

STRATFORD ORCHESTRA WORKSHOP

On July 14, the chamber music workshop of the National Festival Orchestra presented the first of an expanded series of five Saturday morning concerts. The American composer and pianist Lukas Foss, whose "Time-Cycle" had been performed for the first time as a ballet at the Festival Theatre on July 13, was guest artist in a performance of Mozart's G-minor Piano Quartet. The performance also included two of the Festival's music directors, 'cellist Leonard Rose and violinist Oscar Shumsky. A Mozart work for some unusual combination of instruments will be featured on each of the Saturday programmes.

The young Canadian pianist Marek Jablonski will make his Stratford debut at the final concert in a performance of Schubert's "Trout" Quintet. Judy Loman, principal harpist of the Toronto Symphony, will be heard in a performance of Ravel's Introduction and Allegro.

Two Canadian composers have been invited to prepare their own works for performances at these concerts. They are Harry Freedman, of Toronto, whose Quintet for Woodwinds was played at the opening concert, and Otto Joachim of Montreal, whose String Quartet is also scheduled for performance. The latter, long acknowledged one of Canada's finest violists, will also be heard in a Mozart viola quintet.

In planning the programmes for this series of workshop concerts, it has been the aim of the directors, Messrs Gould, Rose and Shumsky, to achieve a closer affinity with the Friday and Sunday concerts.

COTC SHOWS RECORD REVENUES

A record high net profit of \$1,665,379 and a 30 percent revenue increase are the main features of the twelfth annual report of the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation recently released by Mr. Léon Balcer, the Minister of Transport.

Reference is made in the report to the opening last December of the newest transatlantic telecommunications cable by the Queen. In addition to providing a much needed increase in facilities to Britain, the new cable has enabled the Corporation to open direct service for telephone, telegraph and telex purposes with Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy. For the present, there is direct telex service to Belgium.

Mr. Bowie, the president and general manager of the COTC, indicates in the report that consideration is being given to further expansion of transatlantic voice facilities. He also states that the construction and installation of the transpacific cable between Vancouver, Auckland, New Zealand, and Sydney, Australia, is proceeding on schedule and should be open for service by the end of 1963.

RICHELIEU-CHAMPLAIN WATERWAY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has announced that Canada and the United States have agreed on the text of a joint reference to the International Joint Commission concerning the Richelieu River - Lake Champlain Waterway. In similar letters, the two governments have requested the Commission to conduct a study of the feasibility of improving the existing waterway or of developing other routes for a waterway from the St. Lawrence River in Canada through Lake Champlain to the Hudson River at Albany, New York. The Commission was specifically requested to study whether improvement or development of a waterway would be feasible and economically advantageous and, if so, with what governing dimensions. The Commission was further asked to make an appraisal of the costs and the value to the two countries of any such projects. The governments requested the Commission, in making its examination and report, to bear in mind the effects any such projects would have on conservation, recreation and other beneficial uses.

CUSO IN NIGERIA

The Canadian University Service Overseas has announced the appointment of Mr. Graham F. Smith as its field officer in Nigeria. Mr. Smith's services have been made available to CUSO through a grant from the British Columbia Teacher's Federation.

The appointment of a field representative was necessitated by a request made to CUSO by the Nigerian Federal Government for some 50 Canadian graduates to serve as secondary-school teachers in various parts of Nigeria. CUSO has screened about 200 candidates for these positions; the final appointments will be made by the Nigerian authorities. The field officer will proceed to Nigeria in advance of the Canadian teachers, establish contact with the Nigerian authorities and assist with the arrangements for the placement of these teachers throughout Nigeria. He will visit them in their various locations and assist them where necessary. He will also visit other countries in West Africa with which CUSO is negotiating and which have expressed an interest in receiving Canadian university graduates in the future. The field officer will assist CUSO with the development of this programme and provide liaison with the area.

Mr. Smith is on leave of absence from the North Delta Secondary School, Westminster, British Columbia. He has had wide experience in West Africa, having served for three years as an education officer in Northern Nigeria, and has also taught in several Nigerian schools, before becoming principal of the Clerical Training School in Northern Nigeria. Mr. Smith was also examiner of the West African Schools Certificate Board, and has travelled extensively throughout Nigeria and other English and French speaking countries in West Africa.