

### Hydro-power equipment trade mission to China

A 16-member Canadian trade mission is seeking information in China on that country's marketing requirements for equipment used in power generation, transmission and distribution.

The visit by the Canadians, from August 29 to September 18, is a follow-up to the Canadian Trade Exposition in Peking last August and to the visit of 20 Chinese engineers to Canada last November. China, which is giving priority to the development of hydro power, has shown interest in Canadian expertise.

The mission, led by C.T. Charland, Assistant Deputy Minister (Export Development), Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and including representatives from the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, public utilities as well as representatives from private industry, is visiting thermal-power stations, heavy machinery plants, hydro stations, universities, and boiler plants in Peking, Shanghai and Hangchow. The group will also visit an industrial exhibition in Shanghai.

Discussions with officials of the Chinese Government in the Ministry of Water Conservancy and the Machinery Corporation will also be held.

### Bell reduces rates request

Bell Canada recently announced extensive reductions in the scale of telephone tariffs proposed last November to the Canadian Transport Commission.

The latest changes would cut more than \$33 million from the additional revenues sought in its original application.

The main reason for changing the proposal, Bell said, was a buoyant economy and its impact on the company's expectations of revenue. Also, expenses would be somewhat lower than originally predicted.

Bell emphasized that most of the new rate changes suggested were lower than those requested originally, and none was higher.

For most residential customers, Bell Canada now proposes an increase of only 10 cents a month for individual lines, compared to last November's

request for increases ranging up to 40 cents. No increase is proposed for either two-party or multi-party line subscribers.

Bell has reduced to \$51.8 million (from \$85.2 million) the additional revenues it estimates will be needed to produce a rate of return during 1974 of 8.6 per cent on total average capital.

The company said its action in reducing the application was consistent with its established policy of seeking only the revenues required to maintain existing standards of service.

### Work permits for visitors awaiting immigrant status

Permission to work will be granted to people who are eligible to apply for landed-immigrant status under new legislation to adjust the immigration status of persons who may be in Canada illegally or as visitors. Such persons have 60 days from August 15 to apply under the adjustment program. This means that any person who came to Canada illegally or as a visitor on or before November 30, 1972, and has remained here since, can apply for landed-immigrant status at a Canada Immigration Centre or a Canada Manpower Centre up to midnight October 15, 1973. (See *Canada Weekly dated August 29, P. 3*)

Manpower and Immigration Minister Robert Andras, in announcing on August 14 the ruling on permission to work said: "We wish to encourage people who are here illegally or as visitors to take advantage of the opportunity to become established in Canada. By enabling such people to seek work legally or continue in employment after applying for landed-immigrant status, we hope it is made clear that all those who apply will be dealt with generously."

### Italy buys drone systems

Canada and Italy have entered into an agreement regarding the procurement by Italy of two AN/USD 501 reconnaissance drone systems. Canadair Limited of Montreal and Meteor S. p. A. of Rome will each make about 50 per cent of the system. Value of the purchase is in excess of \$10 million.

Canadair will manufacture most of the

airborne equipment and provide training and technical assistance to Meteor for a period of two years. Meteor, at its plant in Malfalcone, Italy, will manufacture most of the ground support equipment and do final assembly. The drone system was approved by Italy after demonstration flights conducted during 1971 in Sardinia.

The AN/USD 501 is a short-range reconnaissance drone system designed to provide tactical intelligence in the forward battle areas. It emphasizes small size and high speed and uses a rocket motor for initial boost and a turbojet engine for in-flight power. After launch, the drone accurately follows a pre-selected course, flies over and photographs the target area and then returns to a pre-determined recovery point, where it lands by parachute. The film is removed, the drone is refueled and is re-usable.

Initiated by Canadair Limited of Montreal in 1959, the project was subsequently assisted by the former Department of Defence Production (now the Department of Supply and Services) and the British Ministry of Aviation. The Government of West Germany later joined the undertaking and the drone was developed under a tripartite agreement between the three countries whereby the governments involved shared the costs of design, development, test and evaluation.

### Packaging equipment shown in Japan

Packaging manufacturers from Ontario have, for the first time, exhibited their equipment at the annual Japan Packaging Machinery Manufacturers' Association Show in Tokyo.

The Canadians were the only foreign exhibitors at the five-day show from September 7 to 11, which has tripled in size since 1969 and now attracts more than 100,000 people. It was held in five halls in 1,550 booths all exhibiting packaging machinery.

Products included equipment that placed bulk goods into containers; filling machines for viscous, liquid and granular materials and rendering equipment for meat and sausage processing, shrinking equipment for covering pallet loads; custom equipment for manual and automatic labelling of bottles and paper and foil containers and closures for dairy products.