

Doctor Zhivago Opens at 'Mei'

"Doctor Zhivago" opens this week at the Metropolitan Theatre in downtown Winnipeg. Based on the Soviet suppressed novel by Nobel prize-winner Boris Pasternak, the picture brings to life the environment and lives of the Russian people during the first half of this century and maintains to a remarkable degree the extraordinary perception of the author.

Set against the revolutionary uprising of a suppressed people, the movie, through its sensitive portrayals projects the positive statement of faith in mankind that the author questioned through his view of suffering and poverty.

Directed by David Lean (The Bridge on the River Kwai and Lawrence of Arabia) the film won 14 Oscars last year. Filmed in Spain and Finland, the cast is headed by

Omar Sharif and two comparative newcomers, Geraldine Chaplin and Julie Christie. Other stars include Tom Courtney, Alec Guinness, Siobhan McKenna, Ralph Richardson, Rod Steiger and Rita Tushingham. The film is a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production in Panavision and Metrocolor.

B of M Opens 1000th Branch

Sussex, N.B. — The Bank of Montreal, which completes its 150th year in 1967, opened its 1000th office here August 1, according to an announcement by G. Arnold Hart, chairman and president.

The Bank of Montreal initiated Canada's branch-banking system when it opened its second office at Quebec City two weeks after its founding in 1817. Other branches soon followed at York (now Toronto) and at other trading centres and outposts across the young country.

The bank placed its resources behind the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the first transcontinental railroad, and opened branches in new communities as they developed in the west, often arriving with the first settlers and sharing in their hardships.

At Confederation in 1867, the Bank of Montreal had 27 offices and by 1900 this figure had grown to 52. By 1910, there were 153; by 1920, the number had more than doubled to 312; and by 1945, there were 475. Since the end of the Second World War, 523 offices have been opened,

at an average annual rate of 26. Today, the Bank of Montreal has assets of more than \$5 billion. Its organization in this country reaches into communities of all types and sizes in every province. Abroad, the bank has its own offices in New York, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco and Los Angeles; in London, Paris, Dusseldorf, Mexico City and Tokyo; and at Canadian Army and RCAF bases in France and Germany, where it serves Canadian servicemen and their families on NATO duty.

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Pioneer Women Plan Student Exchange

Montreal — An exchange of agricultural high school students between Canada and Israel is the centennial project planned by the Pioneer Women's Organization of Canada.

Mrs. Sam Blanshoy of Montreal, national president, announced that

the students would each spend approximately six weeks in the other country during the summer of 1967 and each would also visit Expo 67 in Montreal.

The centennial project was planned to highlight the organization's objectives which include support of agricultural high schools in Israel and active participation in Canadian affairs.

It will also give students involved

an opportunity to broaden their education in agricultural matters and to learn understanding and appreciation of the economics and culture of another land.

The Canadian Council of 4-H Clubs is co-operating with the 3,000 member women's organization in helping to select a Canadian student to go to Israel and in planning appropriate activities here for the Israeli visitor.

In Israel, government agricultural authorities and the Pioneer Women's sister organization, the Moetzet Hapoolot, will select the Israeli student to come to Canada and will arrange details for the Canadian student's visit to their country.

All expenses of the student exchange will be met by the Canadian Pioneer Women.

will be co-sponsored with the YM Rosh Pina Congregations. His speaking schedule in other western centres will include: October 18, Saskatoon; October 19, Edmonton; October 20, Calgary; October 21, Vancouver.

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