

DESIGN AWARD FOR NAC

Mr. Fred Lebensold, consulting architect of the Montreal firm of Affleck, Desbarats, Dimakopoulos, Lebensold, Sise, has received an Award of Excellence for the design of the National Arts Centre. The Award is conferred under the Concrete Awards Program 1971, which is "aimed at encouraging high standards of design and imaginative and creative use of concrete in the construction of buildings, bridges and other structures" and "honours the achievements of Canadian architects and engineers". This is one of a series of programs sponsored by the National Design Council and the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, in co-operation with the Portland Cement Association.

Last year, the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada awarded a Massey Medal to the architects of the NAC, as an outstanding example of Canadian achievement in architecture and design (see *Canadian Weekly Bulletin* dated March 3, 1971).

On conferring the latest honour, the Awards Jury said of the National Arts Centre: "A fine concept on a difficult and restrictive site...splendid functional and space planning with a pleasing relationship to people...an outstanding example of 'in-situ' and precast concrete work used together structurally and as a cladding." It is interesting to note that the Soviet poet Andrei Voznesensky expressed a similar opinion when he visited Ottawa early in 1970: "Fascinating. The Palace of Arts (National Arts Centre) in Ottawa is concentrated and introverted - a miracle of coziness."

Fred Lebensold, visiting professor, School of Architecture, McGill University, was born in Poland and graduated in architecture from the Regent Street Polytechnic, London, England.

TROOP-TRAINING IN THE NORTH

Since "Exercise New Viking" began last year, about 2,000 Canadian combat troops have undergone environmental training in Canada's northland. By next September, another 2,000 will have been through the continuing series of two-week unit-training operations that are designed to familiarize troops with the problems of living, moving and fighting in the North under summer and winter conditions.

When the program began in April 1971, 50-man groups were airlifted to remote areas. Now, 100-man groups move from home stations to Resolute Bay in the summer months, and Fort Churchill, Manitoba, in winter. Also participating from time to time are senior officers and selected observers from various Armed Forces' commands and government agencies.

This year a small group of NATO allies will also take part. They are six officers and four NCOs from Allied Command Europe's Mobile Land Force, who will attend in groups of five.

Air Transport Command provides the troop air-

lift, while long-range air detection observation is the job of Maritime Command.

PROGRAM

The first week is spent at a base camp for familiarization and specialist training, conducted by winter and Arctic warfare instructors. In the final week, troops move to an advanced base for extensive patrol operations. From Fort Churchill, the troops deploy by air to Baker Lake, Coral Harbour, Rankin Inlet and either Frobisher Bay or Yellowknife.

Between June and August, they move from Resolute Bay to advance camps at Saachs Harbour, Mould Bay, Isachsen, Ray Point and Eureka, about 500 miles north of Resolute Bay.

Commanding a 28-man instructional and administrative staff is a veteran 47-year old tank officer, Major A.K. (Pat) Patterson of Meaford, Ontario.

Before embarking on "Exercise New Viking", all troops undergo survival training at the unit level at home bases. In the North they practise field craft, including protection, track discipline, camouflage, movement, and the construction of field defences. Also included in the training are northern navigation, patrolling, weapons-handling and maintenance under northern climatic conditions.



The Minister of Agriculture, Mr. H.A. Olson (right) presented a copy of Canada and the FAO to Dr. Addeke H. Boerma, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization during the recent FAO sixteenth governing conference in Rome. Mr. Olson led the Canadian delegation to the 122-nation meeting. Canada and the FAO was published by the Canada Agriculture Information Division to commemorate the founding of FAO in Quebec City.