

Mr. Travers, an Englishman by birth and a Canadian by adoption, joined the Civil Aviation Branch on November 24, 1936, since when he has been identified with the writing of Canada's air regulations and particularly with the introduction of regulations conforming to the standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). He was also closely associated with the development of student-pilot training under ICAO requirements.

FINANCING CAPITAL EQUIPMENT

Mr. George Hees, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on December 8 that Canadian industry was taking full advantage of the Government's long-term financing legislation whereby foreign orders for capital equipment could be secured in competition with other countries. Introducing this legislation in November 1960, Mr. Hees said:

"Support will be given to the financing of export transactions involving credit terms over five years. The Government is prepared to provide guarantees for these extended credit-term transactions, under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act and, in addition, to purchase the guaranteed foreign obligations from the Export Finance Corporation of Canada, Limited, or other lenders.

"Canadian exporters can now seek orders for capital equipment, confident that these new arrangements remove financing impediments that may have deterred them in the past from seeking or obtaining orders abroad. The remaining challenge to Canadian exporters of capital equipment is to be competitive and to find credit-worthy buyers."

SOUTH AMERICAN INVESTMENT

Provision has already been made for the erection of a newsprint mill in Chile, and for the sale of 70 diesel-electric locomotives, valued at \$26 million, to the Argentine State Railways. It is estimated that more than 100 Canadian firms will participate in the contract for locomotives, which will create some 1,800,000 man-hours of work for Canadians. Applications from six firms, which have submitted tenders for products valued at \$46 million, have been approved and contracts are being negotiated.

Projects in eight countries, involving the possible sale of Canadian capital equipment, aggregating \$82 million, are under active consideration, while five other proposals have been deferred for further study - a total of \$214 million.

Commenting on the Government's programme of long-term financing for capital equipment, Mr. Hees said: "I am delighted with the energetic response from Canadian firms to the facilities the Government has provided. We intend to make the fullest use of this important programme which is extending strong support to industry at home, while at the same time aiding and strengthening the economies of free countries overseas whose need for capital equipment is not only very urgent but very real."

SOVIET ATTACHÉ EXPELLED

The following is the text of a press release issued by the Department of External Affairs on December 11, 1961:

"The Department of External Affairs today announced that the Ambassador of the Soviet Union was requested on December 7 to arrange for the departure from Canada of Lieutenant-Colonel A.F. Loginov, Assistant Military Attaché at the Embassy of the Soviet Union. The Canadian Government had received information that he had engaged in activities incompatible with his diplomatic status and had therefore found it necessary to declare him *persona non grata*. Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov left Canada yesterday.

"The particular grounds on which this action has been taken by the Canadian Government are that Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov attempted to obtain secret information from a Canadian government employee after carefully cultivating his friendship over a period of 18 months. Initially Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov sought to obtain only information of an innocent nature. Later, however, Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov made it clear that he was prepared to pay for information on matters which could not lawfully be communicated to him.

"When Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov's real purpose in fostering this friendship became clear, the government employee concerned reported the matter to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. Subsequently, this led to Lieutenant-Colonel Loginov's apprehension by the RCMP while he was in the act of receiving secret documents."

FIRE EXPERT TO BRITISH HONDURAS

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, recently announced that Mr. J.C. Macleod, Head of the Forest Fire Protection Service of the Department of Forestry, had left for British Honduras on December 6 to advise on ways of preventing fires from breaking out in 3,000 square miles of mahogany and pine forest severely damaged by Hurricane "Hattie" on October 31.

The Government of British Honduras recently sent an urgent request for an expert on forest-fire protection to advise on ways of preventing and fighting fire in the valuable stands of damaged timber. Mr. Macleod took a prominent part in fighting the Newfoundland forest fires last summer. He left on short notice to survey the situation and will advise the British Honduras Government on protective steps to be taken.

NEW POSTS IN AFRICA

It was recently announced that the Canadian Government had decided to extend its diplomatic relations with the independent states of Africa by opening new diplomatic missions in Tanganyika and the Federal Republic of Cameroun.