

COMFORT RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD

For the second time this year, Charles F. Comfort, director of the National Gallery, has been honoured for his contribution to the arts in Canada. On July 19, he received the University of Alberta's National Award in Painting and the Related Arts for 1963, presented by Donald Cameron, director of the University of Alberta's School of Fine Arts, Banff, Alberta.

In June Mr. Comfort had been awarded the "Medaglio al Merito Culturale" by the Italian Government for his outstanding contribution to the understanding of the arts of Italy in Canada.

Former recipients of the University of Alberta's annual arts award have included Professor Frank Scott, dean of the Faculty of Law, McGill University (for poetry); Professor Eric Arthur, School of Architecture, University of Toronto; Arnold Walter, director of the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto.

CANADA-JAPAN COMMITTEE

The second meeting of the Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee will be held in Ottawa on September 25 and 26. The agenda and other details of the meeting will be worked out during consultations between the Governments of Canada and Japan.

The Canada-Japan Ministerial Committee was established during the visit to Ottawa of the Prime Minister of Japan in June 1961, when it was agreed by the Canadian and Japanese Prime Ministers that, in view of the increasing importance of Canadian-

Japanese relations, ministers of the two governments should meet from time to time to exchange views on matters of common interest, particularly in the economic field, and to familiarize themselves with the problems of the other country. The Ministerial Committee was not intended to be a negotiating body.

The first meeting of the Committee took place in Tokyo in January 1963. Discussions were held at that time on the trade and economic relations between Canada and Japan as well as on economic matters of an international nature affecting the two countries. It was agreed then that the second meeting would be held in Ottawa.

STEPHENS TO KARACHI

The appointment was recently announced of Mr. Llewellyn Aikins Douglas Stephens as Canadian High Commissioner to Pakistan. Mr. Stephens succeeds Mr. C.C. Eberts, who has returned to duty in the Department of External Affairs.

Mr. Stephens, who was born in Hamilton, Ontario, in 1915, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1945. In March 1948 he was posted to Bern. In September of the same year he was transferred to The Hague, where he served until 1952. In 1956 he was posted to Bonn as Counsellor, acting in that capacity until 1959.

After attending the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, Mr. Stephens returned to Ottawa in December 1959 to take up duties in the Department. He has held his present position as Head of the Commonwealth Division since March 1962.

HAZARDS OF FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT - BEES
Federal employees work at just about every kind of job in Canada, including some that are in the public service. Their jobs often take them to the most remote parts of the country. Many of these jobs are very hazardous. Some are dangerous for instance, government employees work on projects connected with nuclear and atomic energy. Some mine or process radioactive materials. Other government employees may work on research and development of explosives, chemicals, or poisons. Most of the year's accidents, however, are not due to broken necks, but one thing is common, the Department of Labour, said, is that most industrial accidents almost all could have been prevented by a little more caution. The usual causes of these latter accidents are slips, trips and falls, or by a sudden application of pressure, or by a sudden movement of a machine or tool.