

TRIBUTE TO ESHKOL

Prime Minister Trudeau made the following statement on February 26 concerning the death of Prime Minister Levi Eshkol of Israel:

The Canadian Government and Canadians everywhere learned with deep regret of the passing away of the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Levi Eshkol. All Israel will mourn the loss of a devoted servant.

Mr. Eshkol served his country in many capacities. He was a pioneer and a builder who never lost sight of the human dimension in all he undertook. Both before and after he entered politics he took an active and leading part in agricultural and industrial development. In all the positions he held, as Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Finance and Prime Minister, he earnestly furthered the welfare of his people and won a well earned reputation for dedicated leadership.

Mr. Eshkol visited this country in January a year ago and the many Canadians, and members of the Government who had the privilege of meeting him, will long remember his warmth, charm and unaffected simplicity.

The Government of Canada extends its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Eshkol and the immediate family, and to the Government and people of Israel. The Government of Canada will be represented at the funeral by the Honourable Paul Martin and Mr. Philip Givens, Member of Parliament.

U.S. HONOURS SCIENTISTS

Two Canada Department of Agriculture scientists, Dr. C.J. Bishop, research co-ordinator (horticulture) with the Research Branch at Ottawa, and Dr. D.V. Fisher, head of the promology section of the Research Station at Summerland, British Columbia, have been elected Fellows of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

The fellowships are awarded for outstanding contributions to horticultural science. Only one other Canadian, Mr. M.B. Davis, has been previously honoured with a fellowship by the society. Mr. Davis, who was chief of the CDA's horticulture division, retired in 1955.

CANADA-JAPAN COMMITTEE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, has announced that the fifth meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee will be held in Tokyo on April 17 and 18. The agenda and other details of the schedule will be decided in consultation with the Japanese Government.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during a visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in 1961, when it was agreed that, in view of the increasing importance of relations between the two countries, ministers of the two governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of mutual interest and to

familiarize themselves with one another's problems. The Ministerial Committee is not meant to be a negotiating body.

Four meetings of the Committee have been held: in Tokyo in January 1963 and September 1964, in Ottawa in September 1963 and October 1966.

CHARLOTTETOWN FESTIVAL

A new Canadian musical comedy, *Life Can Be - Like Wow!* will be featured, together with *Johnny Belinda* and *Anne of Green Gables*, at the Charlottetown Festival, opening on June 30. Marian Grudeff and Roy Jessel, who wrote the book, music and lyrics, admit the story is based on Molière's *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*. Their version, however, concerns not a seventeenth century would-be gentleman but a middle-aged "square" who adopts the manners of a "hippie".

The Festival will run until the end of August.

AID FOR DOMINICAN AIRPORT

In response to a request of the Government of Dominica, Canada has agreed to assist in the reconstruction of the airport runway at Melville Hall Field in Dominica.

The runway at Melville Hall, the only airfield in Dominica, has been deteriorating under the stress of heavy aircraft at present in use in inter-island service throughout the West Indies. Early rehabilitation of the runway is required if air service to the island is not to be disrupted by further deterioration. It has already been necessary to close the airport to traffic two days a week for emergency repairs.

Estimated cost of the project is \$1 million; work will probably begin following completion of an engineering survey of the airfield, which is currently in progress.

COSTS OF ACADEMIC RESEARCH

The first comprehensive report on federal financial assistance for research in the academic community was released on March 4 by the Department of the Secretary of State. In 1967-68, expenditures totalled \$105.9 million, an increase of more than one-third from the \$79.3 million spent in the previous year.

Support for research in 1967-68 channelled through some 40 federal organizations, comprised capital and operating grants, research grants and contracts, awards and other forms of assistance.

Scores of Canadian institutions and organizations and thousands of individuals are being assisted in pursuing research in the physical and life sciences, the humanities and social sciences.

The report, entitled *Federal Expenditures on Research in the Academic Community*, shows the National Research Council and the Medical Research Council as the principal contributors. These organi-