

sections of the new St. Lawrence Seaway Master's Handbook. Copies of this book are available from the Queen's Printer, Ottawa, or the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation of the United States at Seaway Circle, Massena, New York. A copy of this book must be carried aboard any craft using the Seaway locks.

The procedure for pleasure craft operators before entering a lock is as follows: unless otherwise instructed, pleasure craft tie up at a tie-up wall before transiting. The person in charge of the craft then proceeds to the office of the lockmaster, on the lock wall, to hand in his toll ticket and to receive instructions for passing through. If a pleasure craft is equipped with an adequate radio-telephone, the operator may report to the Seaway despatcher.

"Smaller" craft (less than 20 feet and two tons) may transit the Lachine Canal between Montreal Harbour and Lake St. Louis and the Sault Ste. Marie Canal (Canadian) and the portion of the Cornwall Canal still in operation without pre-clearance and toll-free.

Transit of pleasure craft will be scheduled so as to avoid interference with other shipping and may be delayed until a lockmaster considers that the craft may pass through safely.

8TH COLOMBO PLAN REPORT

Details of Canada's contribution to the economic development of the countries of South and Southeast Asia under the Colombo Plan are given in the 8th Annual Report of the Colombo Plan Consultative Committee, tabled in the House of Commons on April 25.

The report shows that, up to the end of the fiscal year 1958-59, Canada had provided \$231,620,000 in economic aid to the countries concerned. With the addition of \$50 million for the fiscal year 1959-60, Canada's total contribution will reach approximately \$282 million. Canada has also made grants of \$35 million and loans of \$35 million to member countries for the purchase of wheat and flour.

Also shown in the report is the total external assistance made available to Colombo Plan countries in 1958-59, which amounted to more than \$1,400 million and brought the total since the beginning of the Plan in 1950 to over \$6 billion. The report also describes the very substantial flow of their own resources which the countries of South and Southeast Asia are putting into their development programmes.

The report was prepared at the annual meeting of the Committee, which was held last November at Jogjakarta, Indonesia. The purpose of this annual conference, attended by ministers from Colombo Plan countries, was to evaluate the progress countries in the Colombo Plan area had made during the past year in

carrying forward their economic development programmes, and to define, in general terms, the magnitude and scope of the task that lay ahead.

Among the decisions the Consultative Committee reached, three are of significance: (1) to extend the Colombo Plan for a period of five years beyond 1961, and to consider at the 1964 meeting a further extension after 1966; (2) Singapore was admitted to full membership to accord with its new constitutional status; and (3) the 10th Anniversary of the Colombo Plan will be celebrated in 1961.

RCN 50TH ANNIVERSARY

The Royal Canadian Navy will mark its 50th anniversary this year with special events and ceremonies in major cities from coast to coast.

While the anniversary officially falls on May 4 - the date in 1910 on which Royal Assent was given to the Naval Service Act - special activities will be held throughout most of the year.

Nationwide ceremonies commemorating the Battle of the Atlantic will be held Sunday, May 8. Naval personnel and veterans in cities and towns across Canada will attend special church parades in annual tribute to those of the Navy and the Merchant Service who lost their lives in the war at sea.

The Navy League of Canada will hold its annual Navy Week observances beginning May 8. Among the activities planned are open house and parades by the Navy-League sponsored sea-cadet corps and Navy League cadets and Wrenettes.

At Halifax, the anniversary will be marked by several events, including a "sail-past" of ships of the Atlantic Fleet, a "fly-past" of 40 naval aircraft on May 19 and a fleet regatta in Bedford Basin, followed by a performance of the Sunset Ceremony May 20. Navy Day activities on May 21 will include demonstrations by ships, aircraft and submarines, and on May 23, the Queen's Color will be trooped in honor of Her Majesty's birthday.

On the other side of the continent, Pacific Command anniversary events will include a jubilee ball at HMCS "Naden" on May 19, special displays at the naval dockyard on May 21, when ships and establishments will be open to visitors, and prominent RCN participation in the annual Victoria Day parade May 23.

At Ottawa, a guard and massed bands from the Atlantic Command will perform the Sunset Ceremony on Parliament Hill, June 30 to July 2 inclusive.

The destroyer escorts, "Columbia" and "Chaudière" will visit Quebec City, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and other Great Lakes ports during a month-long "anniversary cruise" starting late in May. Other ships will make anniversary visits to Canadian ports on