

SALUTE TO THE LATE DONALD GORDON

Prime Minister Trudeau paid tribute in the House of Commons on May 5 to Donald Gordon, former President of the Canadian National Railways, who died on May 2 at his home in Westmount, Quebec.

Mr. Gordon, who started his working life as a factory-hand, was at the time of his death, President and Chief Executive of the British Newfoundland Corporation and Chairman of Churchill Falls Labrador Corporation Ltd., a \$950-million power project in central Labrador. He was President of Canadian National from 1950 until his retirement at the end of 1966. Born in Oldmeldrum, Scotland in 1901, he came to Canada at the age of 13.

Mr. Gordon was made a Companion of the Order of Canada last July.

In announcing the death of Mr. Gordon, Prime Minister Trudeau called him "one of Canada's most distinguished public servants", and briefly outlined his career, as follows:

"...We are all well aware of his towering accomplishments as Deputy Governor of the Bank of Canada, Chairman of the Foreign Exchange Control Board and, later, as Chairman of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. He was Director of the Industrial Development Bank and, at the summit of his career, Chairman of the Board of Directors and President of the Canadian National Railways from 1950 to 1966.

We have always regarded the late Mr. Gordon as the kind of person who personifies Canada abroad. He was large in stature and decisive in action. In his career we all have much to admire and learn. Following his appointment as President of Canada's largest railway, Mr. Gordon is reported to have said: 'All my life I had learned things from the bottom up. Now I am learning from the top down and I find it's a lot harder.'

From either direction Donald Gordon learned fast and learned well; and Canada benefited as a result. I am sure all Honourable Members will join me in expressing sincere sympathy to Mrs. Gordon and the Gordon family."

MT. KOBANU TELESCOPE REPRIEVED

The Federal Government is willing to accept a proposal from a group of astronomers at Western universities that will help them acquire new facilities in British Columbia. The Government has agreed to turn over to the university consortium certain assets developed for the Mount Kobanu telescope project, which was halted last year on economy grounds.

These assets, which include the mirror blank, the large grinding machine and the design plans for the telescope will be given to the consortium on the understanding that the universities involved will form a corporate entity and try to raise the funds, estimated at \$10 million, needed to install the telescope. One of the most important remaining assets

will be the design and optical competence of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory team, which will work with the universities in the completion of the large telescope. When it is finished Government astronomers will be given observing privileges.

The universities of British Columbia, Victoria, Notre Dame (Nelson), Calgary, Alberta (Edmonton) and Lethbridge are taking part in the project.

The telescope, which has a mirror measuring 157 inches in diameter, would be Canada's largest and one of the most powerful in the world. Some \$4.5 million has already been spent on the project.

CANADA WEEK IN MARBURG

The university and civic leaders of Marburg, West Germany, held a "Canada Week" from May 6 to 14 in co-operation with the Canadian Embassy in Bonn.

Among the many events of the week were an exhibition of Eskimo art and prints by contemporary Canadian artists, and lectures on Canada by German and Canadian scholars, including Professor Peyton V. Lyon, Head of the Political Science Department of Carleton University, Ottawa. The pianist Claude Savard gave a recital, and a performance was staged by the Quebec poet, writer and *chansonnier* Felix Leclerc, whose fame in Paris has gained him the title of "The Canadian".

Pipers and buglers of the Canadian Armed Forces in Germany took part in several of the events, and German and Canadian military units competed in a sports contest. Students of the English Department of Marburg University performed three Canadian one-act plays. Air Canada presented a return ticket to Canada to the winner of an essay contest on a Canadian theme; the cost of a short stay in Canada will be borne by the German-Canadian Society of Hannover.

The Canadian Ambassador, Mr. Richard P. Bower, made a presentation of books to the University of Marburg, which has had in its library for several years a collection of *Canadiana* donated by the Canadian Government. Close ties have always existed between the City and University of Marburg and the Canadian Government, especially as represented by the Canadian Embassy in Bonn.

RED RIVER POLLUTION REPORT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announced recently that the Governments of Canada and the United States had approved the recommendations of the International Joint Commission for the control of pollution of the Red River at the international boundary. The recommendations are contained in the Commission's report of April 11, which was released on May 12.

The Commission reported that, during the period of survey from 1964 to 1966, the waters of the Red