

### VISIT OF GERMAN MINISTER

Dr. Franz Josef Strauss, Defence Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany, visited Canada from Tuesday, September 22 to Friday, October 2, at the invitation of Mr. George R. Pearkes, V.C., Minister of National Defence. Dr. Strauss was accompanied by General Joseph Kammhuber, Chief of the Air Force of the Federal Republic of Germany, and a party of officials.

The tour marked Dr. Strauss' first visit to Canada to acquaint himself with the general Canadian scene and particularly with defence matters of mutual interest.

When he was in Ottawa Dr. Strauss met with the Ministers of National Defence and Defence Production and senior officials at the Department of National Defence. He called on Prime Minister Diefenbaker and had discussions with officials of the Department of External Affairs.

Dr. Strauss travelled to Chalk River to inspect the plant of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. He had an aerial view of the St. Lawrence Seaway during a flight to Kingston Ontario, where he visited the Royal Military College and spoke to students at the National Defence College.

The German Minister and his party spent several days at the West Coast, with a brief stop at Calgary, Alberta. They had an opportunity to visit RCN establishments at Esquimalt and the RCAF Station at Comox.

Returning to the East Dr. Strauss visited Toronto, Quebec City and Windsor, before leaving on October 2 for the United States.

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### CANADA'S YOUNG POPULATION

There were 5,821,000 children under 15 years of age, or about one-third of the estimated 17,442,000 in Canada's population on June 1 this year, according to age estimates of the population for that date by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. About 60 per cent or 10,306,500 were in the working ages between 15 and 64, and 1,314,500 or 7.5 per cent in the ages of retirement -- 65 and over.

While the total population of Canada increased by 8.5 per cent from the 1956 Census count of 16,080,791, the children under 15 increased by 11.4 per cent or 595,800, the working age group by 694,900 or 7.2 per cent, and the population in the retirement ages by 70,600 or 5.7 per cent.

Among the provinces the rate of increase since 1956 for children under 15 years was highest at 16.9 per cent in British Columbia and lowest at 4.2 per cent in Prince Edward

Island. The working age group, 15-65 years, also showed the most rapid growth in British Columbia (11.2 per cent), while Saskatchewan barely showed an increase (0.1 per cent). The largest increase among the population 65 years and over occurred in Alberta (7.7 per cent) and the smallest in Newfoundland (2.1 per cent).

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### ATOMIC ENERGY CONGRESS

At the Third Annual General Congress of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which opened in Vienna on September 21, the Canadian Delegation is led by Mr. M.H. Wershof, Canadian Representative of the Board of Governors of the Agency, and also Canadian Permanent Representative to the European Office of the United Nations. Mr. J.L. Gray, President of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited, is also a member of the Delegation.

The International Atomic Energy Agency is an inter-governmental organization, under the aegis of the United Nations, whose basic objectives are "to accelerate and enlarge the contribution of atomic energy to peace, health and prosperity throughout the world".

Canada participated actively in the establishment of the Agency and holds one of the five Members most advanced in the technology of atomic energy including the production of source materials.

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### VENEZUELAN ENVOY

His Excellency Dr. Manuel R. Egana has presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Venezuela to Canada to the Governor-General. The ceremony took place at Government House on September 22.

Dr. Egana was born at Zaraza, State of Guarico in 1900. A doctor in political science, he is also a lawyer, diplomat and financier. He joined the Ministry of External Relations in 1922 and has held various senior positions in that Ministry and in other Ministries. He was Minister of Finance (ad-interim), 1936; Minister of Development, 1938-41 and 1949-50. He was Chairman of the Financial Mission appointed by the Venezuelan Government to study the central bank in Canada, U.S.A. and in different countries of America and was Director of the Central Bank of Venezuela from 1951-58. Dr. Egana attended the first Oil Congress of the Arab League in Cairo as Venezuelan observer in 1959.