

as the need arises this season will be made available on a rental basis to ships seeking to navigate the St. Lawrence and which have not been equipped with regular VHF radio equipment.

### AIRCRAFT TO MALAYSIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that four *Caribou* aircraft, given by Canada to Malaysia as military assistance, were ferried to that country on April 25. The operation was carried out jointly by personnel of the Royal Canadian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force. Twenty-one members of the RMAF, including seven pilots and 14 technicians, have received training in Canada over the last two months in the handling of *Caribou* aircraft. Canada paid all ferrying costs.

The offer to Malaysia of four aircraft and a substantial amount of spare parts was announced in January 1965 by the Prime Minister. This gift is intended to meet Malaysia's requirement for increased military air transport capability. The Canadian Government also agreed at the time to provide training in Canada for 80 Malaysian forces personnel over two years. Fifteen officer cadets and the same number of pilot officers have come to Canada for training this year, in addition to those who received special training on the *Caribou* aircraft. Mr. Martin said that the cost of the two-year programme is estimated at \$4 million.

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### FIGHT AGAINST FLOOD

Mr. Duff Roblin, Premier of Manitoba, and Mr. Roger Teillet, Minister of Veterans Affairs, announced recently in Winnipeg that Mr. Roblin and Finance Minister Mitchell Sharp had discussed the sharing by Canada of the costs being incurred by Manitoba in fighting the flood on the Red River, in constructing additional permanent dykes that may be required and in restoring damaged property. The costs of these measures cannot be properly assessed until the waters recede, but it is evident that they will amount to some millions of dollars and be on a scale large enough to constitute a major emergency requiring federal assistance.

Agreement was reached that Canada would, in accordance with past practice in such major emergencies, bear three-quarters of the various public costs associated with fighting the flood. Such costs would include, amongst others, those incurred in building and removing temporary dykes, in auxiliary pumping, barging and boats, in establishing and operating the flood headquarters and evacuation centres, and special sanitation and health measures. It will also include the costs necessarily incurred by public authorities in moving persons and livestock to safety,

and in supporting persons away from their homes who are unable to arrange or pay for their own support.

### PERMANENT DYKES

The Government of Canada will also, in accordance with past practice, bear three-quarters of the cost of constructing permanent dykes to protect a number of the communities in the Red River Valley, which will not be safeguarded by the Red River Floodway and which may warrant permanent protection. Federal officials will consult with provincial authorities on the specific requirements of this kind before decisions are reached on the location and scale of such works.

Agreement has been reached in principle that Canada will also contribute to paying the costs of restoration of public works and installations that have been damaged by the floods. This will also be in accordance with established practice in major emergencies requiring federal assistance, but detailed surveys and discussions by federal and provincial engineers will be needed after the waters recede before the scale of the damage and the cost of making it good can be assessed. Manitoba has requested that these costs be shared in the same proportion as those for flood fighting, and the Federal Government will consider this request.

Mr. Roblin stated that his Government intended to help owners of flood-damaged homes, farm buildings and other small business properties to meet the costs of repairing and restoring their buildings, according to defined scales and limits. Manitoba also intends to offer grants to farmers in the portion of the Red River Valley that was flooded in 1950 or since, to assist them in providing dykes or other flood protection for their farm buildings. Mr. Roblin proposed that the Federal Government should share in these costs. Mr. Sharp said the Federal Government would give further consideration to this request in the light of the situation as a whole when it can be more fully assessed.

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### ROYAL APPOINTMENTS

The Prime Minister recently announced that Her Majesty the Queen had approved the appointment of Doctors John N. Crawford and G.M. Brown as members of the Board of Trustees of the Queen Elizabeth II Canadian Fund to Aid in Research on the Diseases of Children.

Dr. Crawford, the Deputy Minister of Health, succeeds Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, and Dr. Brown's appointment will fill the vacancy created by the death of the late Dr. R.F. Farquharson. Dr. Brown is chairman of the Medical Research Council.

The Queen Elizabeth II Canadian Fund to Aid in Research on the Diseases of Children was established by an Act passed by Parliament in 1959 to mark the occasion of Her Majesty's visit to Canada and her personal interest in the well-being of children. Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed by

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