

MORE SUPPLIES TO NATO LANDS: Further quantities of Canadian military supplies, particularly vehicles, will be shipped during November to the French, Danish and Norwegian armies under the Mutual Aid Agreement of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Army Headquarters announced on November 2.

It is the second such shipment to be announced in the past week and, in effect, means that during November a total of 18 ships will sail from Canadian ports carrying Canadian aid to at least six NATO countries.

Other countries to which Canadian military supplies are being shipped in November are Italy, Portugal and The Netherlands.

The new shipment includes 150 jeeps and batteries and 65 military 3-ton trucks for the French Army; 48 trucks for the Royal Norwegian Army, and 30 trucks for the Royal Danish Army.

Jeeps and batteries for the French Army will be shipped from Montreal approximately November 10 and will be unloaded at Marseilles. The trucks will be despatched from Hamilton, Ont., aboard three ships sailing November 2 and November 18 for Toulon, France.

The 48 trucks destined for use of the Royal Norwegian Army will be shipped from Hamilton to Oslo, Norway in three ships sailing November 10, November 12 and November 20.

Vehicles for the Royal Danish Army also will be despatched from Hamilton in three ships sailing November 5, November 10 and November 21. They will be unloaded at Aarhus, Denmark.

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POPULATION NEARS 15,000,000: Canada's population increased 112,000 during the three months from June 1 to September 1 this year, rising from 14,781,000 to 14,893,000, according to the Bureau of Statistics quarterly estimate of population. This increase compares with an estimated gain of 104,000 in the corresponding quarter of 1952.

For September 1 last year, the Bureau put the population at 14,534,000. In the twelve months to the latest estimate, the estimated gain in population was thus 359,000. The annual estimate for the June 1 census date indicated a rise of 351,000 in the twelve months from June 1, 1952, and of 772,000 in the two years since the 1951 census. At September 1 this year the population had therefore increased by an estimated 884,000 since the census was taken.

Previous Bureau estimates indicated a population rise of 115,000 in the four months from September 1 last year to January 1 this year. If an equal increase occurs in the same period this year, the population will reach 15,000,000 before the year ends.

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About one-eighth of Canada's gold production comes from base-metal mines.

PERMANENT CANADIAN BASE IN EUROPE: On November 10, Canada took over its first permanent army base in Europe.

On that date, at a special opening ceremony, the United Kingdom High Commissioner for Germany, Sir Frederick Hoyer Millar, officially handed over to Canada the four new camps built in the Soest area of the British zone of Germany.

The camps, built at a cost of 75,000,000 Deutsche marks, will be the home of the new 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade. This group is now in the process of replacing the 27 Canadian Infantry Brigade, which has filled Canada's NATO commitment in Europe for the past two years.

More than 150 distinguished soldiers, diplomats and politicians attended the opening ceremonies and watched Sir Frederick Millar hand over the camps to the Hon. T.C. Davis, Canadian Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany. As representative of the Canadian Government, Mr. Davis, in turn handed the camps to Lt.-Gen. G.G. Simonds, Canadian Army Chief of General Staff.

The four new camps are located at Soest, Werl, Hemer and the Mohneese and encompass an area of approximately 25 square miles.

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GREETINGS TO COSTA RICA: The Department of External Affairs announced on November 4 the appointment of Mr. H.A. Scott, Ambassador of Canada to Cuba, as Special Ambassador of Canada to Costa Rica on the occasion of the transmission of the Executive Power to the President-elect of Costa Rica, His Excellency José Figueres Ferrer.

Mr. Scott, accompanied by Mr. G.A. Cooper, Assistant Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Guatemala, attended the ceremonies at San José, Costa Rica, which began on November 6.

The Ambassador transmitted to the new President a message from the Prime Minister extending his personal congratulations, and greetings to the people of Costa Rica on behalf of the people of Canada.

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MR. ALLARD'S APPOINTMENT: The Department of External Affairs announced on November 6 the appointment of Mr. Hector Allard as Permanent Delegate of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations at Geneva.

Mr. Allard was born at Notre Dame de la Paix, Manitoba. He has been a member of the Department of External Affairs for 21 years, in the course of which he served in Washington, Mexico and Brussels. Before his appointment as Head of the Consular Division in the Department in 1952 Mr. Allard had spent two years on secondment as Chief of the International Refugee Organization Mission in Canada.