

POPULATION BY MOTHER TONGUE

The 1971 census showed that English was the mother tongue of 13 million residents of Canada, French of 5.8 million, and other languages of 2.8 million. Of this 2.8 million, 561,085 listed German (a decline of 0.5 per cent from the 1961 figure), 538,360 Italian (up 58.5 per cent from 339,626), 309,855 Ukrainian (down 14.3 per cent), 144,920 Dutch (down 0.1 per cent) and 134,680 Polish (a reduction of 16.7 per cent).

More than 60 per cent of the German-speaking population were located in the West, with 33 per cent in Ontario and only 6 per cent in Quebec and the Atlantic Provinces. The Italian population was more concentrated with 63.9 per cent in Ontario, 25 per cent in Quebec and barely 10 per cent in the four Western provinces.

OTTAWA-MANILA TRADE PACT

The first trade agreement between Canada and the Philippines was concluded recently in Manila, according to Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

The instrument was signed on behalf of Canada by Mr. Bruce Howard, Parliamentary Secretary to Mr. Pepin, and by General Carlos P. Romulo, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Philippines is Canada's fourth-largest export market in the Pacific, after Japan, China and Australia. In 1971, Canadian exports totalled \$39.4 million and imports amounted to \$6.2 million. Canadian exports include newsprint, trucks with parts and accessories, telephone equipment, aircraft engines, mining machinery, woodland handling equipment, chain saws, and wire and cable. Imports from the Philippines are made up of canned pineapple, desiccated coconut, chrome ores, hardwood lumber and veneers.

In August, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced that agreement had been reached to raise the level of Canadian representation in the Philippines from consulate-general to embassy status. He indicated that this step would reflect better Canada's relations with the Philippines, which have grown considerably, particularly in the commercial sphere, since the establishment of the consulate-general in 1950.

WATER RESEARCH GRANTS

A quest for better understanding of water and how to keep it wholesome is being supported by Environment Canada through grants of \$1,413,675 for projects at 29 universities this fiscal year.

Of this money "\$930,000 goes to six universities to aid in the development of interdisciplinary re-

search and training," said L. Edgeworth, Assistant Deputy Minister, Water Management, in making the announcement. "Personnel in both the natural sciences and social sciences will be involved."

He explained that the Department's water-resources research support program was meant to help develop the knowledge and expertise of university staff in matters relating to water and to allow graduate students to assist in water research. Thus it not only financed essential investigations but also augmented the supply of personnel qualified to deal with water who were available for employment by industry or government.

The remaining \$478,675, Mr. Edgeworth said, would support 89 projects at 29 universities across Canada. These research activities were related to water-resources development and management, water quantity and quality, and the better understanding of surface and ground waters and the processes that affect them.

SATELLITE LINKS FOR CHINA

RCA Limited, Montreal, is to provide complete facilities for two Intelstat-type satellite-communications stations for the People's Republic of China, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, announced recently.

The contract, valued at about \$5,700,000, was signed late in August by RCA Global Communications and the China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation. Under terms of the contract, RCA Ltd. will provide a complete, new satellite-communications earth station in Peking and significantly expand the existing earth station in Shanghai, constructed by this firm last February. RCA Limited will assume complete responsibility for systems engineering, equipment supply and general co-ordination of this major project.

The earth stations will greatly enhance China's ability to expand its direct television, telephone, telex and telecommunications links with all parts of the world. They will be installed under a co-operative arrangement with the Chinese Telecommunications Administration. Chinese civil and electronic engineers and technicians will be responsible for site-preparation and building construction and will collaborate with RCA on all aspects of the construction and installation of the electronic equipment.

RCA Limited in Montreal is the designated centre within RCA for the supply of earth-terminal facilities for commercial satellite-communications to world markets. The Montreal-based company has provided 17 complete earth-stations facilities to the world markets. These include seven large Intelsat-type stations similar to those to be provided to the People's Republic of China and ten major regional stations as part of the domestic satellite communications facilities in Canada.