



*New Chief of Defence Staff
General Jacques A. Dextraze
(left) replaces General
Frederick R. Sharp (right),
who has retired.*



TOP MAN IN UNIFORM

Canada's new Chief of the Defence Staff is General Jacques A. Dextraze of Montreal, a 53-year old, much decorated infantryman, who took over on September 15 from General Frederick R. Sharp of Moosomin, Saskatchewan.

General Sharp, a Second World War bomber commander with 37 years' service, has led the Canadian Armed Forces for the past three years.

The new head of the armed forces began his career in 1940, at the age of 21, as a private with Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal, a Montreal infantry regiment. By 1944, he was commanding his unit with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He won the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in the fighting in North-

west Europe and a bar to the DSO for his part in the surrender of Gronigen in the Netherlands.

General Sharp became a civilian after the war, but returned to uniform in 1950 to lead the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22nd Regiment ("Van Doos") in Korea and was made an Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

Several senior posts followed until 1963, when he went to the Congo as chief of staff of the UN forces there. For "outstanding planning and leadership in rescue operations" he was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

He became chief of personnel of the Canadian Forces in 1970.

TRADE NEWS

Wheat Pact with Algeria

An agreement for the sale of wheat by Canada to Algeria was signed in Ottawa last month by Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Ambassador Djamel Houhou of Algeria. "This agreement between Canada and Algeria," Mr. Pepin said, "provides that Algeria shall buy in Canada, through the Office algérien interprofessionnel des Céréales, and Canada shall supply through the Canadian Wheat Board, up to 500,000 metric tons of wheat annually each calendar year for the 1973 to 1977 period inclusive.

All sales under the new agreement will be addi-

tional to those made under the four-year agreement negotiated between the Algerian Government and the Wheat Board in 1970. The long-term agreement, first of its kind with Algeria, calls for the delivery of between 850,000 and 1 million metric tons of wheat by July 31, 1975.

Canada and Tunisia Trade

A meeting was held last month between the Minister of Trade, and Abdelaziz Hamzaoui, Tunisian Ambassador to Canada to mark the signing in Tunis of a trade agreement between Canada and Tunisia on August 8.

"The signing of this agreement indicates willingness on the part of our two countries to establish