

## AIR CANADA PROSPERS

The President of Air Canada, Mr. G.R. McGregor, said in his annual review that the airline had recorded another profit in 1967 — the fourteenth in the past 17 years. Air Canada has carried more passengers, more freight, and more mail than ever. This record was achieved, moreover, despite a long delay in delivery of new aircraft at the height of the summer season. If they had been delivered on time, passenger traffic, stimulated by Expo 67 and nation-wide centennial celebrations would have been substantially greater than it was.

The company carried 6,348,000 passengers during 1967, an increase of 22 per cent over the figure recorded in 1966, while air-freight traffic increased 15 per cent to 85,651,000 ton miles. Air express rose 9 per cent to 6,883,000 and air-mail 11 per cent to 21,133,000 ton miles.

A daily DC-8 jetliner service between Montreal, Toronto and Los Angeles was inaugurated on September 29 following a bilateral air agreement between the Canadian and U.S. Governments. The Canadian airline also introduced a non-stop daily service to Miami from Montreal and Toronto and a daily direct DC-9 twin-jet service between Montreal and Chicago.

### NEW AIRCRAFT

Air Canada took delivery of 12 94-passenger Douglas DC-9 twin jets and four 196-passenger DC-8 jetliners in 1967. The DC-9 is used on the short-to-medium length routes in Canada and the U.S., while the DC-8 is employed on the longer transcontinental and international services. The company expects to take delivery of 21 more 94-passenger DC-9s, eight 196-passenger DC-8s and three 136-passenger DC-8s during 1968.

Air Canada has also ordered four 1,450 m.p.h. supersonic *Concorde* jetliners for delivery in 1973 and six 1,800 m.p.h. *Boeing* supersonics for delivery in 1977.

The airline now operates 102 aircraft on 66,214 miles of unduplicated air routes.

Air Canada, in its 30 years of operation, has carried more than 50 million passengers, employs more than 15,000 people and is one of the world's ten largest airlines.

Mr. McGregor said Air Canada expected another successful year in 1968, with more aircraft providing greater carrying capacity and better service. With the expansion of its fleet, the company will provide 22 per cent more seating capacity than in 1967.

## AID FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES

Mr. Gérard Pelletier, the Canadian Representative recently announced that Canada, subject to Parliamentary approval, would contribute \$1,200,000, to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

Mr. Pelletier, in a statement made to the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly, said that the contribution would consist of \$500,000 cash and \$700,000-worth of wheat flour.

warfare aircraft being developed and manufactured by Hawker Siddeley in Britain and Lockheed in the U.S.

Orders totalling more than \$2.5 million have now been received by CAE for magnetic-detection equipment since 1966 and additional major orders are expected from the U.S. Navy and the armed forces of other western nations.

CAE is beginning work immediately on the U.S. Navy order. First deliveries are expected next spring with completion of the order expected one year later.

## MAGNETIC DETECTORS TO U.S. NAVY

Canadian Aviation Electronics Limited, of Montreal, has been awarded a contract worth \$760,000 by the Canadian Commercial Corporation for electronic submarine-seeking equipment to be delivered to the United States Navy.

Submarines can be located underwater by aircraft carrying equipment that interprets the change or anomaly in the earth's magnetic field caused by the submarine's presence in a particular area. CAE has already provided components for this type of equipment for the Canadian Armed Forces, and is currently manufacturing identical equipment for the Royal Australian Navy, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Royal Netherlands Navy.

Orders are also on hand for other magnetic-detection equipment developed by CAE, to be used on the U.S. Navy P3C and Royal Air Force *Nimrod* aircraft. Both of these are the latest anti-submarine

## SEALING SEASON SHORTENED

The sealing season in the "Front" area on the east coast of Canada will be shortened by 15 days this year, and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by 11 days, Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud announced recently.

On the "Front" (the coast of Labrador and eastern Newfoundland) the taking of harp and hooded seals by both Canada and Norway will, by mutual agreement, begin on March 22, ten days later than in 1967, and will close on April 25, five days earlier than last season. The new dates were agreed on following consultation and an exchange of letters with the Norwegian Government. Norway has, for some years, been the only country besides Canada to take part in sealing at the "Front".

Discussions on seal conservation began at the annual meeting of the International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries in Boston, Massachusetts, last June, followed by a meeting of