

## NORTHERN AIR-STRIPS BUILT

Field engineers of the Canadian Armed Forces have completed their third summer in the Canadian Arctic in a six-year project of building and lengthening northern air-strips.

One of the strips, at Pangnirtung, about 200 miles north of Frobisher Bay, was completed in September. Five more will have gravel runways for aircraft as large as the *Dakota* by 1975; these are Pond Inlet and Cape Dorset on Baffin Island, Igloolik, Whale Cove and another, as yet unnamed, on the western shore of Hudson Bay.

Construction of the airfields is being funded at an estimated cost of \$2.1 million and co-ordinated by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. The Defence Department, which provides labour and equipment based on Ministry of Transport specifications, also hires local workmen each year to help with the construction.

The new runway at Pangnirtung will provide this isolated community of 700 people with year-round air traffic. Because larger aircraft may now be used to transport supplies to Pangnirtung, freight-rates are expected to be reduced.

During the past three summers, a crew of 15 Armed Forces engineers, mechanics and cooks worked 12 hours a day at the site. With only a few pieces of heavy equipment available, the crew moved 150,000 cubic feet of material (enough to cover a football field 30 yards deep) to construct a runway 3,000 feet long and 250 feet wide. They also built a parking ramp, installed culverts, built fuel storage areas and erected a maintenance building.

Next summer, work will be finished on a runway

of similar size at Whale Cove, a village of 200 people 250 miles north of Churchill, Manitoba.

Construction at Cape Dorset, 250 miles west of Frobisher Bay, began last June and should be finished in 1974. So far, over 100,000 cubic yards of rock have been drilled there.

The community of Pond Inlet on northern Baffin Island will see construction begin on its airfield next summer. An air-strip for Igloolik, northwest of Hudson Strait, will be scheduled shortly.

The Department of National Defence will spend an additional \$650,000 to lengthen the four airfields located at Whale Cove, Cape Dorset, Pond Inlet, and the unnamed sites, to 4,000 feet. The improved strips will provide landing facilities for *Hercules* transport and search and rescue aircraft.

## SOCCER STUDY STARTED

Bruce Thomas, a Toronto lawyer, has been invited by the Minister of National Health and Welfare to conduct a study to review soccer in Canada and to recommend ways and means of accelerating the development of the sport. He will submit his report and recommendation to the Minister concerned before the end of 1972.

The Canadian Soccer Association has agreed to co-operate, and has assigned its Executive Director, Eric King, to act in a liaison capacity to co-ordinate the support of the Association.

Sport Canada will also assist in the study, and has appointed Ted Peterson as co-ordinator. Claude Lacasse, also of Sport Canada, will work with Mr. Peterson.

## LAKE NAMED FOR A.Y. JACKSON

*A.Y. Jackson, the sole surviving member of the Group of Seven, who was 90 years old on October 3, had a charming little lake in the Killarney Wilderness Area of Ontario named in his honour. Known locally as Bass Lake, it was chosen by the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources because of its clear blue water and rugged red-granite shoreline. Jackson Lake, which is accessible by portage trail, is believed to contain rainbow and lake trout.*



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