

CANADIAN EXECUTIVE SERVICE OVERSEAS

In a recent address to teachers about to leave Canada to serve abroad under Canada's external aid programme, Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced the formation of the Canadian Executive Service Overseas (CESO), a volunteer, non-profit organization composed of senior executives and professional men who would give advice and assistance to developing countries.

Mr. Martin's reference to CESO follows:

...I should like to tell you something about the newest organization to join the ranks of these internationally-minded voluntary organizations. It is called Canadian Executive Service Overseas, and its purpose is to make available to developing nations the invaluable services of top-flight Canadian business and professional men. Its president is Claude Hebert, a prominent Montreal businessman, who has undertaken to launch this new venture. He is supported by a board of directors drawn from the highest levels of Canadian companies and professions.

CESO will undertake to provide senior company executives and professional men on relatively short-term assignment to give entrepreneurial advice and assistance in tackling some of the tough and complex development problems faced by industries and governments in the developing countries. Most of them will be senior executives with a lifetime of experience men who have been looking for the opportunity to play active roles in the challenging work of international development assistance. CESO is a non-profit corporation formed with the co-operation of Canadian University Service Overseas and the encouragement of the External Aid Office and will have a working relation with both organizations. Its first volunteers are to go abroad this autumn. Initially, their assignments will be in French- and English-speaking Africa, but we can anticipate the growth of an organization that eventually will participate in the progress of many other nations with which Canada is in development partnership.

This, then, is the blueprint for the future of our development assistance programmes. As Canadians, I think we are well-suited to carry out the high purposes which underlie these efforts. Our history and cultural diversity equip us, both as individuals and as a nation, to make a significant contribution to the economic advancement of the developing world....

CARGO OF CARIBOU

Southampton Island, which has been devoid of caribou for some 15 years probably because of over-harvesting, has been stocked with 51 caribou flown from Coats Island by the Canadian Wildlife Service of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. Coats and Southampton Islands are situated in northern Hudson Bay and have a similar climate, landscape and vegetation.

The Eskimos on Southampton Island, who are enthusiastically supporting the project, have made a contribution from their Community Development Fund to help defray costs. Many Eskimos and Indians still depend on caribou for food and clothing.

CAPTURE AND CARE

Mr. T.H. Manning, a well-known arctic biologist, was in charge of capturing the animals, which were shot from a helicopter with a projectile syringe containing an immobilizing drug, and then transported to a base camp on Coats Island. The caribou were kept in a corral and fed lichens and some rolled oats until they could be transported by fixed-wing aircraft to Southampton Island.

Because of the importance of the caribou to the economy of the North, both federal and territorial governments have undertaken various conservation measures in recent years, in the hope that re-establishment of a herd on Southampton Island will be part of a general "come-back" of these animals.

SOVIET VISITORS

Eight specialists in construction and engineering from the Soviet Union began an 18-day tour of Canada recently, which will take them as far north as Inuvik in the Northwest Territories.

Mr. I.A. Ganichev, Deputy Chairman of U.S.S.R. State Committee for Construction (Gosstroy), heads the delegation, which was welcomed in Ottawa by Northern Development Minister Arthur Laing. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, Dr. S. Haidasz, and Mr. T. Hyslop, Assistant Director of the Northern Administration Branch, accompany the delegation, which includes Dr. N.B. Hutcheon, Assistant Director, Division of Building Research, National Research Council.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has planned the itinerary to show the Soviet visitors a variety of Canadian construction and engineering projects in a number of cities including, Montreal, Toronto, Pine Point, Yellowknife, Whitehorse, Vancouver, Saskatoon and Winnipeg.

In Ottawa, the delegation discussed northern housing and perma-frost, and visited construction sites in Montreal and Toronto, as well as the Ford Motor Company plant in Oakville, Ontario.

One feature of the trip to the Northwest Territories is a visit to Pine Point, Canada's newest northern mining town. In the Yukon and Northwest Territories they will go underground to watch gold-mining operations at Yellowknife, and will visit Fort Smith, Hay River, and Inuvik, the town built on stilts.

The delegation will also visit the Portage Mountain Dam Site, the Powell River 1965 Expansion Programme of the MacMillan Bloedel and Company, and the Gardner Dam in Saskatoon.

The tour ends on September 14 in Ottawa, where a farewell reception will be held.