

## TCA REPRESENTED IN EUROPE

Trans-Canada Air Lines will be represented in 10 European countries this summer by British European Airways, under terms of a recent agreement between the two carriers. Previously, BEA had been general sales agents for TCA in Germany, Austria, Greece and Turkey. Under the new agreement, the British carrier will also represent TCA in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Gibraltar, Malta and Italy.

BEA will solicit and handle both passenger and cargo traffic for TCA in the 10 countries. The agreement is subject to review every six months.

TCA also maintains its own offices in a number of centres in the United Kingdom and continental Europe.

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## ARMY'S 105TH BIRTHDAY

Ceremonial parades, national-survival demonstrations and displays of equipment will mark the 105th birthday of the Canadian Army on Army Day, May 28.

In cities, towns and major camps from Newfoundland to British Columbia, the occasion will be marked by an impressive display of the manpower, equipment and arms essential to the defence of Canada.

Army Day is held annually on the fourth Saturday in May, corresponding as closely as possible to the anniversary of royal assent to the Militia Act of May 19, 1855, the legislation that brought the Canadian Army into being.

Demonstrations of national-survival operations and equipment by both Regular and Militia units will be the major activity across the country.

Camp Gagetown, New Brunswick, will present a programme featuring a retreat ceremony and an artillery shoot. In other centres in the Maritimes, units will demonstrate survival training and equipment.

Regular and Militia units in Montreal will participate in a massed parade with bands and equipment. In Quebec, the Citadel will be open to the public, who will be able to watch the changing of the guard and retreat ceremonies. The Plains of Abraham will be the site of tattoo ceremonies.

Toronto will witness the annual church parade by Militia units of the city's garrison.

In Winnipeg the Army Day "show" will include gymnastic, drill, artillery and band displays and demonstrations.

A massed band concert and retreat ceremony will be given on the Legislature Building grounds in Edmonton. In Calgary a retreat ceremony and massed band concert will mark the occasion.

At Stanley Park, Vancouver, demonstrations will be given of rafting operations, as well as ceremonial parades and band concerts.

## LEGISLATIVE ADVISER TO W.I.

The Department of External Affairs has announced the appointment, under the Canada-West Indies Aid Programme, of James W. Ryan of Edmonton, Alberta, as Legislative Drafting Adviser to the Government of the Federation of the West Indies.

Mr. Ryan, who visited Ottawa before leaving Canada, expects to remain in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, for at least one year. He will be working with the Solicitor General of The West Indies, advising the Federal Legal Department on legal drafting techniques and procedures. A special task will be to assist the Federal Government in the preparation of legislation relating to financial and industrial development. In addition, Mr. Ryan will train junior legal officers in the principles of legal drafting.

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## TOURIST RECORDS, 1959

Canada's tourist industry had a record year in 1959, Resources Minister Alvin Hamilton announced recently. United States visitors spent almost \$50 million, more than in 1958 to a total estimated at \$357 million.

Expenditures by Canadian tourists in the United States also reached a new peak, at an estimated \$454 million. Figures for the past five years show that Americans spent a total of about \$1.6 billion in Canada, while Canadian spending south of the border was just over \$2 billion.

Mr. Hamilton said there were "few countries anywhere in the world" that exchanged visitors on such a scale.

He admitted that differences in exchange rates, primarily determined in New York, caused difficulties for industry on both sides of the border. "Perhaps because our countries are so large", he said, "many North Americans are not accustomed to using currencies other than their own. The price of money is like the price of shoes; it varies according to supply and demand in a free market. The simplest and cheapest way to buy money is through a bank, which acts as a market for this commodity".

Over the past two years, the Canadian Government Travel Bureau has distributed more than five million leaflets advising visitors to secure their Canadian funds from a bank on entering Canada and to change any balance back to their own currency when they leave. Posters at border points carry the same advice. In this way difficulties are avoided and the visitor gets the best price possible.

Early indications are that the 1960 tourist season may set new further records. While weather and economic conditions make prediction difficult, enquiries about Canadian vacations received by the Canadian Government Travel Bureau have increased substantially this year.