

Buying Splurge Is Record, Canadian Survey Indicates

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
The greatest Christmas buying splurge in history is bearing an end as Canadians, many still with cash to spare, besiege transportation companies in record numbers.
Many will holiday in Mexico, Florida, or parts of the Caribbean, a Cross-Canada Survey by The Canadian Press shows.
Others, during what is expected to be mainly a white Christmas across the country, will quietly celebrate the birth of Jesus in churches and in helping others in home surroundings.
While the annual holiday travel rush gained momentum, motorists heard the prediction that 60 will die on the roads during Christmas. The Canadian Highway Safety Council, said another 1,200 will be injured in auto accidents.
Other long-range predictions came from weather bureaus. They added up to a green Christmas in southern B.C. and southern Ontario and mostly white elsewhere.

Arctic air building up over Alaska and the Yukon posed grim possibilities for the Prairies. Mild weather melted snow in southern Ontario and Quebec. Clearing skies cheered the generally snow-covered Maritimes. But Newfoundland, already hit heavily, braced itself for further heavy snowfalls.
Canadians took to the air as never before. An Air Canada spokesman said the airline expects enough holiday traffic to fill 30,000 extra seats, about two-thirds of them for use in Canada.
Travel agents, bus lines and railways also reported record business.
Heavy Christmas buying saw shoppers trooping to stores under bright lights and decorations which transformed downtown shopping areas.
A winter wonderland sprang up in Montreal's Lafontaine Park where a nativity scene was complete with live lambs and a donkey. An ice palace was built and 13,000 colored lights strung about the branches of

trees. The city executive committee approved an expenditure of \$22,000.
The picture across the country:
British Columbia: "Every day has been Christmas day for us," said one merchant reporting record sales. One department store owner said trade was up 20 to 25 per cent over last year.
A carol ship sailed through Vancouver harbor for three nights, watched by thousands of motorists and residents. The ship, the ferry Northland Princess, carried 40 grade-school carollers in a convoy of two charter boats and city fireboats.
Vancouver show business people, as members of Variety Clubs International staged the first annual Christmas party for 500 retarded and handicapped children in a night club.
The Prairies: All regular and 27 extra Air Canada flights from Edmonton were booked solid from Dec. 20 to Jan. 3 and there was a heavy waiting list. Canadian Pacific Airlines reported exceptionally heavy booking to tourist areas such as Mexico and Hawaii. Flights over the North Pole also had almost solid booking.
The CNR at Edmonton reported the heaviest demand ever, with one eastbound and one westbound transcontinental train added.
Retail sales were reported high in Prairie cities.
The Edmonton post office handled three times the normal mail, more than 1,000,000 letters on one day.
At Winnipeg the Christmas Cheer Board, which provides needy families with hampers and gifts planned to aid 6,000 families, up 1,100 from 1964.
The 120 West Germany army technicians recently arrived at Camp Shilo, near Brandon, Man., can spend Christmas with German-Canadian or Canadian families. Said one German officer: "We could find places for another 50 boys for Christmas."
Ontario: Merchants' shelves were cleaned out at the Lakeshore and late shoppers found choices limited. Because of distance from sources of distribution and the seasonal strain on transportation there was little opportunity for merchants to repair inventories to meet the final shopping rush.
Record bookings were reported by Toronto travel agencies for flights to Florida and other southern points.
Illuminated Christmas trees surrounded Toronto's new trees hall, where a series of nightly chorals featured city choirs and professional entertainers.
At Kitchener about 30 members of the Kitchener Pony Club planned Christmas carolling on horseback.
A rush of Christmas shopping at Sudbury was credited to victory by the United Steelworkers of America over the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers for control of 15,000 international nickel company workers. Storekeepers believed this gave housewives a feeling of security and helped loosen family budgets.
Quebec: Heavy demand was reported on railway travel facilities. Extra and longer trains were planned on many routes, particularly from Montreal to the Maritimes and from Montreal to Ottawa and Toronto. An Air Canada spokesman estimated 50,000 to 60,000 passengers would fly in and out of Montreal from Dec. 18 to Jan. 4, including 35 extra flights across the Atlantic.
The Atlantic Provinces: A last-minute shoppers' rush continued in full swing in cities such as Halifax and Saint John, depleting stocks.
Snow up to two feet deep covered parts of Newfoundland, with more expected. At St. John's, the Roman Catholic Newman Club and the Anglican Canterbury Club on Memorial University campus sponsored a "keep Christ in Christmas" campaign.

Adenauer Is Opposed To U.S.-Soviet Pact Or War


By ARL HARTMAN
BONN (AP) — Konrad Adenauer has come out firmly against both a Soviet-American agreement and a Soviet-American conflict. The former West German chancellor suggested: "Would it be the first time that two countries couldn't get along and still didn't fight a war?"
Adenauer at 90 is giving up his last big political post—the chairmanship of the Christian Democratic party. But in an hour's interview Wednesday he made it clear he means to stay active in politics.
Adenauer ranged widely over international and domestic politics. He declared:
—He is against Chancellor Ludwig Erhard taking over the party chairmanship though he himself held both jobs 14 years. The two leaders have a long-standing feud.
—He intends to keep his seat in Parliament and in meetings of the party leadership.
—He will visit President de Gaulle next month but not to

counter Erhard's trip to Washington—the invitation came in November.
—He is planning a trip to Israel in May.
SCORNED AS POLITICIAN
Adenauer did not comment for the record of Erhard's visit to President Johnson this week. Adenauer is known to have a low opinion of Erhard's abilities as a politician, though he has praised him as an economist.
Adenauer showed his preference for a favorite theme—the danger that the Soviet Union will take over West Germany and the rest of Western Europe, thus becoming much stronger than the United States. He dismissed as foolish the ideas of those Americans who, he said, think they can get along with Moscow.
Asked what would happen in the long run if no Soviet-American agreement was found, Adenauer replied:
"In the long run, you can't exclude a change in the kind of government in Russia."

Bogus Cheque Alarm Is Tried In Vancouver

VANCOUVER (CP) — Businesses here hope to save thousands of dollars annually with a new cheque fraud warning system.
The first such operation in Canada uses teletypes to link stores, hotels and banks with a central control at police headquarters.
Detectives will man a transmitter from early morning to late at night, sending information to several thousand cashiers on bad cheques and their suspected passers.
Police refused to give the exact number of subscribers until the system is fully established.
Staff Sgt. Frank Washbrook, head of the Vancouver police cheque detail, said the system will help find blank cheques stolen from company premises.
OFTEN TAKES SEVERAL
"Often a thief will take several blank cheques from the middle or back of a company's cheque book," he said.
The loss of these may not be noticed until the first cheque is cashed.
"Now we have a chance to stop the passer before he gets rid of the second cheque."
Subscribers receive a description of cheques being used and persons passing them. It is then up to each to pass the information on to individual cashiers.

Fraud details will be phoned by banks and businesses to police headquarters, then relayed by teletype.
WILL GET INFORMATION
Subscribers will also receive information passed along to Vancouver by police in Eastern Canada and the United States.
S. Sgt. Washbrook said the system is unique in use of private telephone lines to link teletype machines. It is designed and installed by B.C. Telephone Co. and is similar to systems in Portland, Ore., and Seattle, Wash.
He said police in the U.S. cities estimate the system has reduced cheque frauds by 20 per cent since it was initiated in 1964.
The owner of a large Portland store said fraudulent cheque passing dropped by 75 per cent after he installed a teletype machine.
The cost of the warning system will be borne by member businesses. They will each pay \$54 a month for installation and maintenance.
Police will also use the system to spot persons carrying stolen identity passes.
S. Sgt. Washbrook estimated almost half the persons passing bad cheques use stolen identity cards sold on the underworld market for \$25.



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Peak Is Named For Gen. Booth

EDMONTON (CP) — A 9,000-foot high mountain peak in Alberta's Rocky Mountains has been named after the founder of the Salvation Army, Gen. William Booth.
The peak is named Mount William Booth.
A. J. Dixon, speaker of the Alberta legislature, said Tuesday the government named the mountain to commemorate the army's centennial year. The army was founded in 1865 in England.
The mountain peak lies along the David Thompson Pass, about 230 miles southwest of Edmonton.

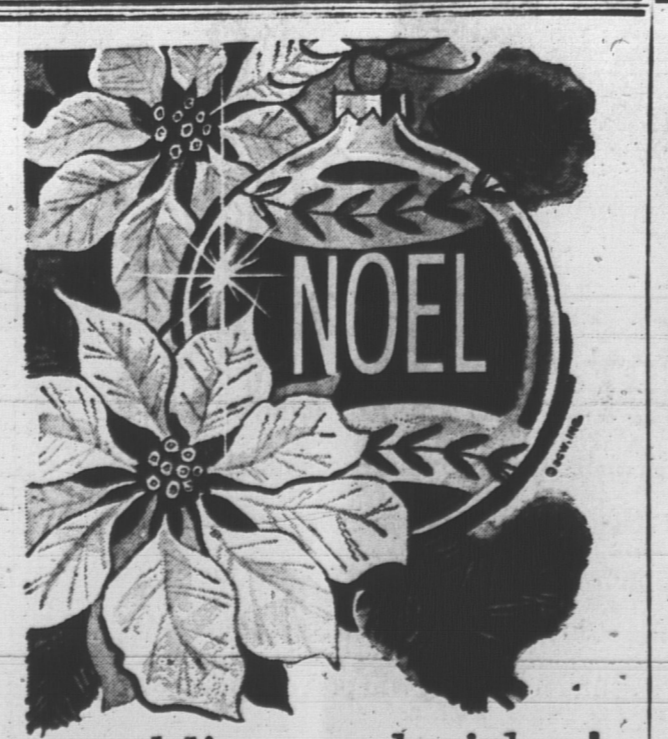
RAISE EXCHANGE RATE
JAKARTA (Reuters) — The Indonesian government Wednesday raised its foreign exchange rates for imports and exports in the latest of a series of moves to solve the country's economic crisis. Official announcements said the over-all rate for foreign currency received or used by Indonesian exporters and importers will be 10,000 rupiahs (old) to one U.S. dollar. Economic observers said this was an increase of at least 1,000 rupiahs over previous rates.
AID COSTS MUCH
Each Peace Corps volunteer overseas costs the United States government more than \$9,000 a year.



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