

The station will be equipped with dual-channel radar of the latest type, employing two 16-inch screens. This will not be used to give instructions to vessels entering the harbour under normal circumstances but to provide such advice when the need arises.

TWO OPERAS AT STRATFORD

Two operas instead of one will be offered this summer during the music portion of the Stratford Festival's twelfth season. Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard" and Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro" will share the stage of the Festival's Avon Theatre, which is now in the first phases of restoration as a turn-of-the-century play-house with modern amenities.

"The Yeomen of the Guard", fifth of the Gilbert and Sullivan light operas to be presented by the Festival - following "H.M.S. Pinafore" (1960), "The Pirates of Penzance" (1961), "The Gondoliers" (1962), and "The Mikado" (1963) -, will be staged by William Ball, whose theatrical credits include acting and writing in addition to direction.

"The Marriage of Figaro" will be directed in English by Jean Gascon, who was recently appointed Associate Director of the Festival. Mr. Gascon will also direct "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," one of the four plays to be offered in the Festival Theatre during the coming season. He previously staged at Stratford "The Comedy of Errors" and, with George McCowan, co-directed "Othello."

Both this year's operas will be designed by Mark Negin, who was responsible for costumes and scenery for "The Gondoliers" two seasons ago and who co-designed last summer's "The Comedy of Errors" with Robert Prévost.

LONGER SEASON

The opera season is to be extended this year to seven weeks; for the first time, the playing schedule will include Monday evenings. The number of weekly performances will, therefore, be raised from seven to eight - six evenings and matinees on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The Festival's music season, of which Glenn Gould, Leonard Rose and Oscar Shumsky are the directors, will open on July 3 and continue through August 22. In addition to the two operas, it will include seven Sunday concerts, three Friday afternoon concerts and six Saturday mornings of chamber music, all held in the Festival Theatre.

WINTER BUILDING INCENTIVE PROGRAMME

By January 1, the Department of Labour had received some 29,000 applications for the winter-time construction of homes under the Winter House-Building Incentive Programme, it was recently announced by Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of

Labour. The Programme ends on March 31, by which date construction must be completed if the houses are to qualify for the \$500 incentive payment.

Complete details were not yet available on the most recent applications, but Mr. MacEachen released the result of a tabulation of the first 27,796 applications received. Of these, 190 were cancelled by the applicant and about 900 did not meet the required conditions regarding the amount of construction permitted before December 1, 1963.

MULTIPLE-HOUSING UNITS

The group costing \$22,000 or more included most of the multiple-housing units. There were 2,433 duplexes, 184 triplexes and 539 four-unit buildings, which, with 23,522 single houses, made up a total of 31,096 dwellings. Of this group, 15,640 houses were built for sale, 10,011 were for occupancy by the applicant and 1,027 were built for rent. Seventy per cent are being built with National Housing Act financing.

It is estimated that construction under the applications approved so far will require 95,000 workers on the construction sites during the four winter months. Another 115,000 workers will be required in the industries that manufacture, transport and sell building materials.

UNEF COMMANDER RETIRES

The Canadian Army contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force paraded in Camp Rafah, Egypt, on January 10, in honour of the retiring Force commander, Lieutenant-General P.S. Gyani of the Indian Army. The Canadians, under Colonel D.H. Rochester of Toronto, were inspected by General Gyani and then marched past the top UN soldier in the Middle East, who relinquished command of the seven-nation formation on January 15 to Major-General Piava Chavas of Brazil. General Chavas will be the third man to head the international force since its inception. The first was Canada's Lieutenant-General E.L.M. Burns.

PRAISE FOR CANADA

The retiring commander told the assembled Canadian troops that it had been "a great honor to command the United Nations Emergency Force, and I am proud and happy to have had Canadians serving in it for more reasons than one." "First," he said, "as members of the same Commonwealth, I take pride in having been associated with such a great leader and member of the Commonwealth - your country." He went on to say that Canada had "set the pace and the form for what the Commonwealth should be, and is". He added that "Canada again is taking the lead, and a very big part, in contributions toward what greater partnership in the world should be".

General Gyani also paid tribute to his predecessor General Burns. He said the Force had run so smoothly in the past because of the hard work of General Burns in setting it up and organizing it along the right lines.
