

HAITIAN ENVOY INSTALLED

On March 23, His Excellency Herbert Hipolyte presented to the Governor-General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Haiti to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. Henry F. Davis, Acting Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. E. Joly de Lotbinière, Assistant Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance. The Ambassador was accompanied by Mr. Roaul Fanini-Lemoine, who has been acting as Chargé d'Affaires a.i.

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CANADIAN FILM AWARDS

Dr. A.W. Trueman, Director of the Canada Council, will present the Twelfth Annual Canadian Film Awards in Toronto on June 3. Dr. Trueman, formerly president of the University of Manitoba and the University of New Brunswick, was Government Film Commissioner and Chairman of the National Film Board before his appointment as the first Director of the Canada Council.

The presentations will be made at an informal luncheon for members of the press, the Association of Motion Picture and Laboratories of Canada, the Canada Foundation, Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Canadian Film Institute, CFA judges and others. A theatrical presentation of a selection of award-winning films in Toronto and Stratford is being planned by the AMPPLC and the Management Committee of Canadian Film Awards.

A hundred and fifteen films submitted by 30 entrants in eleven categories are eligible for awards this year. One of the winners may be selected as Film of the Year. The Association of Motion Picture Producers and Laboratories of Canada will again present their plaque for the best amateur film from among seven entries. Special awards may also be made at the discretion of the management committee.

Comparison with last year's awards shows that all categories except theatrical shorts, TV films and amateur films mark up an increase. Entries for filmed television commercials have jumped more than 250 per cent. Despite the increase in non-theatrical and TV films submitted, no feature films and only two theatrical shorts have been entered. Four films have been entered in the children's category, including both entertainment and classroom films.

The Canadian Film Awards are jointly sponsored by the Canadian Association for Adult Education, the Canada Foundation and the Canadian Film Institute, in order to bring public recognition to the best of current Canadian film production.

LATEST AIRPORT EQUIPMENT

Mobile-ramp equipment for Trans-Canada Air Lines' new Douglas DC-8 jets will cost more than did a "super Constellation" in the pre-turbine era.

TCA has ordered more than \$2-million worth of self-propelled machinery for between-flights servicing of the giant aircraft.

A single DC-8 requires 26 pieces of major ramp equipment of a dozen different types just for handling on the ramp and for movement in and out of maintenance and overhaul hangars. One "set" of 26 units cost over \$210,000.

First, there's the ground-power unit, which supplies electricity to the immobile aircraft. Twenty-two of these self-propelled units have been ordered at a cost of \$14,000 apiece. In addition, six trailer-type ground-power units, costing \$10,000 apiece, and four tractor-mounted units, costing \$5,500 apiece, are scheduled for delivery to the airline.

Fifteen self-propelled air starters, each worth \$20,500, and three \$12,000 "fly-a-way" starters have been purchased.

Each of the 23 mobile staircases ordered by TCA costs \$10,000. And each DC-8 requires two of the units for loading and off-loading passengers.

Three combination heaters/air conditioners have been bought by the airline for \$23,000 apiece, as well as 21 mobile heaters, each costing \$6,000.

Nineteen baggage handlers are on order at \$12,000 each. The big jets will require two of these units each, along with two \$16,000 food trucks, of which 10 have been ordered.

Then there are six \$11,000 lavatory trucks; five \$9,000 water trucks and four new baggage tractors, each worth \$4,500. A DC-8 on the ramp will be serviced by three baggage tractors and 10 cargo carts, but these units are interchangeable for all types of aircraft and have not been designed specifically for the jet.

In addition, four giant towing tractors, costing \$30,000 apiece, have been purchased, while orders have not yet been placed for cabin trucks that will cost about \$14,000 each.

Most of the mobile-ramp equipment belongs to TCA's station services department, although some of the units, such as towing tractors, are in the hands of the maintenance and overhaul department.

Much of the equipment was built to TCA's own specifications to meet its particular requirements. And many of the units are designed for use with "Viscount" and "Vanguard" aircraft, as well as the DC-8.

While one aircraft requires 26 pieces of equipment for proper servicing, it doesn't follow that two aircraft will require 52 units on the ramp. The highly mobile machines will be able to move quickly from one aircraft to another as required, servicing one, then moving on to the next.