

TOUR EUROPE AND ASIA

Students of the National Defence College in Kingston, Ont., left Canada this week on a 52-day tour of defence and industrial sites in eight European and seven Asian countries.

The course, comprising 28 members from the Armed Forces, Civil Service and civilian industry of the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada, left April 15 for Gibraltar, first stop of a tour which will take them to Italy, Yugoslavia, West Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Bahrein, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Turkey and Greece between now and the end of May.

Included among the students are 20 Canadians, four from the United Kingdom and four from the United States. In addition four members of the directing staff of the National Defence College will accompany the students on the tour.

The National Defence College is the Canadian equivalent to the Imperial Defence College in London and the National War College in Washington. Each year senior officers of various departments of government and the Armed Forces study and examine the principles and practices of higher governmental administration.

The object of the course is to broaden the outlook of the students and to increase their knowledge and understanding of all matters relative to collective security and national defence. Economic, political and defence problems of foreign nations studied at the college are examined at first hand during the tour. Each course lasts approximately 11 months.

Through a series of studies, lectures and visits, the National Defence College students learn the historic, economical, social and political factors affecting Canadian defence and war potential; the international scene and Canada's place therein; the influence of scientific developments on war; and the interrelation of the Armed Forces with each other and with other departments of government.

The Commandant of the National Defence College is Maj.-Gen. J.D.B. Smith, 46, of Ottawa. He is assisted by a directing staff of four officers, one from each of the Armed Services and the Department of External Affairs, and an executive staff officer.

NEW MILITARY HOSPITAL

Foundation and excavation work tenders have been called for a 350-bed hospital in the Ottawa area for the armed forces, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the R.C.M.P.

The R.C.A.F. is charged with design and construction of the \$8,500,000 hospital and it is expected that tenders covering the main structure and services will be called later this year.

It has been recognized for some time that, because of the limited space and temporary nature of the buildings at the R.C.A.F. hospital at Rockcliffe and the fact that the veterans pavilion at the Civic Hospital will have to be vacated to meet purely civilian needs, a definite requirement exists in the Ottawa area for members of the armed forces as well as for veterans and members of the R.C.M.P.

With the expansion of the R.C.N., the Canadian Army and the R.C.A.F., it has also been realized that there is a need for a medical centre to co-ordinate the training of medical personnel to meet the special needs of military service.

The new hospital, to be called the National Defence Medical Centre - Ottawa, will have accommodation for 350 beds and provision for dental services, medical and diagnostic services, out-patient treatment and casual and definitive care for members of the R.C.N., Canadian Army, R.C.A.F. and R.C.M.P. and for veterans eligible for treatment under DVA regulations.

In addition to its other functions, the medical centre will also serve, in affiliation with the University of Ottawa, as a clinical teaching establishment for medical students and for post-graduate studies for Service Medical Officers and University graduates.

Although it will not serve as a training school for student nurses, it will be a centre for advanced training of nurses, medical assistants, laboratory technicians and operating room assistants.

Situated on property adjacent to the Rideau Health and Occupational Centre, the new institution will be housed in a seven storey cruciform building of contemporary design. In addition to this main hospital building, there will be a laundry and heating plant with maintenance shops, while a psychiatric unit will be housed in existing buildings which will be altered for this purpose.

AERIAL SURVEYS IN BOLIVIA

A Canadian organization has obtained half-a-dozen separate aerial survey contracts in Bolivia for a total area half that of the British Isles, some 60,000 square miles. The contracts, from several international oil companies, are valued in excess of half a million dollars with the possibility of extension to the present work with operations extending throughout this coming summer.

The Canadian Hunting group clinched the multiple deal by having senior executives negotiating in California, Texas, Oklahoma, New York and Holland the same day. This is the first job the Canadian Hunting group has done in Bolivia where the new Government policy has opened up the petroleum development to foreign capital, in remote areas east of the Andes. Hunting is well known for its operations in