

## NEW CULTURAL PROGRAMME

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced recently that, under the Government's new programme of cultural relations with countries entirely or partially of French expression, the Canada Council had been authorized to undertake the following projects in the arts:

- (1) the acquisition of three studios at the Cité internationale des arts in Paris for the use of Canadian artists of renown;
- (2) the awarding of a \$3,500 grant to the Société dramatique de l'Université d'Ottawa to attend the International Festival of University Theatre Groups to be held in Nancy, France, from April 18 to 26, 1964. (This group has been delegated by the Executive Committee of the Association of Canadian University Theatre Companies to perform Ionesco's work "La cantatrice chauve" at the Festival.)

The communiqué issued at the conclusion of the Prime Minister's visit to France from January 15 to 17 noted that the French and Canadian Governments had agreed to further the development of cultural

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## NIGERIAN MINISTER VISITS

The Nigerian Minister of State for Navy, the Honourable Matthew Mbu, accompanied by the permanent Defence Secretary, Sule Kolo, made a tour of Canadian defence installations at which members of the Nigerian armed forces were training from April 21 to 26.

On April 22, the Nigerian defence party met the Canadian Chiefs of Staff and Department of External Affairs officials and lunched with the Associate Minister of National Defence, Mr. Lucien Cardin.

On April 22, Mr. Mbu and Mr. Kolo journeyed aboard a Royal Canadian Air Force aircraft to Camp Borden, Ontario, where they interviewed officer cadets of the Nigerian Army training at the Royal Canadian School of Infantry. They also toured the facilities of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps School and the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps School.

The Nigerian defence officials travelled to RCAF Station Penhold, Alberta, on April 23. Next day they interviewed Nigerian flight cadets training there, and were guests of honor at a wing's parade.

Mr. Mbu and Mr. Kolo visited HMCS "Naden", Esquimalt, British Columbia, on April 25, to interview Nigerian officers and apprentices training at the naval base, and to tour the Fleet School facilities.

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## OTTAWA-QUEBEC CONSERVATION PLANS

Forty-four new soil and water conservation projects have been approved for the Province of Quebec under the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act, according to a joint announcement made recently by federal Forestry Minister Maurice Sauvé and Quebec Agriculture and Colonization Minister Alcide Courcy. The total cost will be \$1,595,000,

exchanges. The Canadian programme will involve the granting on a reciprocal basis of scholarships and fellowships, and the promotion in French-language countries of Canadian arts, both performing and visual. In its operation, the Government will have the advice and assistance of the Canada Council, which has accepted the responsibility for administration of the programme. It is hoped that the programme will encourage the development of academic and artistic exchanges and presentations between Canada and other countries entirely or partly of French expression.

An appropriation of \$250,000 is envisaged for the programme in 1964-65. The greater part of this amount will be expended in the form of scholarships, fellowships, teaching-fellowships, study grants, travel grants, etc., to bring to Canada professors, scholars, scientists and artists of renown from countries of French expression. Detailed arrangements regarding the operation of the academic aspects of the project will shortly be the subject of consultations with the governments concerned.

to be shared equally by the federal and provincial governments.

All these projects are aimed at flood reduction and the improvement of drainage, to increase the amount of arable land available to farmers. Most of them will involve dredging and other measures for the improvement of some 309 miles of stream channel.

About two and a quarter million cubic yards of earth will be moved - most of it by dredging to clear stream channels. Nearly 40,000 arpents (33,300 acres) of land will be reclaimed, protected or rehabilitated for the benefit of more than 1,300 farmers.

The projects were proposed by Quebec under the general terms of the ARDA legislation, which includes soil and water conservation measures, and is generally aimed at improving income and employment opportunities in rural areas of Canada.

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## OLD PLANE OBJECT OF SEARCH

To complete an exhibit of fighter aircraft used by the Royal Canadian Air Force through the 1920's to the present day, the Air Force is attempting to locate one of the "Siskin" biplanes that were introduced into service in May 1929.

Ten "Siskins" were purchased by the RCAF, and all but one have been accounted for. Aircraft number A-26 was sold by War Assets in September 1946, but there is no record of who purchased it.

The planned exhibit is being arranged in connection with National Air Force Day, which is scheduled to take place at RCAF Station Rockcliffe, near Ottawa, on June 6.

Other aircraft in the display will include a "Hurricane", a "Spitfire", a "Vampire", a "Sabre", a CF-100, a CF-101B and a "Bomarc".