

by Canadair Limited, and, under the contract, the company will be responsible for the preparation of a production-design package to permit efficient, economical manufacture in quantity. In addition, the contract calls for intensive value engineering, limited confirmatory testing of design refinements, design for packaging of spare parts and special tools, and the establishment of quality control procedures covering all aspects of production.

INSURED EXPORTS

In 1965, the Export Credits Insurance Corporation insured \$212 million worth of exports, including \$78.5 million on behalf of the Canadian Government, and signed long-term export-financing agreements to provide \$57 million for six capital-goods projects in five countries. These and other facts and figures of last year's operations are contained in ECIC's annual report for 1965, which was released recently by Trade and Commerce Minister Winters, through whom ECIC reports to Parliament.

The Crown corporation was established to promote the expansion of Canada's export trade by offering exporters low-cost insurance against non-payment by foreign buyers. It also provides long-term financing for export sales involving capital-goods projects and related services when extended credit terms are required.

At the end of 1965, the number of insurance policies current was 542 — the largest number in ECIC's 21-year history. The premium income on goods insured on its own account amounted to \$735,565, compared to \$760,690 in 1964, though the business insured increased from \$131,218,664 in 1964 to \$133,780,307 in 1965. The decrease in premium income despite the increase of exports insured is the result of ECIC's continuing policy of reducing premium rates wherever possible.

EXTENDED FACILITIES

ECIC extended its insurance facilities during the year by undertaking to provide unconditional guarantees to banks. The guarantees are provided to those banks which will provide non-recourse financing to ECIC policyholders selling capital equipment on medium-term credit.

After five years of operation in the long-term export-financing field, ECIC has signed 32 contracts with a total value of \$269.3 million, covering major projects in 13 countries. More than 1,000 Canadian companies have received orders to supply equipment and services as a result of these contracts.

During 1965, the criteria for eligibility of export transactions for long-term export financing under Section 21A of the Export Credits Insurance Act were redefined to meet conditions existing in international markets. The minimum value of eligible transactions was lowered from \$2 million to \$1 million. In cases where a Canadian firm can obtain an order to supply capital equipment for a project being

financed primarily by a foreign lender, this minimum will not apply. These, with other changes, are expected to result in an increased use of the facility by a more varied and representative portion of Canada's capital goods producers.

UN HUMAN RIGHTS APPOINTMENT

Mr. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that Dr. John P. Humphrey of Canada had been elected by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights to its Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

Dr. Humphrey is a world authority on human rights. He was born in Hampton, New Brunswick in 1905 and received his BCL and PLD from McGill University, where he was a member of the Faculty of Law from 1936 until he joined the United Nations Secretariat in 1946 as the Director of the Division of Human Rights. In this capacity he has played a prominent part in the social work of the United Nations.

In May 1966, Dr. Humphrey will retire from the United Nations to take up an appointment at McGill University as Professor of International Law and Political Science.

VHF RADIO SERVICE FOR ST. LAWRENCE

The Department of Transport announced recently that, to increase the safety of marine-traffic movement on the St. Lawrence River, a VHF (Very High Frequency) radio traffic-information service will be established.

The new traffic-control system for the river between Montreal and Les Escoumins is expected to be in operation later this year, and a special traffic-control staff will be attached to the Department's St. Lawrence Ship Channel Division office at Montreal. The operations centre of the new system will be in Quebec City and the system will be developed in such a way that it can be integrated with existing National Harbours Board and St. Lawrence Seaway systems.

The Department attributed the provision of a traffic-information service to increasing traffic, the increasing size of ships and the number of casualties that had occurred in the St. Lawrence River between Les Escoumins, where the Department's easternmost St. Lawrence pilotage station is located, and Montreal.

"Ships intending to proceed above Les Escoumins should fit VHF radio-telephone, capable of operation from the wheelhouse, as soon as possible", a notice to mariners stated. The Department said that it expected all ships seeking pilotage services at Les Escoumins would be fitted with the suggested equipment by April 1, 1967.

As an interim measure, the Department will purchase sets of "walkie-talkie" radio equipment, which,