

grammes of post-graduate teaching and research in the areas for which support is requested. Universities must pledge to spend no less than the amount budgeted for their library purchases, irrespective of the Council's assistance, and to spend whatever additional amount is required to ensure classification and circulation of the books provided by Council grants.

The total amount of this assistance for the coming year may reach \$500,000, depending on other demands.

The Council will continue to support learned journals that have achieved or are on the way to achieving widespread recognition. The publication of other scholarly works will continue to be assisted mainly through block grants to the Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada.

MEETINGS AND EXCHANGES

Recognizing the need for scholars to come together to exchange experiences and to acquaint themselves with the work of their colleagues, the Council will continue to provide assistance (usually not exceeding tourist air fare) to the nominees of Canadian learned societies to participate in conferences in Canada and abroad.

It will also consider a limited number of grants for organizing and financing occasional meetings of scholars, and will assist in bringing to Canadian faculties visiting scholars of outstanding calibre who are expected to make a stimulating contribution to academic life.

THEATRES TO TOUR EUROPE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that the Théâtre de l'Egrégore, of Montreal, would make a two-month tour of France, Belgium and Switzerland under the programme of cultural exchanges with French-speaking countries. The company will receive a grant from the Government to defray the cost of the tour, during which it will give about 40 performances in Paris, Le Havre, Bourges, Bordeaux, Marseille, Lyon, Geneva, Lauzanne and Brussels. The company will tour with two productions from its repertoire: *A Private Soldier*, by the Montreal playwright Marcel Dubé, which will alternate with a programme containing two plays, one by Arthur Kopit and the other by the Toronto playwright Stanley Mann.

FIRST SUCH VISIT

Mr. Martin emphasized that le Théâtre de l'Egrégore would be the first theatrical company from Canada to undertake a tour of this kind and, in particular, to visit French cities in the provinces as well as Paris. He said this initiative would make Canada better known in the places visited.

Mr. Martin also announced that a grant would be awarded to La Troupe de l'Atrium under the same programme to enable the company to accept an invitation from Maisons de la Culture at Le Havre, Bourges and Grenoble to present the play *He*, by Denis St. Denis, in these three cities.

U.S. TO BUILD LIBBY DAM

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, recently announced that the United States Government had exercised the option given it by the Columbia River Treaty to build the Libby Dam on the Kootenai River in the United States.

In a note delivered at Ottawa, United States Ambassador W. Walton Butterworth notified the Government of Canada of his Government's intention to start construction on the project by June 30. The terms of the Treaty require that the dam be in full operation within seven years of the date specified for commencement of construction.

While the Libby Dam will be located on the Kootenai River in Montana, U.S.A., the reservoir formed by it will extend 42 miles into Canada, flooding some 13,700 acres of land in the East Kootenay Valley of British Columbia.

BENEFITS TO CANADA

Under the terms of the Treaty, which was ratified on September 16, 1964, the Government of Canada will provide the necessary reservoir area in Canada. This responsibility, including any costs involved, has in turn been accepted by the government of British Columbia through the Canada-British Columbia Agreement of July 8, 1963, and Canada, in return, will receive both substantial power and flood control benefits on the reach of the Kootenay in Canada, downstream of the Libby Dam. The regulation provided by the Libby Dam will remove the annual flood hazard from the Creston Plate farming area in British Columbia and will provide a potential gain of approximately 200,000 kw. of low-cost power on the section of river in Canada downstream of Kootenay Lake. These benefits are in addition to the power and flood control benefits resulting from other parts of the Columbia River Development for which Canada receives payments from the United States.

The total cost of the Libby project is estimated at \$352 million. It will be constructed at U.S. expense by the United State Army Corps of Engineers.

CANADA APPOINTS NEW REPRESENTATIVE AT UN

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, recently announced the appointment of Mr. J. Douglas Gibson, of Toronto, as the Canadian representative on the United Nations *Ad Hoc* Committee of Financial Experts. This Committee was established by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly adopted on December 13, 1965. The resolution requests the Committee to examine the present financial situation of the United Nations and the entire range of budgetary problems of the United Nations, the Specialized Agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency. The Committee is asked to submit to the twenty-first session of the General Assembly "such recommendations as it may deem appropriate, relating particularly to a better utilization of the funds available to the organizations,