

achieve this increased output, many Canadian parts-makers will have to undertake substantial re-equipment and expansion programmes, which will probably involve a limited number of layoffs.

Because the economy as a whole will benefit from the Automotive Programme, the Government will assist those workers affected through transitional assistance benefits. The Board will receive applications from a firm on behalf of its employees by a group of workers in such a firm, by their union or other authorized representative. On receipt of an application, the Board will determine the extent to which a layoff is attributable to the Automotive Programme.

LOAN TERMS

The Adjustment Assistance Board will authorize loans to existing auto-parts producers who have the prospect of operating at a profit but would be prevented from doing so by inability to acquire sufficient financing. It is authorized to make loans at 6 per cent *per annum* to enable producers to expand or modernize existing facilities or to acquire new plant and equipment. Loans on land and buildings will be available up to a maximum of 20 years, while those for machinery and equipment will be made for periods not exceeding ten years. Parliament has passed legislation permitting the Board to enter into loan commitments totalling \$20 million.

TO PRESERVE YUKON RIVER BOAT

The S.S. *Klondike*, one of the stern-wheeler river steamers that formerly plied the Yukon River between Whitehorse and Dawson, will be preserved as a national historic site. In announcing this decision, the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources said that a museum would be established inside the vessel to tell the story of northern transportation.

The *Klondike*, which was taken out of service in the early 1950s, now rests on timbers on the river bank at Whitehorse. It will be moved to a new location about a quarter of a mile away, known locally as South Whiskey Flats, and set on a permanent cradle.

Another stern-wheeler, the S.S. *Keno*, is preserved at Dawson. Vessels of this type were a principle means of transportation in the Yukon from gold-rush days until the building of the Whitehorse-Dawson Road.

The *Klondike*, built in 1936, is a wooden vessel 210 feet long, with a beam of nearly 42 feet and a gross tonnage of 1,362 tons. The cost of moving and

restoring the vessel and establishing the museum is estimated at \$238,000. Annual maintenance costs will be about \$10,000.

The *Klondike* was given to the Federal Government, with two sister ships, the *Casca* and the *Whitehorse*, by the White Pass and Yukon Railway. The local Chamber of Commerce and many other citizens have urged the Government to preserve the old stern-wheeler on the proposed new site.

RCN OVERSEAS TRAINING CRUISE

Six Halifax-based warships will sail on September 8 for a nine-week training cruise in European and Baltic waters. They are the aircraft carrier *Bonaventure*, the helicopter-carrying destroyers *Nipigon* and *Saguenay*, the destroyer escort *Kootenay*, the operational support vessel *Provider*, and the mobile repair ship *Cape Scott*.

Once overseas, the ships will part company to visit several ports, including Chatham and Portsmouth (England), Rotterdam and Amsterdam (Holland), Hamburg (Germany), and Copenhagen (Denmark).

NEW SUBMARINES

The three destroyers and the *Cape Scott* will be in Chatham over the period in which the submarine *Ojibwa* will be commissioned (September 23) and the *Onondaga* launched (September 25); these will be first and second of the three submarines of the *Oberon* class that are being built at the Chatham dockyard for the RCN.

The *Bonaventure* and the three destroyers will sail for Halifax via Bermuda on November 19, while the *Cape Scott* and the *Provider* will start their return voyage on November 13 and 16 respectively.

VISIT BY SENIOR U.S. SOLDIERS

A group of 15 senior United States Army officers will visit Canadian military and civilian installations in Eastern Canada during a five-day orientation tour later this month.

The visitors, ranging in rank from lieutenant-colonel to major-general, will arrive in Ottawa on September 19. On September 21, they will visit the Royal Military College at Kingston, Ontario. Next day the group will go to the Ontario Hydro power-plant at Niagara Falls.

The last two days of the familiarization trip, September 23 and 24, will be spent at the training area, Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick.