

## UNCTAD DELEGATION

Mr. Paul Martin, Leader of the Government in the Senate, led the Canadian delegation to the third United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at its opening in Santiago on April 13. The meeting, at which delegations from more than 130 states and UN representatives are present, will end during the third week in May.

UNCTAD is the organization within the United Nations responsible for the promotion of trade with a view to encouraging development, particularly among the developing countries. The first UNCTAD was held in Geneva in 1964; Mr. Paul Martin also led the Canadian delegation to that Conference.

Questions of access for products of the developing world to markets of industrialized countries, possible special measures to assist the least-developed of the developing countries, and recent developments in the international monetary system are among the main items on the agenda.

Senator Martin remained in Santiago for the opening period of the Conference. Following his departure, the Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela, Mr. D.S. McPhail, leads the delegation. Other members of the delegation include J.M. Rochon, E.J. Bergbusch, G.M. Schuthe, L.J. Leavey, Miss M.C. Fletcher, D.A. Roberts, Mrs. H.Y. Catley-Carlson, C. Mercier, J.M. Robinson, and G.C. King.

## EXPANDED AVIATION SYSTEM IN ONTARIO

An expansion program at three airports in Southwestern Ontario will begin this year when facilities at the Hamilton, London and Windsor airports will be substantially enlarged as part of an aviation system for southwestern Ontario, which includes Toronto International Airport at Malton and the new international airport to be built 30 miles northeast of Toronto.

The Federal Government has noted that local air-services in the productive southwestern region of Ontario have been hampered to some extent by runways and facilities less than adequate for unrestricted operation of certain of the larger aircraft.

A prime object of these extensive improvements will be better domestic services for the public, as well as the capacity of these airports to handle long-haul charter and international flight.

Eventually short-takeoff-and-landing (STOL) aircraft may be introduced into the system, depending on the outcome of a pilot program being instituted between Montreal and Ottawa.

In view of the current need and future demands of the southwestern Ontario market, a two-phase program will be introduced:

- (1) improvements to facilities at the existing regional airports at Hamilton, London and Windsor to meet

- immediate and short-term needs for improved services; and
- (2) commencement of studies to assess the demand for air services in southwestern Ontario and to determine the best method of meeting this demand.

The total area of southwestern Ontario, excluding Toronto, is expected to generate six to eight million passengers annually by 1985 and 17 to 25 million by the year 2000. A study of the long-term requirements will be undertaken while the improvements at Hamilton, London and Windsor are under way.

The expansion of facilities in the southwestern region will encourage more direct flights into these three airports and make air passengers in the surrounding areas less dependent on the airports at Malton and the northeastern site.

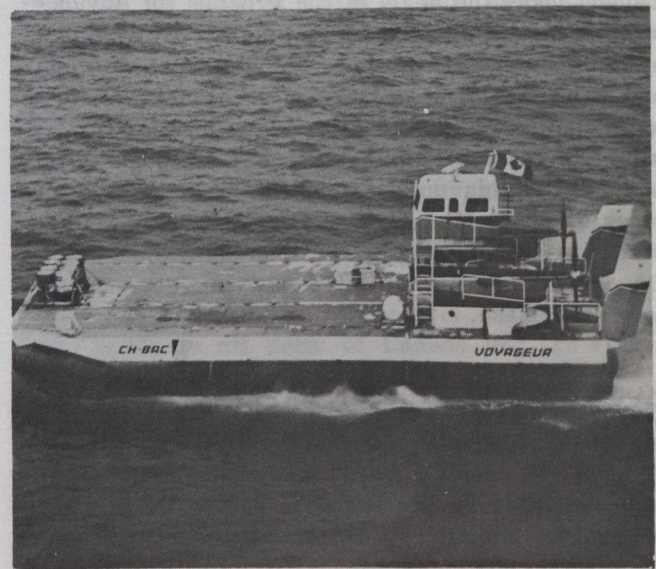
The extension of runways and other improved facilities will also accommodate aircraft that were previously unable to land there. New wide-bodied aircraft such as the 747, DC-10 and L1011 will be able to use these new facilities.

## NEW HOVERCRAFT

The Ministry of Transport has placed an order for the second production model of the 25-ton payload air-cushion vehicle known as the *Voyageur*.

The \$1,114,400-craft, which is scheduled for delivery this spring, will be assigned a variety of special tasks in areas ranging from the Great Lakes to the remote Northwest.

The first vehicle produced, equipped with two General Electric LM100 engines, made its first flight last November, and is at present undergoing certification at Toronto Island. The second, which is the



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*The Voyageur, new hovercraft for the Ministry of Transport*