

Six Christmas trees will line either side of the main pedestrian walk through the grounds leading to the steps of the Parliament Buildings. Each will be identified by the coat-of-arms of its province or district placed in front of it. Two giant 30-foot trees from Ontario's own forests will sparkle at the head of the pedestrian walk, strung with over 600 twinkling lights on each.

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### YOUNG CLIMBER UNDAUNTED

Though ten-year-old Ottawa mountain-climber Erik Sheer conquered only a part of 19,565-foot Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak, during his centennial ascent last summer, he set a record. Erik and his father, Frank Sheer, were forced to halt their climb at the 16,000-foot level by heavy snow; Tanzanians believe, however, that the boy is the youngest ever to have reached such a height on this mountain. Erik is not interested in such a record, declaring that "our purpose was just to climb". We ran into snow four to seven feet deep and that's too deep for me," the four-foot, eight-inch redhead said. The guide who led the party refused to allow Erik to continue. It is thought that no climber has conquered the mountain this year.

### PLAN TO TRY AGAIN

Since it was only because of the deep snow that the centennial project had to be abandoned, Erik Sheer is planning a return assault on the mountain in five years, with two younger brothers, who will then be ten and eight years old.

Father and son described their reception by the people of Tanzania as "tremendous". The Canadian centennial flag and the Expo 67 flag, which the Sheers had hoped to carry to the peak of Kilimanjaro, were presented to President Nyerere of Tanzania by the Office of the High Commissioner for Canada in Dar-es-Salaam.

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### AIRCRAFT FOR THE NETHERLANDS

Mr. C.M. Drury, Minister of Industry, has announced the signing of a contract between the Governments of the Netherlands and Canada covering the purchase of 105 CF5 aircraft modified to meet special requirements of the Netherlands Air Force.

While the amount of the aircraft purchase is about \$120 million, the programme provides that, in addition, Canada will supply logistics and spares support to an approximate value of \$30 million. Canada has undertaken to continue this support for ten years.

Because the aircraft was designed in the United States, the industries of the U.S., Canada and the Netherlands are all participating in the redesign of the Netherlands configuration and in the production programme.

Canadair Ltd., under licence from Norair, as the prime contractor, will be responsible for the final

assembly and testing of the planes, as well as for the production of the major components. Orenda, under licence from General Electric, will produce all the engines for the Netherlands as well as for the Canadian programme.

Delivery to the Netherlands is expected to begin in late 1969 and completed by the end of 1971.

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### SOVIET OIL EXPERTS VISIT

Fourteen officials from the Soviet Union arrived in Canada recently to familiarize themselves with automated oil field gathering-systems and tracked vehicles that might be used in the Tyumen region of Siberia. B.P. Martynov, president of V/O Machinimport, the Soviet state-trading corporation for export and import of machinery, heads the Soviet delegation.

The Department of Trade and Commerce, which organized the tour, has arranged talks for the visitors with Canadian industrialists in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa.

### PROGRAMME

The three-week visit will include detailed tours of plants manufacturing electronic equipment and automated gathering-systems in Montreal and Toronto. The last 17 days will be spent in Alberta, examining oil-gathering operations and touring plants in the areas of Calgary and Edmonton. The visitors will return to Ottawa before departing for the U.S.S.R.

Trade Minister Robert Winters, who has frequently endorsed increased trade between Canada and Eastern Europe, welcomed the decision of the Soviet delegation to consider Canada as a potential source of supply for its requirements. "The Soviet Union's interest in Canada's electronic industry demonstrates the growing recognition of our rapidly-developing capability in this highly sophisticated field," he observed.

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### NEW TECHNICAL JOURNAL

The Northern Electric Company has released the first issue of a new technical magazine, *Telesis*. This publication, which will be issued twice a year in May and November, will be directed to the engineering staff of telecommunications companies in Canada and overseas, and to universities and persons throughout the world concerned with telecommunications.

### FIRST ISSUE

Volume one, number one of *Telesis* contains a feature article on antenna couplers for satellite ground-stations, as well as a brief history by Dr. A.B. Hunt of Northern Electric Laboratories. Other articles cover such subjects as a novel cable-strander, Northern Electric's new SF-1 switching system for telephone central offices and an experimental "electret" microphone.