

The aerial photo of the Mica damsite, near Revelstoke, B.C., looking downstream, shows intakes for the diversion tunnels (near bottom left of picture).

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S MICA DAM

The British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority is working on a large hydroelectric development on the Columbia River. This project involves construction of the 42-million-cubic-yard earth and rock Mica Dam and an underground powerhouse, 100 feet long, that will contain six generating-units with a combined capacity of 2 million kilowatts. The dam is scheduled for completion in 1973, and generatingunits will be commissioned later as required.

Now in the early stages of construction, Mica Dam will stand 800 feet above bedrock and extend 2,600 feet across the Columbia River Valley, creating 520 billion cubic feet of live storage. It is one of the three dams that B.C. Hydro is responsible for building in the Columbia River Basin under the terms of the Columbia Treaty and Protocol ratified by Canada and the United States in 1964. The first two dams, which do not incorporate generating facilities, have already been built — well ahead of schedule. Duncan Dam, 130 feet high, 2,600 feet long, was completed in 1967; and the Hugh Keenleyside Dam (formerly the Arrow Dam), 170 feet high, 2,850 feet long, was completed in 1968.

(One of a series.)

CABINET SHUFFLE

The Prime Minister announced on September 24 a reallocation of responsibilities of five members of the Cabinet.

Mr. Allan MacEachen, formerly Minister of Manpower and Immigration, becomes President of the Privy Council and Government House Leader.

Mr. Jean-Pierre Côté, formerly Minister of National Revenue, becomes a Minister without Portfolio, responsible for the Post Office, hitherto part of the portfolio of Mr. Eric Kierans, Minister of Communications.

Mr. Donald Macdonald, formerly Government House Leader and President of the Privy Council, becomes the Minister of National Defence, replacing Mr. Léo Cadieux, now Ambassador to France.

Mr. Otto Lang, formerly Minister without Portfolio, becomes Minister of Manpower and Immigration, with continued responsibility for the Wheat Board.

Mr. Herb Gray, formerly Minister without Portfolio, becomes Minister of National Revenue, with continued responsibility for advising the Government on questions relating to foreign ownership.

CANADA SAVINGS BONDS

Finance Minister E.J. Benson has announced that the 1970/71 series of Canada Savings Bonds will offer purchasers an average annual yield of 7³/₄ per