

## COMMISSION ON SECURITY

Prime Minister Pearson tabled in the House of Commons, on November 16, an Order in Council establishing a Royal Commission to make a "full and confidential inquiry into the operation of Canadian security methods and procedures...." The Commission is asked to advise the Government on what security methods and procedures are most effective and how they can best be implemented, having full regard for the maintenance of the security of Canada as a nation and the rights and responsibilities of individual persons.

Mr. Maxwell W. MacKenzie, is Chairman of the Commission. Members are Mr. Yves Pratte, and Mr. M.H. Coldwell.

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## STUDY RIDEAU WATERWAY

Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, Minister of Transport, recently announced that the Federal Government and the government of Ontario had agreed to set up a joint Canada-Ontario working group to study the future development of the Rideau waterway system.

The group will consider how the area can be developed for recreational purposes with regard for its historic and other potential values. Existing reports and other material will be reviewed first, after which the group will obtain whatever further information may be required and, from this, they will recommend an integrated and phased programme of development. Until the study group presents to the two governments its report on the suggested programme, consideration will not be given to questions of jurisdiction, organization or financial participation by the various departments and agencies of the two Governments.

It is hoped that an interim report will be available in about a year.

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## BRITISH HONDURAS SURVEY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, recently announced that a team appointed by Canada, Britain and the United States had recently completed a survey of the economy of British Honduras and had reported on the country's future development. The report of this tripartite economic survey had been submitted to the sponsoring governments for their consideration and has been transmitted to the Government of British Honduras.

The survey team included G. Clayton, (chairman) University of Wales; W.B. Gainer, University of Alberta, and E.T. York, University of Florida.

The three experts were asked to analyse the economy of British Honduras and its growth potential and to suggest guide-lines for development over the

next five years. The common objective of the three sponsoring governments was to establish essential economic information and make it available for general use in order to promote rapid and sound development of the country.

The long and detailed report compiled by the survey team includes much basic information dealing with various aspects of the economy, and includes general recommendations on the shape of future development.

The three governments indicated that they would be ready to consider with the Government of British Honduras ways in which the economic development of the country might be promoted in the light of the report.

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## GROWTH IN SEAWAY TRAFFIC

Traffic statistics released recently by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority indicate that movements of cargo through both sections of the waterway are continuing to register substantial increases over corresponding 1965 season totals.

Totals for the April-October period for the Montreal-Lake Ontario section are up by almost 13 per cent over the same months a year ago, exceeding 41.3 million tons, a rise of 4.7 million tons.

Welland Canal shipments have recorded similar gains over the 1965 season, exceeding 49.5 million tons, up by almost 10 per cent over last year's seven-month level of 45.1 million tons.

Increased bulk cargo shipments, particularly wheat and iron ore, have contributed substantially to the growth in traffic in both sections of the Seaway in 1966.

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## MAIL-ORDER LEARNING

Alberta school children scattered round the world can still keep up with their lessons through the Correspondence Branch of Alberta's Department of Education. More than 100 have registered for the 1966-67 year, and the first completed assignments are arriving from Nigeria, Pakistan, Turkey, Japan and Mexico. These are only a few of the many foreign countries where Albertans in the armed forces or employed as engineers, construction workers, educators, missionaries, researchers and medical personnel live and endeavour to give their children as normal an education as possible.

## PROGRAMME

The lessons-by-mail are based on the Alberta curriculum for grades 1 to 12 and are so designed that students can fit into the school pattern on their return. A fee of \$15 a year is charged for the service which is available to all Canadian citizens and their families living outside Alberta or expecting to return