

CANADA-U.S. DRAFT FISHERY PACT

Canada and the United States have negotiated a draft agreement on reciprocal fishing privileges in certain areas off one another's coasts in the light of the establishment by both countries in recent years of exclusive fishing-zones. In making this announcement recently, Fisheries and Forestry Minister Jack Davis said that the agreement was subject to approval by the governments of the two countries.

The instrument was negotiated by representatives of both countries in Ottawa last month. Dr. A.W. H. Needler, Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Forestry, led the Canadian delegation and the U.S. delegation was led by Ambassador Donald L. McKernan. Advisers included state, provincial, federal and fishing industry representatives from the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of Canada and the U.S..

The areas covered by the draft agreement are the east and west coast of Canada and the U.S., including Alaska. The species considered are all those involving commercial fisheries affecting both countries.

The draft agreement is for a period of two years. It applies only to commercial fisheries and to areas defined.

The fisheries of the two countries will continue

much as before in the areas designated as reciprocal fishing areas in the draft agreement.

Salmon-trolling by Canadians in U.S. waters will continue to be permitted only in an area three to 12 miles wide off the coast of Washington State. U.S. salmon-trolling in Canadian waters will be permitted to continue only off Vancouver Island.

Pacific-halibut fishing in each country's reciprocal fishing area will continue.

Such trawl fisheries as have been conducted in each country's reciprocal fishing area by vessels of the other country will continue.

The long-standing practice of transferring herring on the east coasts of the U.S. and Canada will continue, but neither country will fish for herring in the other country's reciprocal area. Fishing for any species of clam, scallop, crab, shrimp or lobster will not be permitted in the other country's reciprocal fishing area. The initiation of any new fisheries by vessels of one country within the reciprocal fishing areas of the other country will require consultation and agreement between the two countries.

Fishing regulations in the reciprocal fishing areas of each country are to apply equally to the fishermen of both countries.

CATTLE LOAN TO UGANDA

Canada is providing a loan of \$1 million for the supply of 600 head of cattle and dairy equipment to Uganda.

The cattle, all registered Holstein-Friesians noted for their high milk production, are being sent a distance of over 7,500 miles in Air Canada DC8 freighter jets which have been specially converted for this long journey.

The first of the 12 flights left Toronto on February 15 with a stop-over at London, England, for refuelling and a change of crew. The 52 head of cattle remained on board in their plywood pens throughout the journey.

The special pens, economically made by a Canadian manufacturer, hold four animals each. On arrival at Entebbe international airport in Uganda, they will become the property of the Uganda Government for use as sheds, etc.

The cattle will remain for some time on Government farms in Uganda before being distributed in small numbers to individual farmers.

The Canadian loan has two components - \$860,000 for the purchase and shipment of cattle and \$140,000 for milk-cooling units.

Registered Canadian cattle are now in considerable demand internationally and, in fact, have already

been provided as part of the Canadian assistance program for the Caribbean.

Dr. H. Kagoda, Deputy Commissioner for Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Animal Husbandry of Uganda, was in Canada recently to inspect cattle and visit Canadian farms. He has since returned to Uganda and was on hand to receive the first shipment.

CANADIAN HEADS NATO COLLEGE

The NATO Military Committee in Brussels has elected Vice-Admiral John C. O'Brien of Montreal as the fourteenth Commandant of the NATO Defence College in Rome. He succeeds Lieutenant-General Sefik Erensu of Turkey.

Admiral O'Brien, who has been Commander of Maritime Command and NATO Commander, Canadian Atlantic Sub-Area, with headquarters at Halifax, since 1966, will take up his new appointment late in July.

The first Canadian to command the NATO College, Admiral O'Brien will head an institution that trains selected senior military officers from member NATO countries who may be subsequently made available for assignment to key NATO military posts, and selected national civil servants who may later serve in key civilian positions within the alliance. Studies include military, political and economic factors affecting member NATO countries.