

expected to attract more than 300 delegates from all parts of Canada. C.E. Carson, the Council's general chairman, will preside. Mr. Carson is a director of Imperial Oil Ltd.

Delegates will deal with many topics, including traffic-safety education, traffic courts, the older driver, braking systems in cars and trucks, moral responsibility in driving, and seat belts. Women are expected to attend in larger numbers than ever before, and special sessions are planned for them, including a general session on "The Woman's Hand in Traffic Safety" on May 8. Youth will also have a more prominent role in the programme, and a special youth dinner will be held the evening of May 8, following a panel seeking the opinions of youth on highway safety. The Carol Lane Awards and CHSC's citation awards to Canadian communities with outstanding traffic safety records will be presented.

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### CAMEROUN AMBASSADOR

On March 29, Mr. Jacques Kuoh-Moukouri presented his Letter of Credence as first Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Cameroun to Canada.

The ceremony took place at Government House. Mr. Henry F. Davis, Chief of Protocol, Department of External Affairs, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. Marcel Cadieux, Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Mr. Esmond Bulter, Secretary to the Governor-General, were in attendance.

Mr. Kuoh-Moukouri has held various administrative positions in the service of his Government since 1947. With the independence of Cameroun in 1960, he became Ambassador in Paris, which position he held until his present appointment as resident Ambassador in Washington and non-resident Ambassador to Ottawa.

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### COMMERCIAL FAILURES

Business failures recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts in 1961 numbered 2,600, a decrease of 8.1 per cent from the preceding year's revised total of 2,828. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$103,613,000, a decrease of 40.6 per cent from \$174,548,000; the average per failure dropped to \$39,851 from \$61,721.

Failures in the trade sector rose to 1,233 from 1,229, with food, automotive products, hardware and furniture and appliance stores accounting for the majority of failures in the group. Bankruptcies in manufacturing dropped to 268 from 323, in construction to 457 from 619, in transportation, communications and utilities to 108 from 129, and in the primary industries to 75 from 100. Failures in service industries were up to 393 from 363.

There were 1,422 failures in Quebec in 1961, compared with 1,638 in the preceding year, while total estimated liabilities declined from \$61,851,000 in 1960 to \$42,886,000 in 1961. The number of bankruptcies in Ontario increased from 914 in 1960 to

924, while liabilities declined from \$91,090,000 to \$44,549,000. In the Prairie Provinces the number of failures increased slightly but the liabilities declined from \$7,732,000 in 1960 to \$6,137,000. In British Columbia the number of business failures fell from 120 to 94 in the 1960-61 comparison, the total liabilities from \$10,307,000 to \$6,585,000. There were 48 business failures in the Atlantic Provinces both in 1960 and 1961, and their liabilities declined to \$3,456,000 from \$3,568,000.

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### RCN HONOURS HONG KONG DEAD

In a simple ceremony in Saiwan War Cemetery on April 1, more than 300 Canadian seamen paid tribute to their fellow countrymen and other Commonwealth troops who had fallen in the defence of Hong Kong more than 21 years ago.

Officers and men of the destroyers "Assiniboine", "Margaree" and "Ottawa" paraded to the cemetery for prayers in memory of those of the Royal Rifles of Canada, the Winnipeg Grenadiers and other Canadian and Commonwealth servicemen who had paid the supreme sacrifice in December 1941, when Hong Kong fell.

A wreath in the shape of a maple leaf was placed at the foot of the memorial by the commander of the Second Canadian Escort Squadron, Captain Victor Browne, of Ottawa, Ontario and Victoria, British Columbia. The naval personnel were joined at the cemetery by members of the Canadian community in Hong Kong, including the Canadian Trade Commissioner, Maxwell Forsyth-Smith. The three Canadian destroyer escorts, all based at Esquimalt, British Columbia, were on their way home from a three-and-a-half-month training and goodwill cruise in Asian waters. They are due back in their home port on April 19.

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### CANADA COUNCIL SHORT-TERM GRANTS

Winners of Canada Council short-term research grants were announced recently. The awards range in value from \$300 to \$1,200 in accordance with the nature and duration of the programme proposed and are intended for post-doctoral scholars who have need of assistance over a short period. Such assistance is often required by university professors wishing to do research or writing during the summer months. The present awards are designed to cover maintenance and necessary travel expenses for such research and are available to residents of the country or Canadians temporarily living abroad.

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### AIRPORT ART PANEL

A panel of eight Canadians distinguished in the realm of the fine arts has been named to advise the Minister of Transport on works in this field for the new terminal building at Winnipeg International Airport.

Their names were released by the department today. They are: Dr. Jean Boggs, who will soon take