

VISIT OF REFUGEE COMMISSIONER

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Felix Schnyder, paid a courtesy visit to Ottawa from March 31 to April 2. Mr. Schnyder, who assumed his present duties in 1961, had made similar visits in 1961, 1962 and 1963 in order to exchange views with Canadian officials on the work of his Office, on various international refugee problems, and on the contribution Canada could make towards their solution.

AN AWARD AND A GIFT

During his visit, Mr. Schnyder was presented by Canada's Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, with the Medal for International Co-operation Year. Mr. Schnyder presented to Mr. Martin a special album of records entitled "International Piano Festival", consisting of classical compositions performed by such world-renowned pianists as Byron Janis, Wilhelm Kempff and Alexander Brailowsky. This was the second such album issued by the UNHCR in aid of its programme of assistance to refugees.

CANADIAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO REFUGEE AID

Canada, one of the main supporters of the refugee programme, has in recent years, contributed \$290,000 annually to the UNHCR budget, which is financed through voluntary contributions from member states and non-governmental agencies. Since the Second World War, Canada has taken in over 300,000 ref-

ugees, and since 1951 has contributed over \$5 million to the Office. Canada is also a member of the Executive Committee that provides guidance to the High Commissioner in the fulfillment of his duties.

RCN FRIGATES RETIRED

Four Second World War frigates of the Atlantic Command of the Royal Canadian Navy will be taken out of Service this spring and turned over to Crown Assets Disposal Corporation.

The ships, "La Hullose", "Outremont", "Inch Arran" and "Cap de la Madeleine", all more than 20 years old, have become uneconomical to keep in service, since extensive refitting would be required to give them an acceptable operational capacity. All but the "Outremont" are now in reserve at Halifax.

While the withdrawal of the four frigates will reduce the number of ships in the Atlantic fleet, the Navy's anti-submarine capability has been increased significantly with the addition of new and re-equipped ships in the past year. This improvement will continue as further destroyer escorts, converted to carry helicopters, come into service, to be followed later by four helicopter-destroyers and two operational support ships to be built as part of the Government's five-year re-equipment programme for the Forces.

... on the south and east sides, has fantastic rock cliffs. The eighth main field party, made up of U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey and Survey and Mapping Branch personnel, will start out from a point on the Alaska Highway near Kluane Lake, 125 miles west of Whitehorse. The group will work their way through the St. Elias range to Yukon Bay on the Alaska coast, some 75 miles to the southwest. With the aid of a helicopter and electronic distance-measuring instruments, the job is expected to be completed in less than a month. At Mount Kennedy a base geodetic marker will be embedded in the rock at the mountain's highest point. However, the surveyors do not plan to climb the mountain as such - the helicopter will land on a flat or near the summit. The following statement was issued on April 2 by Paul Havel, the Minister of National Defence: "The remaining portion of the Mid-Canada Line, the last of the early warning radar network in the North American Air Defence system, ceased operations on March 31, 1965. The move is in keeping with recent close examination by both the U.S. and Canadian defence establishments of resources invested in anti-combat radars to bring them more into line with the latest that source. It is also consistent with the findings of the White Paper on Defence, in which it was stated that: 'Failing the wide-scale deployment of