

Another function of Canada's weather ship is to perform search and rescue operations in an emergency. Then it would co-ordinate with the RCAF which is responsible for such operations throughout Canada and its coastal waters. In accordance with ICAO world-wide recommendations in this field, the RCAF is specially trained and equipped with such equipment as helicopters and "Lancaster" bombers carrying lifeboats for these duties. The RCAF already has been called out on several "mercy flights."

Canada has undertaken to correct and amplify the aeronautical maps covering Canadian territory and make them accord with ICAO charts which will give uniformity throughout the world. The RCAF is now engaged in a gigantic mapping operation of the Canadian north country. In 1947 an area equivalent to the area of Ontario and Nova Scotia was mapped and in 1948 an even greater area is to be covered.

Another important ICAO activity which Canada with the United States has taken a leading part is pioneering in the removal and minimizing of obstacles to air travel at international boundaries. A very substantial contribution has been made by P.L. Young, Assistant Deputy Minister of National Revenue, on facilitation in the customs field; C.E.S. Smith, Commissioner for Immigration, on facilitation in regard to immigration matters; and Dr. C.P. Brown, of the Department of National Health and Welfare, in regard to facilitation in the health field.

CANADIAN WORK FOR AIR FREEDOM AT ICAO

A progressive course of action towards freeing the skies of the man-made prewar restrictions was set forth by Canada at the Chicago aviation meeting in 1944 which set up ICAO. Most countries agreed to the first two so-called Freedoms of the Air outlined by Canada. Although these Freedoms involve transit and landing rights, they do not mean surrender of sovereignty or bargaining rights. Nations are more careful of the Third and Fourth Freedoms, which cover the right to carry passengers and freight to and from the territory of a state of the aircraft and the territory of other countries. The real point of disagreement is over the Fifth Freedom, which allows pickup by through services for delivery to other states.

Canada has remained consistent in its firm support of the maximum attainable degree of international cooperation and regulation. Australian and New Zealand proposals at