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"THE STORE THAT SERVICE BUILT"

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EDGAR DAME OF REVERE, MASS., and Barbara Marchetti of Berkley, Mich., are the 1953 North American senior indoor speed skating champions. The championships were held this year in Edmonton, first time they had been held in Canada in more than 20 years. Dame broke three records and won four of the six senior men's races. Miss Marchetti led the senior women's competition throughout.

# War Industries Enlarging In Soviet-Bloc Countries

In the debate which preceded

approval of the budget on April

23, deputy O. Burda disclosed the

country's military plans. He said:

of our army is essentially com-

pleted, the way is open for a fur-

ther growth of our military

power. Our civilian defence

must be built up even more with

the support and active partici-

The Polish Parliament acted

similarly. It approved the spend-

ing of 10,500,000,000 zlotys, about

security. That is 60 per cent

Diplomats believe that the

The expenditures for educa-

pation of the masses."

more than last year.

"Now that the reorganization

By RICHARD O'REGAN

VIENNA (AP) - Any "peace" offensive" now under way in East Europe is being accompanied by signs of bigger war preparation than ever behind the Iron Curtain.

Rather than indications of peaceful intentions, Western diplomats on duty in the Sovietbloc countries report there are many signs of a deliberate intensification of military effort.

Both Czechoslovakia and Poland have announced big in-\$2,750,000,000 for defence and creases in their military spending for 1953 since Moscow extended the olive branch a month ago. Diplomats expect other budgets of all satellite lands satellites also to raise their bud- also contain hidden allocations gets for guns, planes and troops for defence projects.

An estimated 14,000,000 of East tion, for example, are believed to Europe's 80,000,000 people are contain funds for the military either under arms or receiving training of students, which besemi-military training in schools gin at the age of six. in high school, boys and giris g. nstrue-

Vast sums of national budgets, tion in guerrilla war re, rule diplomats believe, are being shooting, signals and army dischanneled from non-essential cipline. expenditures to the devolpment of war industries.

The armament and training of 'security forces," which supplement by millions the 1,121,000 men in the satellite armed forces, is uninterrupted.

A week ago Czech Finance Minister Jarosiav Kabes presented a 1953 budget doubling last year's expenditures for defence and internal security.

Rock formations in Europe and North America have been estimated to account for a per-| iod of 500,000,000 years.







## Spring Seeding Under Way

WINNIPEG - Spring seeding has started in the southern section of the prairie provinces and in these areas should be fairly general early next week.

In other sections, seeding will not begin for another week or more, due to heavier winter snowfall and better moisture conditions.

Seeding dates are two weeks later than in 1952, but about average for the 10-year period, according to the first weekly crop report of the Department of Agriculture of the Canadian National Railways.

Moisture reserves are low in most southern sections, although light general rain has fallen over southern Saskatchewan. Soil drifting has occurred in Mani-

Two good rains fell in the Okanagan Valley where apricot blossoms are practically finished and other fruit blossoms nearing their peak. Present indications point to an excellent fruit crop this year.

### FIR FLAG POLE ARRIVES SAFELY FOR CORONATION

LONDON ( -A 45-foot Douglas fir donated to London's Coronation decorations by New Westminster, B.C., manufacturers, arrived safely. It will become the traditional maypole in the Strand.

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