

INTEGRATED AIR DEFENCE

The Secretary of Defense of the United States, Mr. Charles E. Wilson, and the Minister of National Defence of Canada, Mr. George R. Pearkes, announced August 1 that a further step has been taken in the integration of the air defence forces of Canada and the United States.

The two governments have agreed to the setting up of a system of integrated operational control of the air defence forces in the Continental United States, Alaska and Canada under an integrated command responsible to the Chiefs of Staff of both countries. An integrated headquarters will be set up in Colorado Springs and joint plans and procedures will be worked out in peacetime, ready for immediate use in case of emergency. Other aspects of

command and administration will remain the national responsibility.

This system of integrated operational control and the setting up of a joint headquarters will become effective at an early date. This bilateral arrangement extends the mutual security objectives of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization to the air defences of the Canada-United States Region.

Mr. Pearkes also announced that Air Marshal C.R. Slemon has been appointed Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Canada-United States Air Defence Command and will take up his appointment in Colorado Springs at an early date. He will vacate his present appointment as Chief of the Air Staff and be replaced as Chief of the Air Staff by Air Marshal H.L. Campbell.

MR. MENZIES' VISIT: The Right Honourable R.G. Menzies, C.H., Q.C., Prime Minister of Australia, was in Ottawa on Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2. With him were Mr. E.J. Bunting, Prime Minister's Office, Mr. Hugh Dash, Press Secretary, Mr. J.H. Scholtens, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister, and Miss H. Craig, Personal Secretary.

During his visit Mr. Menzies called on Prime Minister Diefenbaker, who gave a dinner in his honour, had luncheon with the High Commissioner for Australia, and held a press conference.

UNIVERSITY AT LETHBRIDGE: Trend toward decentralization of freshman university studies throughout North America may reach Alberta with the establishment and operation of the Lethbridge Junior College by the Lethbridge School District, and associated school boards.

Approval for the province's and Western Canada's first locally administered public college was given recently by the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta and the Minister of Education.

Provision of a \$25,000 government grant for the college has been announced. Half of the money will be given outright to the college's governing body, for expenditure. The other half of the grant will be used to match grants to the college, up to a \$12,500 limit, by co-operating school districts in the Lethbridge area. Federal grants may also be forthcoming on a per capita basis.

The junior college plan is widely established in the United States.

The prime purposes of junior colleges are to provide early university training close to the students' homes, and to provide programmes of vocation and cultural interest to the community.

Existing legislation provides for establishment of junior colleges by one or more school boards, subject to approval of the Minister of Education and Board of Governors of the University of Alberta. The colleges are under the administrative jurisdiction of local boards.

It is anticipated that the Lethbridge college could be ready for operation in the fall of this year. Additional staff will be engaged to teach first year university classes in association with the Lethbridge high school.

AT MALAYAN CEREMONY: Mr. J.M. Macdonnell, Minister without Portfolio, has been designated as special envoy to represent Canada at the celebrations which will be held in Kuala Lumpur between August 30 and September 3, 1957, to mark the attainment of independence by the Federation of Malaya within the Commonwealth of Nations.

Mr. Macdonnell will be joined in Malaya by Mr. George R.C. Heasman, Canadian Ambassador to Indonesia and Mr. M.P. Carson, Canadian Government Trade Commissioner in Singapore. He will be accompanied from Ottawa by Mr. F.G. Ballachey of the Department of External Affairs.

CANADIAN ENVOY: The Department of External Affairs has announced that Mr. E.B. Rogers, Ambassador of Canada in Peru, has been designated special ambassador for the inauguration of the President of the Dominican Republic, His Excellency General Hector Bienvenido Trujillo Molina. The ceremonies will take place in Ciudad Trujillo on August 16, 1957.

In addition to Mr. Rogers, the Canadian special mission will include Mr. M.B. Bursley, Minister, Lieutenant-Colonel R.J. Graham, D.S.O., C.D., and Mr. A.B. Roger, First Secretary.