

ICAO AT GENEVA: A simplification of the procedures which private aircraft must follow when travelling across national borders was recommended June 15 by the Economic Commission of the International Civil Aviation Organization's Second Assembly now under way at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

In a resolution which must still go before the Plenary Session of the ICAO Assembly for approval, the Commission calls upon each of the 48 member nations of ICAO to implement the Convention of the Organization by extending the immediate freedom of admission into its territories to all aircraft registered in other member states when these aircraft are operated for private pleasure purposes or flights on the part of the individual or company which owns the aircraft, providing no remuneration is received for carriage freight and passengers.

The economic problems of air navigation facilities were discussed June 19 by the Second Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Two delegations to the Assembly, namely the delegates of Ireland and New Zealand, proposed that the Council of ICAO take steps to lay the foundations for a fair economic and uniform system by which airlines and other users of airports and air navigation facilities, built and maintained by various member nations of ICAO, will pay a portion of the costs of these services.

ICAO has been studying this problem for some time and the representatives of New Zealand and Ireland have now requested the Assembly to ensure that this study will embrace the whole field of the economics of airports and air navigation facilities for international air transport, including telecommunications, radio and other aids to navigation, for example, air traffic control and meteorological services.

NATIONALIZATION LAW: The Department of External Affairs has been informed that a nationalization law has been enacted by the Hungarian Government applying to all enterprises employing 100 or more persons and to a large number of selected enterprises irrespective of the number of persons employed.

According to information received by the Department shares owned by foreign nationals in nationalized industries, must be registered by June 30, 1948, with the nearest Hungarian Government representative. Hungarian-owned shares in these enterprises are to be surrendered, if held in Hungary, to the Central Institute of Banking Companies or, if held abroad, to the nearest Hungarian Government representative by June 30, 1948. For the purpose of this law, only persons who were never Hungarian nationals or who ceased to be Hungarian nationals before August 8, 1931, shall be considered foreign nationals.

Canadian citizens and Hungarian nationals who hold shares in any industry in Hungary, should, without delay, communicate with the Swedish Consul General in Charge of Hungarian Affairs in Canada, 1462 Bishop Street, Montreal, Quebec, in order to comply with this law and avoid prejudice.

CANADIANS HONORED: Air Force Headquarters, Ottawa, announced that His Majesty the King of Norway had conferred the award of King Haakon VII's Cross of Liberation on 6 former members of the RCAF, and the Medal of Liberation on 2 former Air Force officers in recognition of distinguished services rendered in the cause of the Allies.

Two of the officers, A/C/M Breadner and A/M Leckie, are former Chiefs of the Air Staff.

Those receiving the awards are:

Air Chief Marshal L. S. Breadner, CB, DSC, Kirk's Ferry, P.Q.

Air Marshal G. O. Johnson, CB, MC, 118 Acacia Avenue, Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont.

Air Marshal Robert Leckie, CB, DSO, DSC, DFC, 303 Acacia Ave., Rockcliffe Park, Ottawa, Ont.

Air Vice Marshal G. E. Brockes, CB, OBE, 128 Highbourne Road, Toronto, Ont.

Air Vice Marshal F. S. McGill, CB, 2200 St. Catherine St. E., Montreal, P.Q.

Air Vice Marshal K. G. Nairn, CB, 1611 Drummond Drive, Vancouver, B.C.

Two officers receiving King Haakon VII's Medal of Liberation in recognition of services rendered as liaison officers with the Royal Norwegian Air Force in Toronto are:

F/L S. G. K. MacDonald, 9817-107th St., Edmonton, and Canadian Legation, Oslo, Norway.

F/L A. L. Wainwright, Lome Park, Ont.

REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS: Plans for the National Employment Service to play a greater part in the rehabilitation, through suitable employment, of persons released from penal institutions throughout Canada were given full consideration by the National Employment Committee at a two-day meeting of the Committee which concluded in Ottawa June 18.

The Committee is an advisory committee to the Unemployment Insurance Commission and the National Employment Service on all matters relating to employment throughout Canada.

George Herwig, General Secretary, Canadian Legion, was chairman for the meeting, in the absence, through illness, of Judge W. J. Lindal of Winnipeg. E. N. Mitchell, Unemployment Insurance Commission, acted as secretary.

Following intensive study of a comprehensive plan for the rehabilitation of ex-prisoners through employment submitted by E. L. Merrill, Supervisor of Special Placement, National Employment Service, in the Ontario Region, the Committee recommended that special placement