

Erie in Ontario, in northern New Brunswick and in the six eastern counties of Nova Scotia. The geographers will compile the resultant data on colored map sheets on scales of one or four miles to the inch.

In the Far North, the largest single project is on Baffin Island, where 14 geographers are making an intensive study of the Penny and Barnes ice-caps and the surrounding terrain to obtain vital information on one of the larger remaining little-known areas of the Canadian Arctic.

Three of the northern parties are attached to the Polar Continental Shelf Project to continue the study of ice distribution over the shelf and in the channels between the islands, the ice-cap and terrain of Meighen Island, and the terrain of Melville Island.

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### ENVOY TO C.A.R.

The Canadian Government has established diplomatic relations with the Central African Republic. Mr. Fulgence Charpentier, Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Cameroun, has been appointed Canadian Ambassador to the Central African Republic. Mr. Charpentier, who is concurrently Ambassador to Chad, Gabon and Congo (Brazzaville), will discharge his responsibilities in the Central African Republic by means of periodic visits to the capital, Bangui.

The new appointment is part of the programme announced earlier this year to strengthen Canada's ties with French-speaking countries of Africa through the expansion of diplomatic representation. With the establishment of relations between Canada and these former French African colonies, which are now grouped in what is known as the Union of African and Malagasy States, there will be increased opportunities for mutually beneficial contacts in the political, commercial and cultural fields, between Canada and the nations of Africa.

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### RIOPELLE DISPLAY AT VENICE

The Canadian pavilion at this year's Venice Biennale (the thirty-first) will be devoted exclusively to the works of Jean-Paul Riopelle. "We are proud to present this exhibition of the works of Jean-Paul Riopelle as Canada's contribution to the XXXI Biennale of Venice", says the director of the National Gallery, Charles Comfort. "It is designed to show the scope of this remarkable artist's development during the past 15 years. At the same time, we are honouring one who has made the name of Canada known on the international art scene and who has been an inspiration to many of this country's younger artists".

The Riopelle exhibit will consist of paintings and sculpture. It was assembled by J. Russell Harper, curator of Canadian art at the National Gallery. The

works selected are principally from the collections of the National Gallery of Canada and the artist.

Canada began to exhibit at the Biennale in 1952. The Canadian pavilion was opened in 1958. It was designed by the Italian architect Enrico Peresutti, and was commissioned by the Canadian Government through the National Gallery. Other countries that have their own pavilions are Britain, the United States, Israel, France, Denmark and Spain.

Three works by Riopelle are currently being shown in the Fine Arts Exhibit at the Seattle World Fair, as part of the international exhibition *Art Since 1950*.

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### NAVAL CADETS EXCHANGED

Two Royal Canadian Navy officer cadets who have completed their third year at the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, will train this summer with the United States Navy on an exchange with two midshipmen from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. This is the second year that an exchange of cadets and midshipmen of the permanent forces of the two navies has taken place.

Cadet John E. Croft, of Weston, Ontario, and Cadet Jacques J. Duval, of Trois Rivières, Quebec, are now in training aboard the USS "Fort Berry" and the USS "L. Thomas" (destroyer escorts), where they will remain until July 26, when they will return to Canada.

Their U.S. Navy counterparts, Midshipmen R.E. Berry and D.C. Hawkins, will take their summer sea training on board two RCN destroyer escorts of the Pacific Command, the former in HMCS "Fraser" and the latter in HMCS "Ottawa". They will train with senior RCN cadets from the Royal Military College and Canadian universities.

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### FITNESS AND SPORT GRANTS

An additional \$88,265 in grants to national organizations under the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme has been announced by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, Mr. J. Waldo Monteith. The latest grants were recommended to the Government by the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport at its April meetings. They will bring total federal assistance under the new programme to more than \$600,000.

Mr. Monteith said that he was greatly encouraged by the broad range of activities covered by the new grants and also by the prominence of fitness and recreation organizations represented. "I feel," he added "that, together with the recently-announced National Fitness Festival, these grants indicate very substantial progress in our efforts to give fitness activities their full due in the new programme."

Mr. Monteith said that a number of additional requests for grants had yet to be dealt with and that he hoped to make an announcement on this subject shortly.