

CANADA-DOMINICA HAM RADIO PACT

The Governments of Canada and the Dominican Republic recently concluded an agreement, subject to certain conditions, to permit amateur radio-stations in the two countries to exchange messages or other communications from or to third parties. These conditions are that the amateur stations should be paid no direct or indirect compensation and that messages should be of a technical or personal nature, where recourse to public telecommunications services would not be justified. One effect of the agreement will be to facilitate the sending of personal communications to Canada by Canadians resident in the Dominican Republic, possibly in remote areas, who are not themselves operators of amateur radio stations.

Canadian radio amateurs are at present authorized to communicate with their counterparts throughout the world in compliance with the International Radio Regulations of the International Telecommunications Union and with the Radio Act and Regulations of Canada, provided communications are made in

plain language and limited to messages of a technical or personal nature. Radio amateurs are generally not permitted to use their stations for communications on behalf of third parties. However, the International Radio Regulations recognize that countries may conclude special agreements to permit amateurs of the countries concerned to exchange such communications.

The agreement between Canada and the Dominican Republic was concluded in Santo Domingo on March 31 by an exchange of notes between Dr. Jaime Manuel Fernandez, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, and the Canadian Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Mr. D.S. McPhail. This is the eleventh agreement of its kind to which Canada is signatory, the others having been concluded with the United States, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Honduras, Mexico, Chile, El Salvador, Bolivia, Peru and Israel. The Canadian Government is at present negotiating similar agreements with a number of other countries.

TRAVELLING CONSERVATION EXHIBIT

Each year, as part of its program of publicizing the need for conservation, the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests displays a collection of Canadian wildlife at some 70 fairs and exhibitions throughout the province.

The 3-million-odd persons who visit the display annually are usually fascinated by the mammals, birds and fish on exhibit. Since the average city-dweller (and many rural people too) seldom, if ever, see a timber wolf, a coyote, a black bear or a spotted fawn in its natural surroundings, there is great interest in the animal enclosures, which permit the visitor, through a protective glass pane, to watch a wolf or a fox at dinner. Prominent placards provide descriptions of the habits and habitats of the various animals.

Jim Scott, the exhibition's public relations officer and full-time curator, travels with his charges. Most of the animals have grown up in captivity after being brought to him as orphaned or injured creatures with little chance of survival.

Animals are usually kept at the Department's wildlife compound at Minesing, near Barrie, where they receive expert care. The cages are clean and comfortable, the diet is wholesome, and the company (human) good.

Five employees, attached to the Department's conservation education section, design and build the displays, highlighting lands and forests activities and branch projects. All displays are staffed by officers from the Department's 21 forest districts.



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Jim Scott, curator of the travelling exhibit, takes special care of the baby black bear.