

CANADA COUNCIL MUSIC GRANTS

Dr. Carl Orff, eminent German composer and teacher, will visit Canada next summer as a result of a Canada Council grant. Dr. Orff will act as chairman of a conference and training course on elementary music education to be held at the University of Toronto. A Council grant of \$3,050 was approved to help the Royal Conservatory of Music sponsor the conference, which will be attended by music teachers from many parts of Canada. Instruction will be given in the system of music instruction developed by Dr. Orff in Germany and now used with great success in some Canadian schools.

A supplementary grant of \$5,000 was also authorized for the National Youth Orchestra to help underwrite the costs of the winter session to be held in Montreal at the end of December. Young musicians from many parts of the country will attend to study with conductors Wilfrid Pelletier and Victor Feldbrill and leading instrumentalists. The most recent subvention brings to \$15,000 the total Council support to the orchestra during the current season.

The Baroque Trio of Montreal will give a series of concerts in Central and Eastern Canada and the United States, with the help of a \$3,400 grant from the Council. The trio has toured annually since 1959 with Council assistance.

Four Canadian choral groups will receive Council assistance during the coming season. Grants of \$1,500 each were authorized for the Bach Elgar Choir of Hamilton, the Festival Singers of Toronto, the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Ottawa Choral Society. Since 1958, the Canada Council has helped well-established choirs to improve and expand their orchestral accompaniment, engage better soloists and perform new or rarely heard works. Grants have been restricted to those organizations receiving substantial community support and drawing their audiences from cities with a population of more than 100,000.

A grant of \$500 will enable Vancouver organist Hugh J. McLean to commission a work for organ, brass quintet, and timpani from the composer, Robert Turner. The work will be first performed by Mr. McLean at the biennial National Convention of the American Guild of Organists at which he has been invited to play in July 1962.

Four volumes of early Canadian folk music will be published with the help of a \$2,500 grant to the Canadian Folk Music Society, on the preparation of the manuscripts. The proposed books will cover folk songs from Acadia, French Canada, and the songs and music of the Salish and Iroquois Indians.

ENVOY TO MALAYA

The appointment has been announced of Mr. Charles Eustache McGaughey as High Commissioner for Canada to Malaya, with simultaneous accreditation as Ambassador to Burma and Thailand.

Mr. McGaughey was born in November 1917 at North Bay, Ontario. He graduated from Queen's University in 1939, receiving a M.A. degree in

Political Science. In 1941 he interrupted his post-graduate studies at the University of Chicago to enlist in the Canadian Army. While with the Armed Forces he attended the Canadian Army Japanese Language School in Vancouver, and later served with the British Army in India, Malaya and Thailand. On his discharge as captain in 1947, he joined the Department of External Affairs.

As a member of the Department, Mr. McGaughey has served abroad in Chicago, Tokyo, New Delhi, and Wellington, New Zealand where he was Acting High Commissioner from May 1957 until March 1958.

NEW STAMPS FOR 1962

The subjects of seven new postage stamps to be issued in 1962 were announced recently by Postmaster General William Hamilton. Three new regular-issue stamps are included in the programme.

The four commemorative and special issues will all be of the five-cent denomination. The first will emphasize the roll of education and its importance to the individual and to the nation. Provincial education authorities have designated 1962 as "Education Year".

The hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Red River Settlement in 1812 by Lord Selkirk on the site of present-day Winnipeg will focus attention on the opening and development of the western plains.

An issue in the series of stamps honouring explorers and founders will be dedicated to Jean Talon, first Intendant of New France.

Another issue in the Provincial Capital Series will mark the centenary of Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Two previous stamps in this series were the 1949 issue for the two hundredth anniversary of the founding of Halifax and the 1958 issue marking the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Quebec.

A new one-dollar, regular-issue design will appear during 1962, the subject of which will be Canada as a great international trading nation. Finally, two of the new series in the one to five cent denominations portraying Queen Elizabeth II will be distributed during the year.

ESKIMO DOLLS

Since March of this year, Eskimos from Port Harrison, Quebec, and outlying camps have been bringing exquisite dolls to Rod Evans, administrator for the Department of Northern Affairs. Like the famous Eskimo carvings, many of the little figures depict familiar activities - the hunter, the fisherman, the mother with her child. One family group is seated on a toboggan of woven straw.

About 90 Port Harrison dolls have so far been brought south by plane. They were first displayed to the public with hand work from 16 other countries at the Annual Festival of Nations held by the Canadian Save the Children Fund in Toronto in October. Tremendous interest was aroused by the Canadian

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