

GIANT TURBO-PROPS FOR TCA

Trans-Canada Air Lines will introduce turbine-powered Vickers "Vanguards" to its southern service routes starting April 1. The big 96-passenger, 425-mile-an-hour turbo-prop airliners will replace the piston-engined "Super Constellations" that have been operating on these routes since retirement of the "North Stars" on January 10.

The Canadian carrier will operate two weekly return flights to Tampa, Florida; three to Nassau, Bahamas, with two carrying on to Montega Bay and Kingston, Jamaica; one direct from Canada to the two Jamaica centres; and four to Bermuda, with two carrying on to Antigua, Barbados and Trinidad. The flights will operate from Toronto and Montreal.

FLYING TIME CUT

The "Vanguards", carrying 46 first class and 50 economy-class passengers, will cut flying times to the south by almost 25 per cent. For example, Jamaica will be just five hours away from Toronto, Bermuda three hours from Montreal, and Trinidad eight flying hours from Montreal.

TCA's 10 weekly "Vanguard" flights will provide a total of 960 seats weekly in each direction on the airline's southern-service routes, as well as more than 100,000 pounds of cargo capacity.

The "Vanguard" is particularly well suited to southern service, in which there is considerable demand for freight space in a single direction, because its "double-bubble" fuselage has giant cargo holds below the passenger cabine capable of carrying up to 10,000 pounds of cargo, even with substantial passenger loads.

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GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Mr. Donald Fleming, the Minister of Finance, recently released the regular monthly statement of the Government's financial operations for February 1961 and the first 11 months of the current fiscal year.

For February, budgetary revenues were \$425.9 million and expenditures \$460.3 million; there was a deficit of \$34.4 million. For February 1960, revenues were \$415.4 million and expenditures \$436.4 million, and there was a deficit of \$21 million.

For the first 11 months of the current fiscal year, budgetary revenues were \$5,105.9 million and expenditures \$5,136 million; there was a deficit of \$30.1 million. For the same period last year, revenues were \$4,753.3 million, expenditures were \$4,882.8 million and there was a deficit of \$129.5 million.

Operations of the Old Age Security Fund, which are not included in budgetary transactions, resulted in a deficit of \$6.1 million for February 1961 and an accumulated surplus of \$8.3 million for the 11 months to February

28, 1961. Last year, for the 11 months to February 29, 1960, there was an accumulated deficit of \$39.6 million. The deficit was covered by a temporary loan by the Minister under the terms of the Old Age Security Act.

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RNC SCHOOL TO CLOSE

HMCS "D'Iberville", the Royal Canadian Navy's basic-training school in Quebec City, will be closed down and the school moved to existing accommodation in HMCS "Hochelega", the RCN Fleet School in Ville LaSalle, Quebec, on July 31.

HMCS "D'Iberville" was commissioned into the Navy in October 1952 as a training establishment for French-speaking new entries, and since that time has been sharing the same building as HMCS "Montcalm", the Quebec City naval division. The school is commanded by Commander J.L. Neveu of Ottawa, and is under the administration of the Senior Naval Officer, River St. Lawrence Area, with headquarters in Montreal.

The decision to move the basic-training school from Quebec City to the Montreal area has been made for economic and administrative reasons. The present accommodation is no longer adequate for the school's needs and better facilities are available at HMCS "Hochelega" for the training of French-speaking Canadians preparing for careers in the Navy.

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SHAKESPEARE SEMINARS AGAIN

So great was the response to last year's Shakespeare seminar, held in Stratford for one week during the Shakespearean Festival season, that the English departments of the Canadian universities will this year sponsor two seminars instead of one. The first will take place from August 14 to August 19 and the second from August 21 to August 26. Most of the meetings will take place in the Festival Theatre.

The principal lecturers will be Professor Northrop Frye, Principal of Victoria College in the University of Toronto, and Professor Alfred Harbage, the Head of the Department of English at Harvard University. Each will lecture twice, the former in the first week, the latter in the second. Among the other lecturers will be Mr. Michael Langham, Artistic Director of the Festival, Professor Herbert Howarth of the University of Manitoba and Professor Francis Fergusson of Rutgers University.

Discussion leaders for the seminars will include Herbert Whittaker, theatre critic of the *Toronto Globe and Mail*, Arnold Edinborough, editor of *Saturday Night*, George McCowan, director of two of this season's plays, *Henry VIII* and *The Canvas Barricade*, and Dr. R.B. Parker of the University of Toronto. The