

### Alberta government buys Pacific Western Airlines

The government of Alberta has acquired control of Canada's third largest aviation company, Pacific Western Airlines.

In a prepared statement to the press on August 2, Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed said:

"The government made the decision to acquire control of Pacific Western Airlines as a result of our concern that recent takeover proposals and schemes threatened the continuation of Pacific Western's capacity to expand and serve Alberta's growth needs.

"Almost 80 per cent of Pacific Western Airlines revenue originates or terminates in Alberta.

"We wanted to assure that such a vital part of the transportation system in our province would continue to reflect the needs and interests of the people of Alberta.

"Alberta's future depends upon our ability over the next decade to reduce our reliance upon the sale of depleting natural resources. For a landlocked province far from population centres, transportation is the key and air transportation, particularly air freight, is a critical factor."

PWA serves British Columbia, Alberta, the Northwest Territories, as well as operating charter flights overseas. It owns eight 737s, expects another this month and four more next year; two 727s; two 707s; four *Hercules* cargo carriers; two *Electras* and five *Convair* 640s. The company has 2,100 employees and a subsidiary trucking firm in Edmonton employs another 250.

### Canadian get U.S. award

Canadian Forces Commander Bruce Cormack, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, has been awarded the United States Legion of Merit by Captain F.M. Murphy of the United States Defence Attaché's office, who presented it on behalf of President Nixon.

This award was given for exceptional meritorious service as project manager of the U.S. Navy occupational data bank, Bureau of Naval Personnel, from November 1970 to November 1972, in

Washington, D.C.

He was responsible for the development of the bank and through his expertise in occupational analysis "made invaluable contributions to this sophisticated management information system".

This system has already shown a great potential for improvements in navy personnel administration including both cost savings and manpower reductions.

Commander Cormack, it was said, gave extensive and invaluable assistance to the newly-established Chief of Naval Training (CNT) in organizing occupational analysis for modification and reduction of technical training for a major portion of U.S. Navy enlisted ratings.

His citation stated that his "exemplary performance reflected great credit upon himself and the Canadian Armed Forces".

Commander Cormack now is head of the Canadian Forces occupational analysis program at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

### Development funds to Tunisia

Former Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp recently announced that Canada had provided Tunisia with \$8,915,000 in grants and loans for the implementation of three agricultural projects.

The first plan provides for the irrigation of 4,000 hectares of land over five years, for which Canada has allocated \$1.4 million in grant funds to send a team of agronomists and advisers to Tunisia, and a \$1.6-million loan for equipment, fertilizers and insecticides. Tunisia will contribute \$800,000.

The second project is the development of poultry farming through the establishment of an integrated poultry-raising complex. A \$1.975-million loan and a \$500,000-grant spread over four years will defray cost of equipment, buildings, food, medication and technical assistance. Tunisia is contributing \$2,504 million.

A \$2,640-million loan and an \$800,000-grant spread over four years will enable Canada to assist the Centre d'élevage des veaux (calf-breeding centre) of the Office des terres domaniales (OTD) (state-owned lands office)

to improve basic stock-breeding techniques in the valley of Medjerda.

Besides sending breeding stock — 2,000 Holstein heifers under three months old — Canada will supply food and medication for the cattle, farming and breeding equipment, and provide scholarships for the training of African stock breeders in Canada. Tunisia is providing \$5.460 million for this project.

### Large stocks of shrimp found off British Columbia coast

A significant expansion in the shrimp fishery off the central coast of British Columbia could follow in the wake of recent discoveries by Federal Government fisheries scientists.

The fisheries research vessel *G.B. Reed*, operating out of the Fisheries and Marine Service's Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo, B.C., conducted experimental trawls in late April that located about 150 square miles of productive shrimp grounds centred 30 miles southwest of Namu in Queen Charlotte Sound.

"This confirmed earlier predictions by our scientists working in conjunction with the Service's Industrial Development Branch, that appreciable new stocks might exist in the area," said Station Director Dr. W.E. Johnson.

T.H. Butler, research scientist in charge of the Station's crustacean program, located major concentrations on the bottom between 90 and 110 fathoms. The shrimp were of good quality, averaging 120 to the pound.

According to Mr. Butler, the present stock should permit a catch of about 5 million pounds a year, which at current prices would be worth about \$750,000 to fishermen.

"There have been substantial increases in shrimp stocks along this coast in the past three to five years, and I would be surprised if additional concentrations were not found in more northerly British Columbia waters as well," Mr. Butler added.

The new resources on the central coast follow similar finds last year by Butler and his technical assistant, Nelson Yates, on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

The B.C. Packers fish plant at Namu has installed new mechanical shrimp peelers to cope with the expected expansion of the local fishery.