

recognized the growing need in this field in Canada, and has taken initial steps towards helping in this field by the appointment of a small boats officer within its Marine Services Branch who is specializing in educational safety and regulatory programmes for this purpose. This is a field of Departmental activity which we expect to expand in the future.

"We also pay a subsidy to the British Columbia Tugboat Owners' Association, which covers the salary of a special official they provide to co-ordinate their own activities in marine search and rescue work."

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## NUCLEAR ICEBREAKERS

The use of nuclear power for icebreaker propulsion is being studied by the Department of Transport, Mr. George Hees, Minister of Transport, said in an address last week at the annual dinner of the Dominion Marine Association and the Lake Carriers Association.

Mr. Hees said, in part:

"As you know, considerable progress has been made with the design and application of nuclear power for ship propulsion. Having in mind the need for continuous icebreaking effort over the years, the Department is studying the use of nuclear power for icebreaker propulsion, and we are setting up a committee to keep in touch with progress in other countries, with a view to application of nuclear power to Canadian icebreakers, in the future. This committee will also keep in touch with progress which may be made by Canadian commercial companies interested in the construction of nuclear powered ships, or propulsion equipment."

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## WUS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

At the invitation of World University Service of Canada, the WUS General Assembly will meet in Maison Montmorency, Quebec City, from August 16 to 22. Meetings of the International Executive and National Secretaries will be held on August 15 and 23 respectively. One hundred participants from some 30 countries are expected to attend.

The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of WUS at the international level, and meets annually in a different country. It is composed of delegates from WUS National Committees, members-at-large selected for their knowledge and experience of university affairs, and representatives from international university organizations. As WUS enjoys Consultative Status with UNESCO, and works closely with several UN Agencies, observers are usually from these agencies; and as an organization of students and professors, the Assembly is composed of students and professors in almost equal numbers.

An important part of the Assembly will be the Symposium Sessions which enable distin-

guished scholars and educators from many countries to discuss matters affecting the university community. The topic selected for the 1958 Symposium Session will be announced shortly.

Funds to cover the basic costs of the Assembly are assured, and include a grant of \$12,000 from the Canada Council. Efforts are now being made to secure travel grants to enable as many Assembly members as possible to attend.

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## NEW AIR SERVICES

Belgium and Switzerland will this spring be added to Trans-Canada Air Lines international route pattern, it is announced by President G. R. McGregor:

Service will begin to Brussels on April 2 and to Zurich on May 17. Initially there will be one flight a week, but this frequency will be doubled on June 3.

Using super constellations, with wing tip fuel tanks and weather radar equipment, the Belgian flight will initially operate Toronto-Montreal-Brussels-Dusseldorf, while the service to Switzerland will operate Montreal-Paris-Zurich.

TCA this summer will operate a minimum of two daily round trip flights to the United Kingdom and Europe. In addition to Brussels and Zurich, TCA already serves London, Shannon, Prestwick, Paris and Dusseldorf.

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## TRAVEL SPENDING UP

Canada's travel industry earned a record \$306,000,000 in travel revenues from other countries during the first nine months of 1957, a preliminary estimate from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has revealed. This is an increase of about eight per cent over the same period of 1956, when foreign travellers spent \$282,000,000 in Canada.

It is expected that when the final figures for tourist spending in 1957 are available they will surpass the all-time record set the previous year when travellers from the United States and other countries spent \$337,000,000 in Canada. Travel receipts from the United States in 1956 were \$309,000,000.

The preliminary estimate also shows that Canadian travellers spent \$422,000,000 in other countries during the first three-quarters of 1957, compared with \$395,000,000 during the same period of 1956. For some years the pattern of Canadian travel spending has shown a sharp increase during the first three-quarters of the year. Officials pointed out that the 1957 increase has not been so pronounced which seemed to indicate a "levelling off" in Canadian travel spending in other countries.