTIC SEAS

An odd assortment of creatures is found in the watery wastes of Canada's "Land of the Midnight Sun". There are octopus and squid and crabs, long-toothed narwhal and curve-toothed walrus, and tiny fossil skeletons of organisms normally found at great depths under tropical Atlantic waters. The oddities inherent in the distribution of some of these creatures and special characteristics of others were related at the recently-held annual meeting of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Octopus and squid are normally warm-water creatures, but some crabs and a relatively small species of squid have previously been found, though rarely, in the colder northern seas. No octopus, however, had previously been encountered in the North American Arctic until specimens were dredged from the bottom of Darnley and Franklin Bays last year by scientists of the Fisheries Research Board's Arctic Unit.

FOSSILS

Similarly, scientists were also surprised to find tiny calcareous fossil skeletons, called discoasters, which micropaleontologists had considered to be extinct products of unknown organisms. The little fossils were found in primitive, tiny, whip-like creatures called dinoflagellates whose discoasters are identical to those forming deep sediments found in a core drilled to a depth of 12,450 feet below tropical Atlantic waters.

THE NARWHAL

A special side problem is posed by the narwhal, a whale-like species with a corkscrew tusk sometimes reaching nine feet in length: What is the tusk for? It can be disregarded as a food-foraging tool, because it appears only in males. Other possibilities suggest themselves, but so far as the native populations of the north are concerned, the narwhal's blubber and edible meat are good sources of oil and food, while the tough carcass provides large strips of valuable sinew used in sewing boots and clothing. The long ivory tusk, incidentally, is of no practical value to the natives; they sell it intact for \$1.00 a pound, which represents \$30 to \$40 for a large one.

NEW COD FISHERY

Constantly seeking new food stocks, the scientists investigated the range of virtually untapped popula-

tions of Greenland cod inhabiting Dolphin and Union Straits and Coronation Gulf, between the District of MacKenzie and Victoria Island. Such a resource has prime importance as a domestic food supply which would also help relieve the pressure on other species, such as char and lake trout, and on the limited mammal stocks.

MARINE RADIO FACILITIES EXPAND

The Department of Transport marine radio station at Camperdown, Nova Scotia, one of the oldest coastal radio stations in Canada, is having its facilities extensively renovated and expanded. The new complex will go into operation on March 1.

The Camperdown station, 12 miles from Halifax at the entrance to Halifax harbour, was established shortly after the turn of the century. Its familiar call sign "VCS" will not be changed as a result of the current programme, but the station will be known as Halifax Marine Radio instead of Camperdown, as formerly.

EQUIPMENT

The facilities of the new station will include those formerly provided by Halifax radio-telephone station VEQ, located on the top floor of the Post Office building in downtown Halifax, receiving equipment located at Hartlen Point, directly across the harbour from Camperdown, and certain commercial elements that have been maintained at the Albro Lake Naval radio station under the supervision of Transport Department operating personnel. Domestic and long-range radio-telephone service will be provided, as well as medium and long range Morse message service and very-high-frequency (VHF) communications.

Halifax Marine Radio Station, in its expanded and reorganized form, will comprise three establishments - the control, or "nerve centre", at Camperdown, new remote transmitting facilities at Sambro, nine miles to the west, and new remote receivers at Ketch Harbour, three miles west of Camperdown.

All equipment will be new and of the most modern type, Canadian in design and construction. All units will have emergency power and standby equipment for use in case of main power or equipment failure.

TELETYPE AND TELEPHONE

The station, in its expanded form, will have 16 ship-shore frequencies. There will be teletype connection with Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Telegraph offices in Halifax and with the Albro Lake Naval station, and telephone connection with the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone system in Halifax.

It is estimated that the total cost of reconstruction will exceed \$500,000 and will result in improved communications not only to shipping of all nations on the high seas but also to coastal trade and fishing vessels. Planning for the new station was started in 1956, with a view to providing for marine radio communications requirements of the foreseeable future. With the expanded radio-telephone and Morse facilities reaching out to the eastern portion of the North Atlantic, the station will enhance the position of Halifax as a world trading post.

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The station will be equipped with dual-channel radar of the latest type, employing two 16-inch screens. This will not be used to give instructions to vessels entering the harbour under normal circumstances but to provide such advice when the need arises.

TWO OPERAS AT STRATFORD

Two operas instead of one will be offered this summer during the music portion of the Stratford Festival's twelfth season. Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard" and Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" will share the stage of the Festival's Avon Theatre, which is now in the first phases of restoration as a turn-of-the-century play-house with modern amenities.

"The Yeomen of the Guard", fifth of the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas to be presented by the Festival - following "H.M.S. Pinafore" (1960), "The Pirates of Penzance" (1961), "The Gondoliers" (1962), and "The Mikado" (1963) -, will be staged by William Ball, whose theatrical credits include acting and writing in addition to direction.

"The Marriage of Figaro" will be directed in English by Jean Gascon, who was recently appointed Associate Director of the Festival. Mr. Gascon will also direct "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," one of the four plays to be offered in the Festival Theatre during the coming season. He previously staged at Stratford "The Comedy of Errors" and, with George McCowan, co-directed "Othello."

Both this year's operas will be designed by Mark Negin, who was responsible for costumes and scenery for "The Gondoliers" two seasons ago and who co-designed last summer's "The Comedy of Errors" with Robert Prévost.

LONGER SEASON

The opera season is to be extended this year to seven weeks; for the first time, the playing schedule will include Monday evenings. The number of weekly performances will, therefore, be raised from seven to eight - six evenings and matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Festival's music season, of which Glenn Gould, Leonard Rose and Oscar Shumsky are the directors, will open on July 3 and continue through August 22. In addition to the two operas, it will include seven Sunday concerts, three Friday afternoon concerts and six Saturday mornings of chamber music, all held in the Festival Theatre.

WINTER BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAMME

By January 1, the Department of Labour had received some 29,000 applications for the winter-time construction of homes under the Winter House-Building Incentive Programme, it was recently announced by Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of

Labour. The Programme ends on March 31, by which date construction must be completed if the houses are to qualify for the \$500 incentive payment.

Complete details were not yet available on the most recent applications, but Mr. MacEachen released the result of a tabulation of the first 27,796 applications received. Of these, 190 were cancelled by the applicant and about 900 did not meet the required conditions regarding the amount of construction permitted before December 1, 1963.

MULTIPLE-HOUSING UNITS

The group costing \$22,000 or more included most of the multiple-housing units. There were 2,433 duplexes, 184 triplexes and 539 four-unit buildings, which, with 23,522 single houses, made up a total of 31,096 dwellings. Of this group, 15,640 houses were built for sale, 10,011 were for occupancy by the applicant and 1,027 were built for rent. Seventy per cent are being built with National Housing Act financing.

It is estimated that construction under the applications approved so far will require 95,000 workers on the construction sites during the four winter months. Another 115,000 workers will be required in the industries that manufacture, transport and sell building materials.

UNEF COMMANDER RETIRES

The Canadian Army contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force paraded in Camp Rafah, Egypt, on January 10, in honour of the retiring Force commander, Lieutenant-General P.S. Gyani of the Indian Army. The Canadians, under Colonel D.H. Rochester of Toronto, were inspected by General Gyani and then marched past the top UN soldier in the Middle East, who relinquished command of the seven-nation formation on January 15 to Major-General Piava Chavas of Brazil. General Chavas will be the third man to head the international force since its inception. The first was Canada's Lieutenant-General E.L.M. Burns.

PRAISE FOR CANADA

The retiring commander told the assembled Canadian troops that it had been "a great honor to command the United Nations Emergency Force, and I am proud and happy to have had Canadians serving in it for more reasons than one." "First," he said, "as members of the same Commonwealth, I take pride in having been associated with such a great leader and member of the Commonwealth - your country." He went on to say that Canada had "set the pace and the form for what the Commonwealth should be, and is". He added that "Canada again is taking the lead, and a very big part, in contributions toward what greater partnership in the world should be".

General Gyani also paid tribute to his predecessor General Burns. He said the Force had run so smoothly in the past because of the hard work of General Burns in setting it up and organizing it along the right lines.
