

## LOUIS RIEL STAMP

A six-cent commemorative stamp in honour of Louis Riel will be issued by the Canada Post Office on June 19, to mark the hundredth anniversary of the year in which the Métis leader reached the apex of his career.

Riel, who was born in St. Boniface, Assiniboia, a territory that was to become the province of Manitoba in 1844, first rose to prominence during the Red River uprising of 1869-70, when he became president of the Council of Assiniboia, the provisional government whose negotiations led to the territory's entry into Confederation as Canada's fifth province.



In 1873, and again in 1874, Riel was elected to Parliament as the Member for the district of Provencher. In 1875, he was banished from Canada for five years. He returned in 1884 to lead another protest against the Canadian Government. By 1885, the protest had grown into the Northwest Rebellion, which ended in defeat for the rebels at Batoche. Riel, charged with treason, was tried, convicted and sentenced to hang. The sentence was carried out in Regina on November 16, 1885.

Designed by Reinhard Derreth of Vancouver, British Columbia, the Louis Riel issue is red and blue and measures 24 mm. x 40 mm. Thirty-four million will be printed in two-colour gravure by the British American Bank Note Company of Ottawa.

## ROONEY CHARMS CDN TROOPS

Veteran movie actor Mickey Rooney with a troupe of 26 performers and musicians recently entertained members of Canada's NATO brigade in Northwest Germany.

Mr. Rooney, received an enthusiastic welcome from the soldiers and their dependents. The former child star predicts a bright future for Julian Gallo, his newest protégé and a member of the troupe, whose voice and style are reminiscent of the late Mario Lanza.

A spokesman for the entertainers said that this was the first time Mr. Rooney had performed overseas exclusively for Canadian servicemen. The show had its beginnings, he explained, when two Canadian servicemen on leave in Las Vegas went backstage to congratulate the actor who was playing a nightclub engagement. When they assured Rooney that Canadian servicemen would love his show, his reply was, "get someone to arrange it and you're on".

Mr. Rooney donated his services free for this tour.

In their four-day swing through West Germany, the troupe staged four shows - one each in Soest, Hemer, Baden-Baden and Lahr, where the Canadian division is located.

Two other talented Canadian performers, the Toronto comedian, Les Barker and the vivacious Montreal singer Marie André, also gave strong support to the show. Music was provided by 17 members of the Canadian Forces national band under the direction of Master Warrant Officer Al Carter.

## CONSERVATION AWARD TO OTTAWAN

The Conservation Education Award for 1970 of the Wildlife Society, an international association, has been made to Dr. David A. Munro of Ottawa, the first Canadian to receive this recognition since the award was established in 1953. He won it for his book *A Place for Everything*, a popular ecological work on the Canadian landscape.

### TV SERIES

The book was published by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, which also produced a television series with the same theme, for which Dr. Munro was a consultant. Now assistant deputy minister with the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Dr. Munro was director of the Canadian Wildlife Service at the time.

A committee of five United States wildlife scientists, chaired by Robert Wingard of Pennsylvania State University, made the selection. Mr. Wingard said that the quality of the content, the writing and the abundant illustrations - both in colour and black and white - and contemporary design of *A Place for Everything* had greatly impressed his committee.

Canadians collected a large proportion of the annual awards of this important association of wildlife biologists, including the coveted Leopold Medal, which went to Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan of the University of British Columbia.

This is the second successive year an officer of the Canadian Wildlife Service has won a major award of the Wildlife Society. Last year, Dr. John Kelsall, a research scientist with the Western region of the Canadian Wildlife Service, received the wildlife publication award for his monograph on the barren-ground caribou, which was published by the Service.

The Wildlife Society, which has its headquarters in Washington, has members and subscribers in 61 countries. Of the 6,000 members about 430 are Canadian. Its *Journal of Wildlife Management* is considered one of the most authoritative publications on this subject.

The preliminary estimate of milk produced in Canada in February was 1,071,000,000 pounds, 5.3 percent above that produced in February last year.