

because of the extensive network of communications and agencies which it already possesses in the Pacific region and its well established position as a common carrier of high repute in that area. This will make it possible for Canadian Pacific Air Lines to embark upon the projected operations without the establishment of the substantial new network of representation which would be the case if another airline were designated.

Mr. Chevrier added that Canadian Pacific Air Lines has indicated that it is prepared to initiate these services without Government financial assistance and the Government in return has made it quite clear that no federal subsidy will be provided. It is understood, of course, that the initiation of these services will also depend upon the ability of the Government to negotiate agreements with other countries in the Pacific region in order to obtain the necessary traffic rights for the projected operations. These negotiations are now going forward.

**GEN. CRERAR HONOURED:** His Majesty the King has approved of the appointment of General H.D.G. Crerar, CH, CB, DSO, as his first Aide de Camp General from Canada, according to an announcement on July 23 by the Hon. Brooke Claxton, Minister of National Defence.

Gen. Crerar, former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, First Canadian Army in North-west Europe, 1944-45, is the first Canadian general officer to hold the special appointment of Aide de Camp General. It is a high individual honour but at the same time may be construed as recognition of Canada's outstanding war effort and the position of this country in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

Gen. Crerar retired from the Canadian Army in October, 1946. He now resides at Rockcliffe, Ont., a suburb of Ottawa.

Mr. Claxton also announced that the retirement of Col. H.M. Urquhart, DSO, MC, of Victoria, as additional Aide de Camp to His Majesty had also been approved on his reaching the retirement age of 67.

**WELCOMES "NORTH STAR" ORDER:** The announcement made in the House of Lords by the Minister of Civil Aviation of the United Kingdom, that British Overseas Airways Corporation has placed an order for 22 Canadair "North Star" aircraft, will be very welcome in Canada. Rt. Hon. C.D. Howe said on July 21, The Canadair aircraft plant is one of our largest aircraft factories and this order will make it possible for the plant to operate at full capacity for the next fifteen months at least. Now that B.O.A.C. has chosen this aircraft for its Empire routes, in preference to other similar types now on the world market, it is probable that other foreign orders for this aircraft may be expected.

"North Star" four-engine aircraft are now standard equipment by Trans-Canada Air Lines on both Trans-Atlantic and main domestic routes. Twenty-six of these aircraft are now being operated by TCA and, in addition the RCAF are operating seventeen of the military version of the same airplane.

The present Canadair factory was built to produce war requirements of PBV Amphibians for Canada's RCAF, as well as for the U.S. Air Force. When its war work ended, the Government undertook in this plant the development of a four-engine aircraft suitable for military and civil transport by Canadian services. The fact that B.O.A.C. is now adopting the aircraft for its Empire routes is an indication that the plans of the Government were well devised. It is now apparent that Canadair will develop into an important continuing Canadian industry in peace as well as in war.

The difficulty facing the U.K. in considering the purchase of these aircraft has been the immediate lack of Canadian dollars. The Government has acted to relieve this difficulty by permitting the Government of the U.K. to defer for a short period repayments on the 1942 loan which are normally made from the proceeds of sale or redemption of Canadian securities owned in the U.K. Thus Canadian dollars that would otherwise be payable immediately to Canada, will be used for the purchase of these aircraft and repayment of the loan will be resumed after these payments have been met. The remaining securities available for sale or redemption in the U.K. are ample to ensure ultimate repayment of the loan in full.

In the course of his remarks, Lord Pakenham made the following statement: "Fly British remains our ultimate objective. I reassert it vigorously this afternoon. But Fly Commonwealth is a pretty good substitute in the meantime". Mr. Howe said this remark will be most welcome in Canada as a further evidence of cooperation within the British Commonwealth of Nations.

**TUNA CUP MATCH:** Hon. Harold Connolly, Nova Scotia Minister of Trade and Industry, and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the fifth International Tuna Cup Match to be held at Wedgeport, Nova Scotia, September 8 - 11, announced on July 20 the rules governing the tournament which will attract crack angling teams from the United States, the British Empire, Cuba and the Argentine.

Cuba will send its ace fishermen in an attempt to retain the Alton B. Sharp Trophy, emblematic of world tuna angling supremacy, which it captured in the 1947 tourney. The Trophy is a handsome silver bowl designed by Lynn Bogue Hunt of New York and presented for annual competition by Alton B. Sharp, well known Boston sportsman and president of the Eastern Steamship Lines.