

CANADIAN HEADS WMO BODY

Clarence C. Boughner, chief of the climatology division, Transport Department Meteorological Branch, was elected president of the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) commission for climatology at its recent session in London, England.

The commission is one of eight technical commissions of the WMO, itself a Specialized Agency of the United Nations.

Mr. Boughner, who was Canada's principal delegate at the session, will hold office for four years; for the past four years he has been vice-president.

He joined the Meteorological Service in 1934 as assistant to the chief climatologist and was appointed to his present position in 1950.

Mr. Boughner graduated in honour mathematics and physics from the University of Toronto in 1933 and received his master's degree in meteorology the following year.

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LOANS FOR STUDENT RESIDENCES

Late in November, the House of Commons passed legislation authorizing the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation to make long-term loans to universities for the construction of student residences. This satisfied one of the four requests made in a brief presented to Prime Minister Diefenbaker earlier in the month by a delegation of university heads (Very Rev. H.F. Légaré, Dr. Claude Bissell, Msgr. I. Lussier, Dr. W.A. Macintosh, Dr. H.H. Sanderson and Msgr. H.J. Somers) representing the Canadian Universities Foundation.

The four specific requests were:

(1) that there be an increase by 1962-63 from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a head in federal grants to the universities;

(2) that for each full-time student enrolled in a school of graduate studies proceeding either to an M.A. or a Ph.D. or their graduate equivalents, and for each full-time student enrolled in a faculty of medicine or a faculty of dentistry, an additional payment of \$500 be made;

(3) that the present capital grants for university construction on a matching basis be extended so as to include grants made for science buildings through the agency of the National Research Council, and that an annual sum of between five and eight million dollars be made available both to the Canada Council and to the National Research Council for this purpose;

(4) that an amendment be introduced to Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation legislation and regulations to allow the Corpo-

ration to lend money on 30-year mortgages to the universities at a rate of interest no higher than that paid by the Government on its own long-term obligations, to permit the universities to construct residences for students and housing for married students.

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SENIOR NRC APPOINTMENT

Dr. Donald Charles Rose, 59, has been appointed Associate Director of the Division of Pure Physics, National Research Council of Canada.

Dr. Rose will continue to head the cosmic ray section of NRC's Pure Physics Division and to represent Canada on various committees concerned with space research. In addition he will co-ordinate the work on space research in the National Research Laboratories with that being done in other government departments and in universities.

Dr. Rose is chairman of the Associate Committee on Space Research set up in Canada and, in 1959, was chairman of the United Nations Technical Committee on Outer Space. He is also the Canadian representative on the International Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) established by the International Council of Scientific Unions. During the International Geophysical Year, 1957-58, Dr. Rose was chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee of the Canadian programme. In 1954, he carried out a major research mission as head of a party of scientists on HMCS "Labrador" sailing through the North-West Passage.

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CANADA - PAKISTAN AIR PACT

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Léon Balcer, has announced that an air-transport agreement between the Governments of Canada and Pakistan was signed in Karachi on December 21.

The agreement was signed by V.C. Moore, Acting High Commissioner for Canada in Pakistan, and by Hameduddin Ahmed, Joint Secretary, Pakistan Ministry of Defence, on behalf of their respective governments. It provides for the establishment of scheduled international air services between Pakistan and Canada by airlines of both countries. The pact, however, represents long-term planning and any routes to be operated by designated airlines will be agreed upon between the two countries at some later date.

The signing of the agreement, which was negotiated earlier this year when a Canadian delegation visited Karachi for the purpose, and which has now been approved by the respective governments, is a further step towards strengthening the ties of friendship and co-operation between Canada and Pakistan.