

## FLORAL TRIBUTE TO SIR WINSTON

A wreath symbolizing the grief of Canadians was placed before a portrait of Sir Winston Churchill by General Georges P. Vanier, Governor-General of Canada, during the national ceremony of mourning in the Hall of Fame of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa on January 30.

The wreath was the handiwork of disabled veterans employed in the Toronto Vetcraft Shop operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs at Sunnybrook Hospital, Toronto.

Following the ceremony in the Hall of Fame, the wreath was placed at the 1914-1918 War Memorial in Ottawa.

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## CANADIANS TEACH UN DRIVERS

A formidable task faced members of the No. 56 Canadian Transport Company, Royal Canadian Army Service Corps at Camp Rafah in the United Arab Republic, who recently conducted a vehicle-safety course for members of the Indian, Swedish, Brazilian, Yugoslav and Danish units of the United Nations Emergency Force. The experience of the students varied from that of driving on the left of the road to rushing headlong over rutted jungle trails.

The main object of the course was to train the transport officers of each of the UNEF components to organize safety programmes in their own units. Keen interest was shown in the demonstration of the "porto-clinic", a device used to test drivers in reaction time and judgment of distance. Members of the UNEF military police also instructed the students on the responsibilities of drivers in the investigation of motor accidents. The chief of military personnel for the UN peace-keeping force, Lieutenant-Colonel K. Knudsen, emphasized at the conclusion of the course that more UNEF deaths had been caused by such accidents than in any other way.

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## FIRMS AT U.S. GIFT SHOW

Twenty companies from across Canada displayed a broad range of distinctive giftware at the California Gift Show in Los Angeles from January 22 to 29. Their products are described in an illustrated booklet entitled "Distinctive Giftware from Canada," produced by the Department of Trade and Commerce and mailed before the show to buyers in the high-volume Western U.S. giftware market.

The Canadian products displayed ranged from Indian and Eskimo handicrafts to compact automobile vacuum-cleaners and from jewelry and fine crystal to footwear, leathercraft and furs. Children's toys and games vied for the attention of buyers with oil paintings, woodcarvings, marble deskware, stoneware, sealskin novelties, woven fabrics and beeswax candles.

All were distinctive Canadian in design, manufacture and quality. Many were hand-crafted and reflected the skill and artistry of the individual craftsman and his culture and environment. Most materials were Canadian.

## CANADIAN AIR-TRAINING DEVICE

A Canadian-designed table-top trainer for student air-traffic controllers is being made available by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to developing nations. The device uses tape-recorded conversations between aircraft captains and controllers in imaginary situations.

### SPECIAL ADVANTAGES

Developed at the request of ICAO in the Transport Department's air-services training school at the Ottawa International Airport, the trainer relieves instructors of much repetitious drilling and allows each student to learn at his own pace. It is particularly suitable for countries where air-traffic control students have a minimum education and must also learn English.

ICAO makes the trainers available at \$800 a unit. Each unit consists of a stereophonic tape-recorder, seven half-hour taped lessons, 24 metal TV tables and 30 students' desk-sets.

### NATURE OF LESSONS

Each desk-set contains a manual with a complete transcript of the tapes in the student's native language, 14 pictorial desk-sheets depicting an airport-layout plan with typical traffic situations, and three magnets. The magnets, representing aircraft, cling to the metal table and are moved over the layout sheets according to recorded instructions.

The taped lessons are in English, the universal language of air-traffic control. The tapes contain the voices of the instructor, several air-traffic controllers and a dozen foreign pilots.

Recordings of the voices of pilots and controllers are played back through loudspeakers, giving a back-and-forth effect. A final touch of realism lies in the voices themselves; the Air France captain speaks with a French accent, the Lufthansa pilot with a German one, and so on.

Later on in the course, the students can block out the controllers' voices and give the instructions themselves. The seven lessons end with a tape-recorded examination.

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## ELLIOT LAKE EDUCATION CENTRE

It was announced recently by the Ontario Minister of Education, Mr. William G. Davis, and the federal Minister of Labour, Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, that the Ontario town of Elliot Lake, which until several years ago was associated with the uranium-mining industry would be the location of a Centre for Continuing Education.

The Centre, which will provide a wide range of programmes for adults, including courses in the fine and performing arts, management, selected technologies and labour education, is to be built under the federal-provincial Technical and Vocational Training Agreement. It will also provide conference facilities for groups wishing to organize residential seminars. Excellent summer and winter recreational facilities are available in the area for the relaxation of those attending conferences and courses.