

Air Canada became the first North American airline to operate into the Soviet Union when it introduced a weekly service between Montreal and Moscow on November 1, 1966, opening a new avenue of direct commercial and social communication between the U.S.S.R. and the Western world. At the same time Aeroflot, the Soviet airline, began operating into Montreal, also on a weekly basis, establishing a precedent as the first regular Soviet air service between the U.S.S.R. and North America.

CONFERENCE ON COPYRIGHT

A Canadian delegation is attending a conference now meeting in Stockholm, which opened on June 12 and will end on July 14. Its purpose is to consider revisions to the Berne Convention on Copyright and related matters. The delegation, headed by the Canadian Ambassador to Sweden, Mr. A.J. Andrew, consists also of Mr. Jean Miquelon, Q.C., Deputy Registrar General of Canada; Mr. Jean Richard, M.P., Mr. Roy M. Davidson, Department of the Registrar General. Advisers to the delegation are: Mr. Jacques R. Alleyn, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation; Mr. Jean-Charles Bonenfant, Librarian of the Provincial Legislature, Province of Quebec; Mr. A.A. Keyes, National Film Board; Mr. Roy C. Sharp, Q.C., Canadian Copyright Institute; Mr. Guy Fournier, Canadian Labour Congress. Professor Bruce C. McDonald of the Faculty of Law at Queen's University is secretary to the delegation.

Besides considering matters that have affected copyright protection since the Convention was last revised in 1948, the conference is expected to examine the desirability of establishing an International Intellectual Properties Organization, whose function will be to keep member states abreast of all developments affecting the protection that can be afforded intellectual property.

ALBERTA HEALTH CENTRE GRANT

The Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, recently announced a grant of \$403,408 from the Federal Government's Health Resources Fund to assist in planning the University of Alberta's Health Sciences Centre in Edmonton. "This is the first contribution from the Health Resources Fund for a functional planning project, and the decision to establish and carry out such a planning project, like the Health Sciences Centre itself, illustrates the modern approach being taken to total health care," the Minister said. "The complexity of present day university-based medical centres, the diversity of organizations involved in this type of complex, the rapid pace of technological development, and the problem of efficiently providing for the diversity of requirements, have developed a need for such planning projects to bring about effective integration of all the components. It will provide for

the efficient utilization of all available resources, such as manpower, raw materials, facilities, experience and scientific knowledge."

The Health Resources Fund provides \$500 million to help defray the costs of constructing and equipping facilities for health-training and research institutions in Canada. The Fund pays up to 50 per cent of costs incurred after January 1, 1966.

Six projects, including the new Centre in Alberta, have so far been approved, a total of \$16,328,749.

The Health Sciences Centre, which is expected to open next year, will merge all aspects of health care in a single location on the campus of the University of Alberta. It will include hospitals, research laboratories, teaching facilities, clinical and diagnostic services, dental facilities, rehabilitation facilities and public health services.

WELLAND CANAL TO BE IMPROVED

Ceremonies were held on June 9, at a point on the St. Lawrence Seaway halfway between the cities of Welland and Port Colborne, to launch a work programme that will increase the capacity of the Welland Canal.

In attendance were Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Transport, Miss Judy LaMarsh, Secretary of State, Dr. Pierre Camu, President of Canada's St. Lawrence Seaway Authority, and Mr. Alan S. Boyd, United States Secretary of Transportation.

The six-year project involves the broadening and deepening of an eight-mile stretch of the channel.

Two of the seven Seaway locks between Montreal and Lake Ontario are operated by the U.S. Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation. Although it is a key part of the international waterway, the Welland section of the Seaway is operated entirely by the Seaway Authority.

NEW UNIFORM TO BE TESTED

Four hundred members of Canada's Armed Forces will begin evaluating a distinctive Canadian uniform early this summer. The dark-green trial uniform is the same for officers and men, except for rank insignia. All ranks will wear forage caps, and officers' caps will have gold trim on the peak. The cap badge will reflect the service, regiment or corps. This trio of military personnel represents a sergeant in the Air Force, a captain in the Army and an able seaman in the Navy. The basic uniform is made from a crease-resistant polyester-wool fabric, and consists of a jacket, trousers, light-green polyester-fibre cotton shirt, dark-green tie, cap and black shoes and socks.

Visitors to Expo '67 will be among the first to see the new uniform, when the 100-man guard of honour and flag party on duty there are issued with the uniform this month. The uniform is designed for day-to-day wear, and will not replace combat or environmental clothing.