

**CPA TO EUROPE VIA NORTH POLE:** The Minister of Transport, Mr. George C. Marler, announced on January 21 that the Government had approved the request of Canadian Pacific Airlines to be designated to operate an air service over a northern great circle route from Vancouver to Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

The existing bilateral air agreement between Canada and the Netherlands had provided that the Canadian Government could designate a Canadian airline to operate from a point in Canada to Amsterdam; and Canadian Pacific Airlines had submitted an application requesting governmental designation in this connection.

Mr. Marler explained that following governmental approval of the CPA request for designation, it would be necessary for the Company to submit an application to the Air Transport Board for the issuance of a license in accordance with the terms of the Aeronautics Act. It would also be necessary for the Government to submit a formal notification of designation to the Government of the Netherlands.

It was expected that both these steps would be taken in the immediate future and that the necessary documents should be issued to the airline in time to allow it to commence service by the spring of the present year, if it so desired.

The Minister also stated that CPA in its application had indicated that Vancouver was the only point in Canada which it proposed to serve; and that the governmental authorization would contain a condition to this effect.

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**SUB-ARCTIC TREK:** North from Edmonton by rail to the end of the steel, up the rugged Mackenzie Trail and across the snowswept reaches of Great Slave Lake to Yellowknife is the route to be taken by a small group of Canadian Army Signalmen early next month.

The group will travel by tracked vehicles, packing with them more than 15 tons of equipment to be used in conjunction with Exercise "Bulldog Three" in the Yellowknife area late in February.

This will be just one of many sub-Arctic treks most of the group have made. They expect to complete the 600-mile trip in about four days.

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Foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveler's vehicle permits declined 2% in the year 1954 as compared with 1953. Total entries, exclusive of repeat trips by summer residents and commuters, amounted to 2,450,844 versus 2,506,114 the year before. New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta were the only provinces to record increases.

**INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR:** Professor Dr. Ludwig Erhard, Minister of Economic Affairs for the Federal Republic of Germany, has accepted an invitation to open the Eighth Canadian International Trade Fair, in Toronto, on May 30, it was announced on January 21, by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. C.D. Howe.

Dr. Erhard, who has been actively engaged in the promotion of international trade, was Bavarian State Minister of Economics from 1945 - 46; Professor Economics at the University of Munich in 1947; Chairman of the Special Agency entrusted with the task of preparing plans for currency reform in 1947; Director of the Department of Economics in the United Economic Territory, Frankfurt-Hochst, from March 1948 to September 1949; and was appointed Minister of Economic Affairs for the Federal Republic of Germany in September 1949.

The Federal Republic of Germany is now one of Canada's most important trading partners, ranking fourth among this country's customers and fourth also among the countries from which Canada obtains her imports.

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**TV SALES RECORD:** Producers' sales of television receivers continue to roll up new high records. October's sales climbed to a new monthly peak of 91,701 sets, up sharply from the preceding year's 59,277. This brought January-October sales to 438,760 units versus 259,721 a year earlier.

The sharp rise in TV-set sales was accompanied by a drop in radio receiver sales. October's producer sales fell to 47,277 units from 56,036 in the same month of 1953, bringing cumulative sales for the January-October period to 368,354 units versus 480,618.

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**WHEAT STOCKS:** Visible supplies of Canadian wheat on January 5 totalled 355,755,000 bushels, up slightly from December 29 stocks of 355,114,000 bushels but down 6% from last year's 379,543,000 bushels. Deliveries of wheat from farms in the Prairie Provinces during the week ending January 5 moved up to 5,673,000 bushels from 4,991,000 and the overseas export clearances to 3,558,000 bushels from 2,489,000.

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**MANUFACTURERS' SHIPMENTS:** Canadian manufacturers' shipments in the first 9 months of 1954 were valued at \$12,894,173,000, moderately below the preceding year's corresponding total of \$13,431,949,000, according to estimates released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Third-quarter shipments fell in value to \$4,286,437,000 from \$4,457,792,000.