

nical Board. The main area of this co-operation relates to organic cooled reactors and exchanges are being made between AECL and Euratom through the media of reports and visits. A Euratom representative is stationed in Canada to keep in close touch with the Canadian programme.

"Canada continues to be a strong supporter of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and AECL has been able to assist the IAEA by sending many technical experts to its conferences, symposia and panels and by accepting IAEA fellows for training at the Chalk River Reactor School.

"AECL's co-operation with the European Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organization for European Economic Co-operation has mainly been in the field of reactor physics. AECL, on behalf of Canada, is a member of the European-American Nuclear Data Committee. Valuable international co-operation has been established on nuclear cross section measurement work through this committee, and the research chemists at Chalk River in particular have been able to make important contributions."

NATO NAVAL EXERCISE

Approximately 60 warships, including four aircraft carriers from Canada and the United States, participated in a NATO naval exercise in the Western Atlantic from July 10 to 13. The three-day exercise tested carrier aircraft naval flight operations, tactics, communications and many other aspects of naval warfare. The exercise, named Rip Tide Two, was sponsored by NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic Admiral Robert L. Dennison, United States Navy.

Vice-Admiral Claude V. Ricketts, USN, NATO's Commander Striking Fleet Atlantic, conducted the exercise from his flagship USS "Northampton." Commodore James Plomer, Royal Canadian Navy, on board the anti-submarine carrier HMCS "Bonaventure", commanded the Canadian Task Group.

The exercise included anti-submarine warfare operations and strike exercises from the carriers "Bonaventure", "Essex", "Independence" and "Intrepid".

Other ships participating included the cruiser USS "Newport News", the guided-missile cruiser "Boston", and the Canadian destroyer escort HMCS "Athabaskan".

PROBE NEW SHIPPING METHOD

A new and rapidly-growing method of shipping freight will be examined in Toronto next November at Canada's first Conference on Containers to be sponsored by the National Harbours Board. Containers are oversized metal cases that can be readily moved by ship, rail or truck and easily interchanged among these forms of transportation. This new method is gaining ready acceptance owing to its effect in reducing shipping costs and damage to goods.

"Containerization" of freight is on the increase in the United States and Europe, and the first experimental shipments have already been made from Canada to Britain and the continent. According to a spokesman for the National Harbours Board, the time is ripe to bring together all those interested in container shipments in Canada. "By calling the conference now we shall afford an opportunity for representatives of industry and the various types of carriers to discuss the extent to which containers can be used in our foreign and domestic trade," he said. "By co-ordinating the thinking of the various interests at this stage, we hope that we in Canada can avoid some of the costly errors made in other countries."

The National Harbours Board Container Conference will bring together leading experts in the field from Canada and the U.S. The programme provides for background and technical papers as well as panel discussions and films on the latest container equipment available. The National Harbours Board expects to announce full Conference details shortly.

KOREAN GOODWILL MISSION

A goodwill mission despatched by the Government of the Republic of Korea to a number of capitals in North and South America visited Ottawa from July 11 to 13.

Members of the group were: Ambassador Chung, Il Kwon - head of the mission, Korean Ambassador to the United States; Mr. Lee, Won Kyung - managing director of the Hapdong News Agency; Mr. Shim Yun Sup - research editor of the *Orient Express*; Mr. Bhie, Yong Moon - chief of the European and American Affairs Section of the Korean, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

During their brief stay in Ottawa, members of the mission called on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, and conferred with Canadian officials.

AIR PARCEL RATES CUT

Reductions averaging approximately 17 per cent in domestic air parcel post rates were announced recently by Postmaster General William Hamilton in disclosing the first general revision of air parcel post rates since the inception of this service more than eight years ago. Rates on international air parcel post will also be cut, in the first general revision of these rates since 1953.

In making the announcement, Mr. Hamilton referred to the rate cuts as a sweeping step forward in operating an efficient long-haul parcel post service. He explained that the new rates reflected a gradual decrease in basic air costs of mail transportation, and that the Post Office was passing this saving on to the mailing public.