

'65 Steel Ingot Production Sets New Canadian Record

OTTAWA (CP)—Steel ingot production this year has already passed all previous records for a full year and is more than double what Canadian mills turned out 10 years ago. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has reported that production amounted to 87,054 tons in November, bringing the cumulative total for 11 months in 1965 to 9,063,189 tons. In the 12 months of 1964, production amounted to 8,969,904 tons and in 1955 it was 4,446,000 tons. Steel ingot production is an important factor in the economists' assessment of how well the country is doing. It indicates the rate of activity in the durable goods producing industries and commercial construction, and economists say the fact that production has remained high every month this year to meet the demand for steel augurs well for the future. Canadian steel mills have enlarged their facilities in recent years and currently are operating close to or even in excess of rated plant capacity. Monthly figures for the past three years show the rate of gain—roughly in the 600,000-ton-a-month bracket during 1963, 700,000 tons a month through 1964, and 800,000 tons a month through 1965. The bureau said 11 months' production this year was more than 10 per cent greater than output in the first 11 months of last year.

Economists say steel demand reflected by the production figures is a different kind of demand than for such non-durable goods as foodstuffs or clothing. Demand for bread, for instance, doesn't change greatly as the economy goes through a cycle of expansion and contraction. Steel demand depends on the demand for the goods into which steel goes—trucks and automobiles, buildings, production machinery, refrigerators, washing machines, and the like. And demand for these depends on the level of incomes and business prospects. Steel prices naturally have a bearing too on demand. Steel prices rose last spring, but after only a month or two of hesitancy production figures bounced upwards at mid-year. Personal incomes after taxes in the first half of this year

Headmasters Complain

TORONTO (CP)—The Secondary School Headmasters' Association of suburban Etobicoke has complained in a letter to Education Minister William Davis that new grade 13 physics and biology courses are too difficult. The letter says teachers feel the biology course, combining two former grade 13 courses, "attempts to cover too much." The course, the teachers say, contains too much biochemistry for students who are not also studying chemistry, and the textbooks are designed for students at the second-year college level. Dr. Z. S. Phinister, deputy

Trawler Skipper Found Negligent

VANCOUVER (CP)—A coroner's jury has ruled that the skipper of a Canadian trawler involved last month in a fatal collision with a Soviet trawler was negligent. The Vancouver boat Aleutian Queen sank off the northern tip of Vancouver Island Nov. 19 after the collision. Cook Odd Gronlund, 50, of suburban Surrey, was drowned. A jury inquiring into Gronlund's death ruled that skipper Oisten Hansen was negligent according to the evidence because of his failure to insure the safety of his ship and crew. Earlier, Hansen's son Robert, 21, said his father had told him

he fell asleep in the wheelhouse shortly before the collision. "My father told me that the collision was his fault," Robert Hansen told the jury. Oisten Hansen refused to testify, and Coroner Glen McDonald indicated the transport department may open a formal inquiry into the collision because of this.

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Early tea drinkers in Europe threw away the boiling water and served soggy tea leaves to eat with butter.



VIET CONG INTERROGATED

This Viet Cong prisoner looks with terrified expression up to his Vietnamese militia-interrogator who is attempting to get information from the prisoner. Viet Cong was captured this week by U.S. troops of the 1st Cavalry Division during a four-day search and destroy operation 90 miles northeast of Saigon.

South Viet Nam, 103 Viet Cong were killed and 33 captured in the operation. (AP Wirephoto)

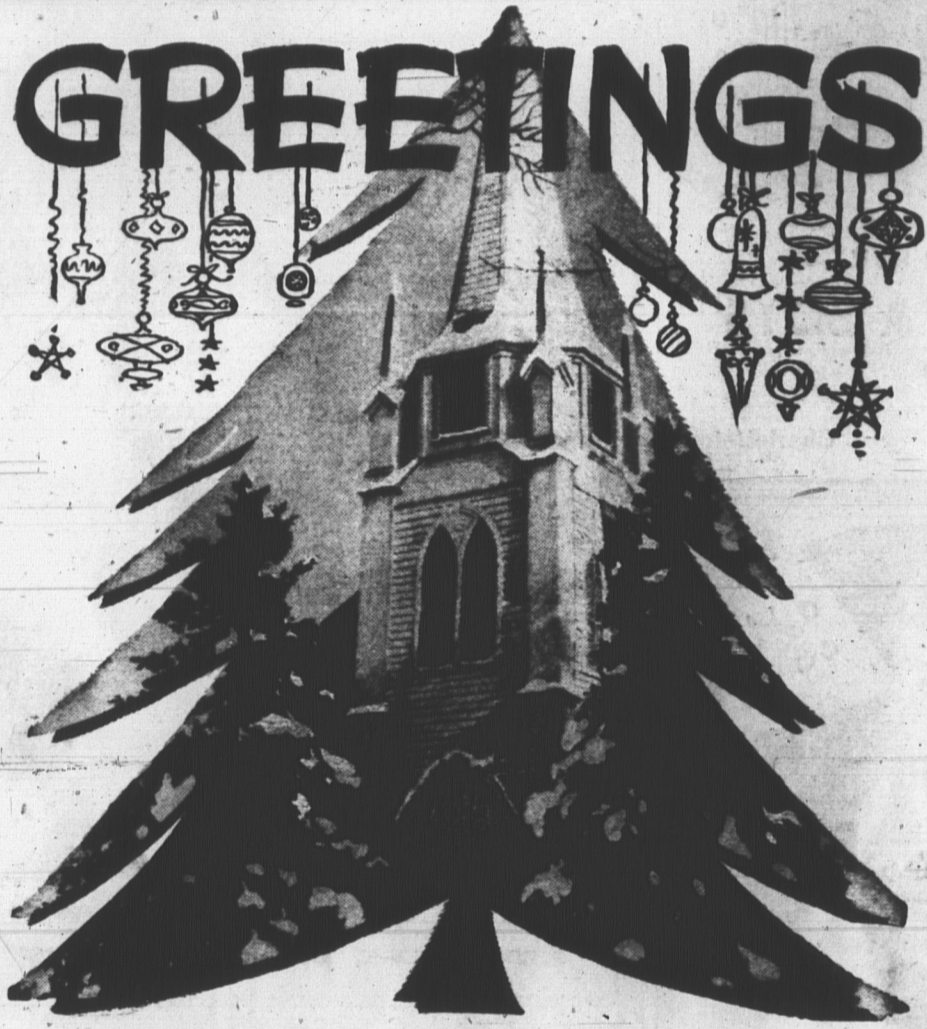
STARFIGHTER CRASHES
INGOLSTADT (CP)—An F-104 Starfighter of the West German Air Force crashed near here Wednesday, extending to 25 the unofficial count of German Starfighter losses this year. The pilot parachuted to safety and the plane crashed and exploded in open country.

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