

CANADA-U.S. ROAD SAFETY TALKS

Transport Minister Paul Hellyer and senior departmental officials met on February 23 with Dr. William Haddon, Jr., Director of the United States National Highway Safety Bureau, U.S. Department of Transportation, and members of his staff. Co-operation between the U.S. and Canada in the fight against traffic accidents was discussed. Future consultations are likely between the Department of Transport and the United States Department of Transportation.

Discussions covered a wide range of problem areas common to both countries, including U.S. vehicle-safety programmes undertaken and the programme being developed by the Canadian Department of Transport since its assignment to co-ordinate the federal role in automotive and highway safety last autumn.

WHEAT TO TUNISIA

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that food-aid in the form of wheat to Tunisia would be shipped from an eastern Canadian port. Under the External Aid programme, Canada is sending \$1-million worth of amber durum wheat to Tunisia to fill requirements caused by last year's severe drought in North Africa.

SUMMER GAMES 1969

The Federal Government will bear the net operating expenses of the first Canadian Summer Games in Halifax-Dartmouth in August 1969 and will share with the Province of Nova Scotia and the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth net capital costs for facilities.

A Federal Government grant through the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme will defray operating expenses estimated at \$838,000. In addition, the Federal Government will provide up to \$300,000 as a third of the net capital expenditure for facilities. The province and the two municipalities combined will each match the federal contribution to provide a total facilities budget of \$900,000.

Health and Welfare Minister Allan J. MacEachen explained recently that the Fitness and Amateur Sport grants would be paid over three fiscal years beginning with the current year. About a quarter of the federal money will be allocated in each of the first two years and the last half in the final fiscal year of 1969-70.

"These Games will not only focus nation-wide attention on amateur sport but will also serve to stimulate sport throughout the country and particularly in the Atlantic region, the Minister said."

"The Halifax-Dartmouth area will benefit by the Games through construction and improvement of first class up-to-date facilities including stadia, tennis courts and a new Olympic-size swimming pool," he stated.

The Minister cited as an example the benefit to the Winnipeg area in terms of tangible dividends from

the Pan-American Games. Similarly, he pointed out, the Quebec City area was enhanced with facilities through the staging of the first Canadian Winter Games in 1967.

The Canadian Summer Games in the Halifax-Dartmouth area are to follow the pattern set by the Winter Games. More than 2,400 athletes from the ten provinces and two territories will compete in the competitions. The events include: baseball, canoeing, cycling, field hockey (women), swimming and diving, track and field, water polo, water skiing.

The games are scheduled to take place from August 18 to 30, 1969.

POLLUTION IMPERILS WILDLIFE

Many of the discarded wastes of our affluent society — which has been called the effluent society by some — are affecting wildlife as well as humans, according to Dr. David A. Munro, Director of the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Dr. Munro, speaking to the annual meeting of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in Toronto recently, said the situation was so serious that the possibility of natural reproduction of fish in some North American waters had been reduced or eliminated because of the presence of chemicals that are used to control objectionable insects. While treatment of domestic and industrial wastes could make water reusable, many pesticides persisted and appeared in greater concentrations, the speaker went on. In one study of herring gulls, pesticides present in the mud of Lake Michigan were concentrated 15,000 times in herring gulls that had eaten fish which had fed on lake-bottom organisms.

"It has definitely been established," he declared, "that some pesticides are inhibiting reproduction of some species of fish and birds."

Hunters themselves are polluting our waters, Dr. Munro said. Ducks mistake expended lead-shot for grit or food and the loss of ducks because of lead poisoning in North America "may be as great as the harvest by all of Ontario's waterfowl hunters — 750,000 ducks a year".

The Canadian Wildlife Service is now developing proposals to both purchase and lease wetlands, natural ponds and marshes in Ontario for sustained waterfowl production.

LIGHTING THE WAY

The February issue of the *Ontario Hydro News* reports that new runway lighting and an improved instrument-landing system will ultimately enable aircraft flying into Toronto International Airport to land in greatly-reduced visibility. The lighting — first of its kind in Canada — is already in use along one of the main runways.

Present regulations state that visibility must be at least 200 feet vertically and half a mile horizontally before an aircraft can land. Bad weather may mean cancelled flights or diversions to other