

The costs committee was headed by Dr. John N. Crawford, recently retired Deputy Minister of National Health, and included deputy ministers and other senior officials of all the provincial health departments.

Its seven task forces dealt with (1) *Hospital Services*: utilization; operational efficiency; salaries and wages; beds and facilities; (2) *Health Services*: methods of delivery of medical care; price of medical care; cost of public health services.

Members of the task forces were leaders in the health professions chosen from universities, hospitals, professional associations, and government.

The federal Health Minister, Mr. John Munro, who chaired the conference, recently remarked that the wide-ranging report required important decisions by governments and by the health professions. He proposed that it be regarded as a progress report and that the study group be retained to make further recommendations on implementation.

Mr. Munro also noted the considerable achievement of the task forces and the co-ordinating committee since their formation early this year. The three volumes of their report run to nearly 1,000 printed pages and cover areas of health services never before surveyed in Canada.

Recommendations of the report are submitted under 16 headings, as follows: Co-ordinated Government Planning; Regionalization; Utilization; Planning Hospital Facilities; Teaching Facilities; Operational Efficiency; Financial Incentives and Analysis; Manpower Utilization; Patient Care Classification; Standards of Patient Care; Ambulatory Services; Home Care; Health Care Administration; Fee Schedules; Mass Screening; and Education.

## AERIAL MAPPING LOAN TO KENYA

Kenya and Canada recently concluded an agreement providing for a loan of \$500,000 (Cdn) to be made to Kenya for the purpose of the aerial mapping of a large area of the southern part of the country. The agreement was signed on behalf of Kenya by the Minister for Finance, the Honorable J.S. Gichuru, and on behalf of the Canadian Government by the High Commissioner for Canada, Mr. J. Murray Cook.

The loan is to be interest-free, and has been offered for a period of 50 years, including a grace period of ten years. These very "soft" terms are designed to minimize the burden of repayment for Kenya.

Canada has allocated through the Canadian International Development Agency \$3 million in development-loan funds to be drawn upon by Kenya for specific projects; and the aerial-mapping loan agreement is the first of such projects. The Canadian program of assistance to Kenya has in the past concentrated on the provision of teachers and experts to Kenya and the training of Kenyan personnel in Canada, and this element of Canadian assistance has

now reached a level of about \$2 million a year. Canadian grant assistance to capital projects in Kenya since 1964 has totalled some \$1,200,000.

The mapping project is to be carried out by a consortium of experienced Canadian companies led by General Photogrammetric Services of Ottawa and including Spartan Air Services, also of Ottawa, and EcElhannoy Surveying and Engineering of Vancouver. The consortium will photograph an area of about 11,500 square miles bounded by a line extending from near Machakos west to a point south of Narok, then south to the Tanzania border, along the border to a point near Oloitokitok, east to Tsavo and the main Nairobi-Mombasa road, north then west to Sultan Hamud, and finally north to Machakos. It is expected that the aerial photography will be carried out during January, February and March 1970. The photographs will be sent to Canada, where maps will be compiled from them. The maps will be sent to the Survey of Kenya for printing and distribution. A photographic mosaic of the mapped area will be provided for the use of the Ministry of Agriculture and other interested ministries.

## FILM WILL TELL AECL STORY

Students in Germany will learn about the accomplishments of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited in the field of radiation and radioisotopes through the widespread distribution of a condensed version of the AECL film *Isotopes in Action*.

The film explains what radioisotopes are, and how they are produced, and shows many of the uses to which they can be put in medicine, industry and agriculture.

Permission to make a 15-minute version of the film was sought by the Institute für Film und Bild, a West German organization responsible for producing or acquiring and distributing films, slides and other visual aids to all German schools.

## SEAWAY TRAFFIC

St. Lawrence Seaway traffic during the 1969 season has been adversely affected by a combination of declining wheat shipments and sharply reduced iron-ore tonnage resulting from extended labor stoppages at Labrador iron-ore mines. In addition, the upbound trend of manufactured iron and steel movements which characterized the 1968 season of navigation has been altered significantly, reducing total tonnage of this commodity by more than 20 per cent.

Total cargo traffic through the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section as of the end of August amounted to 20.7 million tons, down 25 per cent from 1968. Although downbound coal shipments increased in the Welland Section, total tonnage was down 10.7 per cent to 28.8 million tons.