

Helicopter simulator for West Germany

CAE Electronics Ltd. of Montreal, has been awarded a contract by the Federal Republic of Germany to develop and manufacture a Westland *Sea King* helicopter flight simulator for the West German Navy.

Two *Sikorsky* CH-53 helicopter flight simulators for the German Army have already been supplied by CAE as well as two complexes of four Bell UH-1D helicopter flight simulators, one for the German Army, the other for the German Air Force.

The latest order, with a simulated search-and-rescue radar station and a six-degree-freedom of motion system, will be delivered in autumn 1978.

Canada/Belgium cultural meeting

The mixed commission provided for under the terms of a cultural agreement concluded between Canada and Belgium in 1967, is holding its second session in Brussels from October 11 to 15.

The Canadian group is led by André Bissonnette, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and the Belgian delegation by Marcel Hicter, Director General of Youth and Recreational Affairs in the Ministry of French Education and Culture.

Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan are also represented, as well as Canadian ministries and other agencies.

The Commission will review activities which have taken place under the terms of the agreement since the first session in Quebec City from December 8 to 10 last year. During the past year, Belgo-Canadian cultural relations have been strengthened particularly in the areas of scholarship exchange, links established between Belgian and

Canadian university faculties and in exchanges of professors. The Commission will establish for the coming years a reciprocal program of exchanges and cultural promotion. These orientations are directed in particular to a growth in exchanges of persons in the academic and socio-cultural sectors and to an increase in the promotion of artistic creativity.

Coincidental activities in Belgium

This meeting of the Commission in Brussels coincides with the presenta-

tion in Belgium of two Canadian events that come under the cultural agreement: a tour from October 13 to 22 of the Théâtre du Rideau Vert of Montreal, which will present the play of the Acadian playwright, Antonine Maillet, *La Sagouine*, at the Festival of Young Theatre of Liège as well as at Arlon, Brussels, Ottignies and Namur; and an exhibition from October 21 to November 15 at the Canadian Cultural Centre in Brussels of a collection of 50 prints by 23 contemporary Canadian artists

News briefs

■ The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced on October 8 that *Emily Carr*, an English-language documentary about the life of one of Canada's foremost painters, had won the Prix Wilderness for documentary programs. *Quebec Printemps 1918*, a French-language program won the Prix Anik for drama. The Prix Anik awards incorporate the Prix Wilderness awards, which were instituted by CBC employees in 1963 to commemorate three CBC filmmakers who were killed in an aircraft crash in Alberta while filming a documentary.

■ Tokyo's Tamagawa University for agricultural research paid \$265,000 for its branch campus on an 80-acre site overlooking a lake near Nanaimo on the southeastern corner of Vancouver Island, B. C., reports *Canadian Scene*. University president Tetsuro Obara said the first group of 50 students would arrive next summer. Canadian students will also be welcome to study the Japanese language and political system.

■ Henri Rocque, Liberal, Jean Pigott, Progressive Conservative and Steve Langdon, New Democratic Party, are the three main contenders for the Ottawa-Carleton by-election on October 18 to fill the seat left vacant by former Finance Minister John Turner. The Liberal party won the riding with 53 per cent of the vote in 1974, Conservatives polled 38 per cent and the NDP 8 per cent. Rocque, 43 years old, is a school teacher, while Mrs. Pigott, 52, is chief executive officer of Morrison Lamothe, a bakery business of 600 employees founded by her

father. Langdon, 31, who has a doctorate in economics with specialty in multinational corporations, is a professor at Ottawa's Carleton University.

■ Foreign Minister Dimitrios Bitsios of Greece, on an official visit to Ottawa, October 4 and 5, said that the UN peacekeeping force in Cyprus was extremely necessary and that he placed high value on Canada's contribution to it. He was the guest of honour at a dinner given by Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson, with whom he discussed bilateral relations between Canada and Greece and the international situation.

■ Bank service charges will remain frozen for another year, Finance Minister Donald Macdonald has announced, and service charges at other financial institutions, such as trust and loan companies, will also be frozen until October 31, 1977.

■ The ban on commercial salmon fishing in New Brunswick and parts of Quebec and Newfoundland will probably continue for another year, according to Fisheries and Environment Minister Roméo LeBlanc.

■ In honour of the United States Bicentennial, the National Library of Canada has prepared an exhibition "Sharing a Continent: Canada and the U.S.A., 1776-1976", which was opened by Dr. Daniel Boorstin, Librarian of Congress, on October 7. A selection of over 100 books, articles, documents, together with reproductions of historical prints and engravings is on view, illustrating the history of the U.S. and the development of its relations with Canada during the past 200 years.

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