

1964 EXPANSION FORECAST

Trade Minister Estimates 6% Growth In Economy

OTTAWA (CP)—Trade Minister Sharp is estimating a six per cent growth this year in national output, foresees further expansion of the economy in 1964.

"A quite substantial increase" in 1964 exports is likely, and "significant expansionary forces" are apparent within the domestic economy, he said in his year-end review issued Thursday.

Mr. Sharp described 1963 as "a year of steady economic advance" in which Canada made significant progress in a number of areas, including the main economic difficulties.

"Unemployment is lower, industrial slack has been partially absorbed, and the balance of trade has improved and reliance on foreign borrowing has been reduced."

But he said a further substantial broadening of Canada's industrial structure and competitive basis is necessary if the country is to achieve a lasting solution to its balance-of-payments problem.

The six per cent rise in Gross National Product indicated by the trade minister for 1963 would mean an increase to \$42,825,000,000 in total value of goods and services produced from last year's \$40,461,000,000.

RISE OF 4 PER CENT
He said it appears that total output in volume terms has risen by more than four per cent.

"This growth has increased the earnings of all major industrial groups. Total personal income is up by six per cent, and per-capita real income has advanced to a new high."

In the first 10 months of this year, Canada's merchandise trade surplus has risen by \$275,000,000 "while further substantial gains are anticipated in the second 10 months."

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BERLIN—Although the bloodstains of a Christmas slaying were still visible on the Berlin wall, West Berliners passed in droves Thursday through the checkpoints to the East sector.

The official East German news agency, ADN, said that 27,500 West Berliners went through the controls by since evening.

The agency said that the holiday reunion operation began Friday about 15,000 West Berliners had made day visits to East Berlin.

But the atmosphere was changed markedly by the shooting by East German guards Christmas night of an East German refugee.

Paul Schulz, 18, received a fatal wound as he scrambled over the wall. His companion, also 18, escaped injury.

On the night of the shooting, Schulz was shot as he was a dark stain of blood. There was another brown stain in the middle row where he fell into a policeman's arms in the west side.

PROTEST SHOOTING
A small group gathered at the spot Thursday and shouted "murderers" across the wall. But it did not appear to be an organized demonstration.

A planned tour of East Berlin, which started Thursday morning at the West Berlin city government office was cancelled early Thursday.

The East German government was notified that the shooting of the youth made the visit impossible.

"These shots have hit us all," said West Berlin Deputy Mayor Heinrich Alber.

NEW YORK (AP)—Jacob J. Shubert, the last of three brothers who founded a theatre empire, died in his apartment Thursday of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Shubert, known as the man who produced a thousand shows, died at his home in New York City.

Among his most successful plays were The Student Prince, Blossom Time, Maytime, Countess Maritza and The Last Waltz.

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Deaths Toll
For Holiday Reaches 25

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
CANADIANS NEARED the end of their Christmas and Boxing Day celebrations with an accidental death toll of at least 25 persons, including 18 in traffic mishaps.

A survey by The Canadian Press from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. EST Thursday indicated the total number of fatalities across the country would be the lightest for a Christmas holiday period for several years.

The total of at least 25 accidental deaths was reached with 18 in traffic accidents, including one in a house fire.

He said he maintained contact with him until 1962, giving him a high opinion of himself.

The judge intervened, saying "We shall speak about your love affairs later."

The trial was adjourned twice because Georgiev said he could not continue because of high blood pressure. After the second adjournment, the seven-member court adjourned until today.

He said he was working for years for the Americans without speaking about money.

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LONDON (CP)—Britain's opposition Labour party has demanded a government investigation into the burning of the Greek cruise liner Lakonia.

The request was made Thursday by 300 survivors of the disaster steamed toward Britain on the liner Arkadia.

The official death toll among the crew and the predominantly British passenger list stood at 96 Thursday.

A spokesman for the Greek Line, owner of the firewrecked liner, issued new figures for the Sunday night tragedy: Dead 96, missing 31, survivors 901.

He said it now has been determined there were 1,028 aboard the ship.

(In Funchal, Madeira, a number of passengers refused to board the Arkadia because they did not wish to sail on a ship owned by the same company as the Lakonia.)

(Some of the survivors have alleged a better-trained crew could have handled the fire that killed the 29,000-ton cruiser. They also charge that some of the crew left the passengers to

self-help. "The crew was not given any training in fire-fighting," said one survivor.

He said the Lakonia was half full of crew before the women and children got into it.

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