

# West Germany Making Drive For Iron Curtain Business

1000 is with Communist - ruled East Germany.

Even so, West German trade with the Communists is on the downgrade. Last year amounted to \$1,530,000,000. The peak was in 1959.

One reason for the decline. The Communist countries export mainly farm products and they have had shortages in recent years.

Britain has increased its business in the Communist bloc while West German trade declined.

Gerhard Schroeder, West German foreign minister, has been working on this. West Germany

does not have embassies in the Communist countries except for the Soviet Union itself. Its policy is to refuse full diplomatic relations to countries that recognize the East German Communist regime.

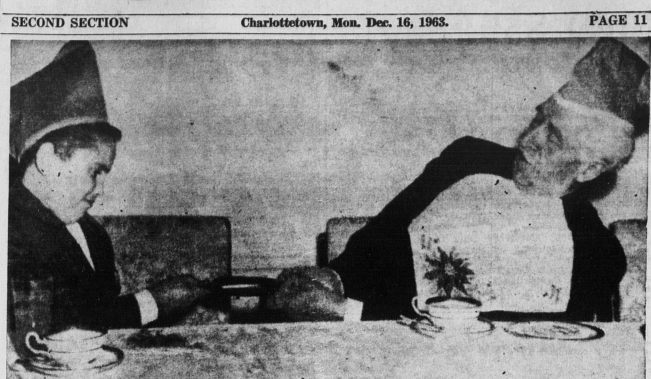
The lack of relations makes trade more difficult. Schroeder has been trying to set up trade missions which have many functions of embassies. Agreements have been signed with Poland, Hungary and Romania. Talks begin soon with Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria.

**LARGEST SHARE**  
Asia's population of 1,200,000,000 represents 56 per cent of the world's 3,200,000,000 people.

# Lunenburg Plant Will Be Biggest

HALIFAX (CP) — The \$5,000,000 Lunenburg sea Products Limited fish plant, now under construction, will be the biggest on North America's Atlantic seaboard, president C.J. Morrow, of the parent Ocean Fisheries Limited said here.

Speaking to Ocean Fisheries shareholders at their annual meeting here, Mr. Morrow said the plant will have an annual capacity of 80,000,000 pounds of fish, more than double that of the present facilities, and will ultimately employ 500 per cent. It is scheduled to open next June.



# GOVERNOR-GENERAL HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

GOVERNOR-general Vanier and a young guest dug merrily at a Christmas cracker at the annual Christmas party for members of the Ottawa Boys' Club at Government House. Almost 200 youngsters between the ages of five and 12 were the guests of the Governor general and Mme. Vanier. (CP Wirephoto)



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# House Briefs

OTTAWA (CP)—A Conservative MP asked the government whether it would consider legal or disciplinary action against Jacques Hebert if his allegations about the Wilbert Coffin case are proved to be unfounded.

Louis-Joseph Pigeon (PC—Joliette - l'Assomption - Montcalm) was referring to Mr. Hebert's controversial new book about the 1956 hanging of Coffin, a trapper, for the slaying of one of three American hunters found dead in the Gaspé bush.

Prime Minister Pearson replied with a flat "no" when asked if he is considering a change in finance ministers. Elton Woolliams (PC—Bow River) posed the question, saying Mr. Pearson and Finance Minister Walter Gordon appear to differ on the question of deficit financing.

Prime Minister Pearson said Justice Minister Lionel Chevrier, replying in the Commons, said only that the matter is exclusively under Quebec jurisdiction.

FOUND BY 'COPTER' PLACENTIA, Nfld. (CP)—Argus Dready, 16, of nearby Fox Harbor, who got lost in woods Friday about five miles from his home on a hunting trip, was rescued Saturday by a helicopter from the United States navy base at neighboring Argyle. He was reported in good condition.

# N.S. Group Lists Major Farm Problems

HALIFAX (CP) — Small farm units, lack of trained young farm managers and lack of technical knowledge and management skills in some farm operators were listed here as factors preventing a more prosperous agricultural industry in Nova Scotia.

Other contributing factors outlined at the agriculture sector meetings of voluntary economic planning here were lack of coordinated marketing policy and lack of proper emphasis in maintaining soil fertility.

In an effort to overcome these problems the agricultural sector committee passed several resolutions to be sent to the voluntary planning board covering expanded academic and extension educational programs.

Stewart Nichols, agricultural sector chairman, said urgency of proper marketing of agricultural products and target setting for the sector would be discussed at the next meeting to be held here in January.

# Toronto MP Tries Opinion On Sweeps, Que., Pensions

By KEN KELLY  
OTTAWA (CP)—Do you favor government-run sweepsakes? Ten out of 11 in Toronto replied yes to that question in an MP's poll.

The question was one of nine on public issues asked by New Democrat Reid Scott in a mailed questionnaire to 25,000 homes in his constituency of Toronto Danforth.

Mr. Scott, 37-year-old lawyer-economist, has been snowed under tabulating thousands of replies to his questionnaire in which he is seeking guidance from constituents on the subjects involved.

A sampling from among the replies received indicates that five out of six of his constituents think French Canada has been fairly treated under Coa federation.

And three out of four Scott constituents think the 57-6-month old age pension should be paid at age 65 instead of 70.

**WIDEN DIVORCE GROUNDS**  
There were five out of six in favor of widening the grounds for divorce. Mr. Scott's question was whether incurable insanity, desertion for three years and cruelty should be added to adultery as grounds for divorce.

The replies were split fairly evenly on whether the voting age at federal elections should be reduced to 18 from 21. There was a slight majority against lowering the age.

A voting age of 18 has been approved by the Commons elections committee but its recommendation has not yet come before the House.

A similar split in the replies was evident to the question: "Should a bigger quota of immigrants be admitted?"

The margin was slightly in favor of abolishing the death penalty for convictions in murder cases.

By a slight margin the weight of opinion was that the voter, as an individual, can't influence government policy.

Eight out of nine thought Canada will exist as a separate country 25 years from now.

**LARGEST PROBLEM: WORK**  
From a list of six, the Toronto Danforth residents were asked to pick Canada's greatest problem. Unemployment ranked highest followed by economic growth. English - French relations came third.

Mr. Scott suggested his constituents write comments on the various matters. Quite a few dealt with English-French relations and French - Canada's treatment under Confederation.

These ranged between extremes. One constituent wrote: "French Canada has had a much better break than they deserve. . . . They are going to extremes with biculturalism."

Another wrote: "In my opinion, Mr. Scott, French-Canadians have never since Confederation had a fair share in politics and business."

One constituent had some harsh words for the federal government on the matter of a national flag and anthem. To him, Canada's greatest problem was "indecision by the government on many issues."

"They act like kids - can't even pick a flag or anthem."

Apart from giving Mr. Scott some guidance on how his constituents feel on the subjects dealt with, the questionnaire also has produced evidence that

constituents appreciate the sense of participation it gives them in government.

One constituent summed it up this way: "This is the first time our representative has taken this much interest in us. Thank you."

# RCAC Grounds CF-100 Fighter

MONTREAL (CP) — The RCAC has grounded its CF-100 fighter, now used largely for training purposes, pending an investigation into two crashes near the RCAC base in suburban St. Hubert.

"This is strictly a safety measure," said an RCAC spokesman. "The aircraft are grounded until such time as an investigation is carried out. But this does not mean the grounding order will remain in effect until a report on the investigation has been completed."

The spokesman said the CF-100s, once the RCAC's topflight fighter interceptors, now are used mainly for training purposes and as target force aircraft. They are used principally at St. Hubert and at Baginville, Que., although there now are a few in Western Canada.

"They are no longer frontline aircraft," said the spokesman. "We began replacing them two years ago by the CF-104 Voodoo, a U.S. - designed interceptor."

The grounding order was issued after a CF-100 crashed Thursday near the air base. Its two occupants were not injured.

A week earlier another CF-100 crashed near the base, killing two crew.

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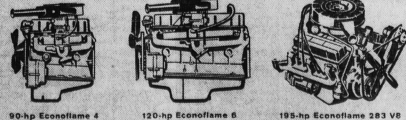
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