SALE TO EUROPEAN AIR COMPANIES

CAE Industries Ltd. of Montreal, has announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary, CAE Electronics Ltd., has won contracts from two major European airlines, Swissair and KLM-Royal Dutch Airlines, for two DC-10 flight simulators valued at about \$6 million.

This is the fourth time both airlines have placed their orders for their flight-simulators with this company. Both operate DC-8 and DC-9 flight simulators developed and manufactured by CAE, and KLM, Swissair and SAS Scandinavian Airways Systems plan to share a Boeing 747 simulator now under construction in Montreal.

The two simulators for the "new generation" wide-bodied DC-10 tri-jet will feature the CAE six-degree motion system, providing roll, pitch, yaw, heave fore-and-aft and lateral movement, and CAE's unique instructor's facility. The units will be delivered in the summer of 1972.

With these latest orders, CAE is now participating in the flight-simulator programs for all three types of new wide-bodied commercial jet aircraft currently in production or under development — the Boeing 747, the Lockheed 1011 Tri-Star and the McDonnell-Douglas DC-10.

The first airline to order a Boeing 747 flight simulator was British Overseas Airways Corporation, which chose CAE as its supplier. The simulator was delivered from Montreal to London last February, and went into full operation just seven weeks later. Other CAE customers for Boeing 747 simulators are Air Canada, Air India, and the airline consortium of KLM, Swissair and SAS, while CAE's L-1011 Tri-Star customers to date are Air Canada and the Lockheed-California Company.

MILITARY MUSEUMS MEET

The third annual meeting of the Organization of Military Museums of Canada was held at the Canadian War Museum, Ottawa and the Royal Military College, Kingston, last month.

More than 50 delegates from Canada and the United States discussed such problems as the reorganization of museums belonging to corps and regiments either recently disbanded or about to be. Siminars and workshops dealt with collection and display problems.

Speakers included J.B. Jarrett, a retired U.S. Army colonel and an international expert on weapons and armour. Mr. Jarrett is the former director of the Aberdeen Museum in Maryland. Richard Huyda, of the Public Archives of Canada, discussed the acquisition, preservation and display of photographic material and J.A. Swettenham, senior military historian with the Canadian War Museum, spoke on the Contribution of General A.G.L. McNaughton to Canada. Delegates toured military and civic museums in the Kingston area.

The OMMC was founded in 1968 after a preliminary conference the previous year underlined the need for co-ordination and mutual assistance among military museums in Canada.

STAMP COLLECTORS SHOW IN MONTREAL

TOPEX 70, the twenty-first annual convention and exhibition of the American Topical Association, will be held in Montreal from June 19 to 21, the first time the event has been held outside the United States.

Postmaster-General Eric Kierans will take part in the opening ceremonies of the show, which will be the largest international philatelic exhibition ever held in Canada. Mr. Kierans will also be an honorary patron.

Because the date of issue of the Louis Riel stamp coincides with the opening of TOPEX 70, collectors attending the show on June 19 will be able to benefit from a special service on that day. Addressed covers bearing the Louis Riel stamp can be left in a special mail-receiver and, after the show closes, they will be taken to Ottawa to receive the official first day-of-issue cancellation.

Many artifacts that belong to the history of Canadian stamps will be on display at the Canada Post Office exhibit.

The American Topical Association, which was organized in 1949, is a non-profit educational society whose membership includes nearly 10,000 collectors in 87 countries.

FLOOD RELIEF TO ROMANIA

The Canadian Government is providing \$25,000 to assist victims of recent severe floods in Romania, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently.

The funds, from the Canadian International Development Agency's International Emergency Relief appropriation, will be supplied through the Canadian Red Cross Society, which is also contributing \$18,143 from its own resources.

The floods were caused by torrential rains and the River Danube appears to have reached its highest crest since 1840. Most seriously affected areas are northwestern Transylvania and northern Moldavia. Though the numbers of casualties and those left homeless have not yet been assessed, it is known that some 40,000 houses in 324 localities were flooded.

The Canadian cash contribution will allow the League of Red Cross Societies to respond more readily to the special requirements of on-the-spot teams. There already are known shortages of relief supplies including such items as antibiotics, gamma globulin, various vaccines, medicaments, food and clothing.