

GOVERNMENT GRANT TO CUSO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs announced some time ago that the Government of Canada would provide a substantial grant this year to the Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO). In a press release, Mr. Martin said: "I am pleased to announce that this year the Government intends to provide assistance in the order of half a million dollars from external aid funds so that CUSO may greatly expand its work. It is my hope that this Government support, which will include, amongst other types of assistance, all the transportation requirements of CUSO, will enable this organization to double its existing programme and to be able to have 400 volunteers at work in the developing countries by this September."

Last year, for the first time, the Government of Canada provided assistance to CUSO in the form of transportation overseas for all volunteers through the facilities of the Royal Canadian Air Force. CUSO hopes to send 250 new volunteers overseas this September, to supplement the 150 who will be continuing with their assignments next year.

OFFICER TRAINING AWARDS

A Rhodes Scholarship was among 22 awards won by armed forces officers graduating this year under the Regular Officer Training Plan from the Royal Military College of Canada at Kingston, Ontario, and six Canadian universities. The value of the scholarships and fellowships is more than \$45,000; eight of the awards are valued at more than \$3,000 cash.

FIELD SUPPORT BY BATA

The globally-known Bata Shoe Company, whose international headquarters are in Toronto, has indicated its desire to help the Canadian University Service Overseas by giving money and "in-kind" support at the field level.

In Nigeria, the company is helping pay local administration costs. The money contributed will be used for transportation, hotel bills, or other receipt-bearing expenses of CUSO's local co-ordinators. Company officials have also said that, in the event of any special circumstances or emergency, they will be willing to consider further assistance.

AID IN OTHER REGIONS

Bata has written to its branch managers round the world, wherever there are CUSO volunteers to encourage their support in other locations. Discussions are now going on with the co-ordinator in India on the possibility of assisting with the local costs of CUSO's full-time office in New Delhi. Similar investigations are going on in Tanzania for the East Africa programme. In the Caribbean, Bata managers are extending hospitality for CUSO personnel.

Bata hostels in capital cities will probably be available to volunteers or other CUSO visitors on

Commenting further, Mr. Martin said: "I believe that an active working partnership between CUSO and the Government can be achieved and maintained, a partnership which will preserve the independence and the vitality and the voluntary character of CUSO, while at the same time lending the stability and resources of the Government.

"I should like to acknowledge and commend the outstanding leadership that CUSO has received from a great many Canadians. I should particularly like to commend the Chairman of CUSO, Dr. J. Francis Leddy, President of the University of Windsor, for the outstanding leadership that he has given this organization. I hope that Canadians will continue to give substantial financial support to CUSO."

Dr. Leddy expressed appreciation for the announcement and said: "Apart altogether from financial considerations, the action of the Government of Canada is especially appreciated since it constitutes most welcome official recognition of the value of the work of our young volunteers overseas, and their creditable contribution to the reputation of Canada abroad."

official business. Other assistance is being provided, such as discounts on the purchases of shoes and transportation in company cars between Bata's branch stores.

NEW MILITARY PLACE PURCHASED

The Canadian Government has approved the procurement of the Northrop F-5 aircraft for the Canadian forces. Built to Canadian specifications, it will be called the "CF-5". The multi-purpose plane will be used primarily as tactical support for ground forces and, as such, will be a new machine with a new role.

In the five-year re-equipment programme for the Canadian forces, \$215 million has been earmarked for the acquisition of approximately 125 tactical aircraft, as outlined in the White Paper on Defence. The budget for the improved Canadian version of the F-5, which will have, among other features, more powerful engines and an "in-flight" refuelling capability, includes the necessary spares and support equipment for the aircraft to carry out its mission.

As they are formed, the CF-5 squadrons will be incorporated into Mobile Command, which will be responsible for maintaining combat-ready integrated land and, as required by Canadian foreign policy, tactical air elements capable of rapid deployment in a wide range of contingencies.

Most of the CF-5's will be single-seaters, but a number will be two-seaters, for use as trainers. The two-seat version will be capable of immediate conversion to a combat role if necessary.

POWER, MOBILITY AND ARMAMENT

The CF-5 will be powered by two J85-15 jet engines, each with a thrust of 4,300 pounds and capable of speeds up to 1,000 miles an hour. It will have good manoeuvrability, will be able to land on and take off