

Eskimos will spend the next four months at Barriefield, Ontario, training to become power-plant operators at the Royal Canadian Electrical and Mechanical Engineers School.

This project is part of a continuing programme to bring the advantages of vocational training, as well as other forms of education, to Arctic communities. Each Eskimo selected comes from a different centre and all will be able to put their training to use where they live. Most are school caretakers, or would like to be. Those who are caretakers now will use their training to qualify them to take over operation of the school lighting and power plant. Others hope to qualify as full-time diesel-electric power-plant operators at Arctic centres where larger units exist.

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#### NEW MANITOBA LIEUT. - GOVERNOR

The Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker, announced recently that His Excellency the Governor General had approved the appointment of the Honourable Errick French Willis of Winnipeg and Boissevain, Manitoba, to be Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, succeeding the Honourable John Stewart McDiarmid, effective January 15, 1960.

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#### NEW CANADIAN BUILDING, LONDON

Canada has purchased from the United States the U.S. Embassy Building on Grosvenor Square in London, at a price of 1,690,000 pounds.

The building will provide 91,285 square feet of space, which will take care of Canada's present needs in London and provide for some future expansion. The Grosvenor Square location is convenient, because it is only a few minutes from Canada House on Trafalgar Square, headquarters of the Canadian High Commissioner in London.

Many Canadian Government departments have offices in London. At present they are scattered about in some 15 locations, in addition to Canada House. The present situation is such that even some sections and activities of the Office of the High Commissioner cannot be accommodated at Canada House. The purchase of the U.S. Embassy Building will permit a consolidation of all Canadian offices in London in two locations, Canada House on Trafalgar Square and the new property on Grosvenor Square.

An improvement of Canadian Government office space in London has been under consideration for some time. One proposal considered earlier was that Canada would build a new building on a property which had been acquired on Trafalgar Square. In making the announcement, the Prime Minister noted that the arrangement for the U.S. Embassy Building was about \$1,000,000 less expensive than the Trafalgar Square proposal.

#### CANADIAN EXPERT TO PAKISTAN

Dr. F.T. Rosser, Vice-President (Administration) of the National Research Council, left Canada last week on a visit to Pakistan sponsored by the Canadian Government under the Colombo Plan.

Together with other advisors from the United Kingdom and Australia, Dr. Rosser has been asked to participate in the work of the Pakistan National Scientific Commission, which was set up by the Government of Pakistan to recommend ways and means of promoting and co-ordinating scientific research. Dr. Rosser arrived in Pakistan on November 11 and expects to remain there for six to eight weeks. During this period, he will be visiting Karachi and various other cities in East and West Pakistan.

Immediately following the Pakistan assignment, Dr. Rosser will spend a few days in New Delhi, on behalf of the National Research Council, where he will hold discussions with the officers of the Indian Department for Scientific and Industrial Research.

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#### NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

Canada's National Energy Board Act came into force on November 2 by proclamation of the Governor General in Council.

At the same time, Regulations under Part VI of the Act, dealing with applications for licenses to export and import gas and to export power, were passed. Under these Regulations, all licenses for the export of gas or power or the import of gas are subject to the approval of the Governor in Council.

The Regulations also provide that propane and butane may be exported by means other than a pipe line, without a license.

The National Energy Board is also issuing its Rules of Practice and Procedure.

With the proclamation of the Act and the establishment of Regulations and the Rules of Practice and Procedure, applicants for certificates of public convenience and necessity and export or import licenses will be in a position to proceed with the preparation of applications and to furnish the information that is required.

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#### NEW ENVOY TO CHILE

The Prime Minister, Mr. Diefenbaker, as Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced on November 2 the appointment of Mr. Paul Tremblay as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Canada to Chile.

Mr. Tremblay, who is at present Head of the Defence Liaison (1) Division in the Department of External Affairs, is expected to take up his duties in Santiago in December.