

Mental health conference

The American Orthopsychiatric Association, for the first time in its fifty-seven year history, held its annual conference in Canada April 7-11.

The purpose of the conference, which was held in Toronto, was to bring together top academicians and practitioners in an exploration of current mental health problems.

The theme of the conference, which was expected to attract over 4,000 participants, was "Economics of Mental Health: Political Origins and Clinical Implications". A feature of the conference was a series of two-day workshops providing 12 hours of in-depth exploration into special areas of interest. Among the topics discussed were bonding and attachment, child abuse, adolescent borderline treatment, depression in adolescence, women and therapy, aging, cross-cultural issues in therapy and family therapy.

Conference organizers said that the meeting of Canadian and American practitioners, who must deal with many similar problems but have diverse backgrounds, would lead to more effective and innovative ways of providing service in the face of growing economic restraint in the mental health field.

Canada-Zimbabwe relations

A number of steps have been taken to develop Canadian relations with the new State of Zimbabwe, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan announced in Salisbury April 19.

During his attendance at the independence ceremonies for the former colony, Dr. MacGuigan conveyed a message from the Governor-General of Canada Edward Schreyer, welcoming Zimbabwe's emergence as a sovereign state. Delivery of this message also constituted Canada's formal recognition of the new State and Government.

The Canadian and Zimbabwe Governments agreed that diplomatic relations would be established at the level of High Commissioners and that Canada would open a mission in Salisbury in the near future. In the interim, Canada will be represented by Terence Bacon, Canadian High Commissioner resident in Lusaka, Zambia.

International coal board members named

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has appointed three Canadians to the Coal Industry Advisory Board (CIAB), which met for the first time in Paris April 24 and 25.

Nominated by the Federal Government and subsequently appointed by the IEA were R.C. Gilmore, vice-president of marketing and sales for CP Rail, Montreal; J.H. Morrish, president and chief executive officer of Fording Coal Limited, Calgary; and Milan Nastich, president designate of Ontario Hydro, Toronto.

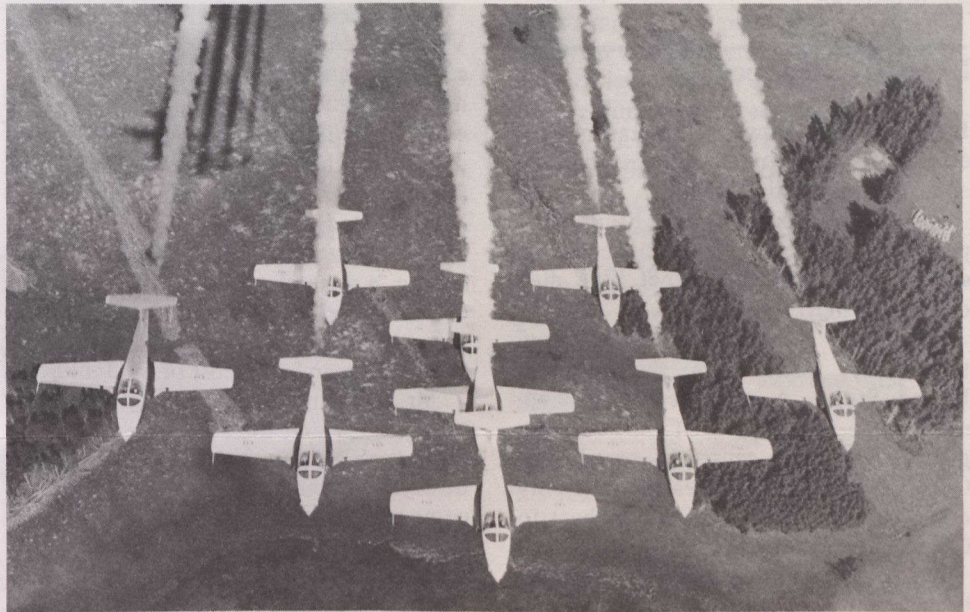
A total of 33 representatives have been chosen from 12 IEA member countries for their high standing in the coal production, trade, transportation and utilization industries. The CIAB complements the IEA's long established oil Industry Ad-

visory Board.

The CIAB was established following an IEA ministerial meeting last year, in which Canada joined other member countries in adopting principles for IEA action on coal and procedures for review of IEA countries' coal policies. Through the assistance provided by the CIAB, the IEA hopes to facilitate increased consumption, production, and trade in coal, which is considered essential to reduce the current dependence on imported oil and, thus, contribute to a better world energy balance.

The Coal Association of Canada, which represents virtually all those interested in coal in Canada, has accepted as its own policy the IEA coal principles as they may apply in Canada.

Canadian Forces' Snowbirds fly in spring



Canadians will once again be treated to the high precision flying display of the Canadian Forces "Snowbirds" in 1980. From late spring to early fall, the "Snowbirds" will demonstrate their aerobatic skill as they participate in 63 airshows at 49 locations. Officially designated 431 Air Demonstration Squadron and based at Canadian Forces Base Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, the nine pilot Snowbird team flies the Canadian Forces standard jet training aircraft – the CT-114 Tutor. They are assisted by a ten-member team of specialists in engines, airframes, instruments, communications and safety systems. The "Snowbirds" will participate in such major airshows as those in Toronto, Abbotsford and Edmonton, as well as contributing to Canada Day festivities in Ottawa. A few of the other locales are St. John's, Newfoundland; Summerside, Prince Edward Island; Moncton, New Brunswick; Quebec City; London, Ontario; and Yorkton, Saskatchewan. The shows in Montreal on September 27 and 28 are being held in conjunction with the Canadian Grand Prix auto race. Leading the team once again is Major Tom Griffis, 39, of Toronto, a jet pilot with over ten years at the controls.