

NEW CANADA COUNCIL GRANTS

A 16-volume series covering nearly 1,000 years of Canadian history will be compiled with the assistance of the Canada Council. To be entitled "The Canadian University Series on the History of Canada", it will be edited by W.L. Morton of the University of Manitoba and D.G. Creighton of the University of Toronto. The series will begin with a study entitled "The Early Voyages and Northern Approaches, 1000-1632", by T.J. Oleson, and will close with "Epilogue, 1940-1967", the author of which is yet to be announced. The Council has voted sums of \$2,000 to be given each year until 1967 to both the Humanities Research Council of Canada and the Social Science Research Council of Canada, the sponsors of the project. It is expected that each volume will be issued in both French and English.

MEDIEVAL AND MUSIC STUDIES

The Council also approved grants to three Canadian universities to expand their collections in the areas of medieval and music studies. The University of Western Ontario and Acadia University received awards of \$2,500 each for music-library collections. A sum of \$5,000 was allotted to the University of Ottawa for a library collection on medieval studies.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of British Columbia, will receive \$3,500 for the continuation of research into the nature of small groups. The Council last year awarded the University \$5,000 for the commencement of this project.

GRANT TO PARIS INSTITUTE

For the maintenance and expansion of its programme of cultural activities during the coming year, La Maison des Etudiants Canadiens de Paris will receive a Canada Council grant of \$7,000. Of this sum, \$1,000 will be devoted to the purchase of paintings from Canadian painters in Paris, with the aim of building up a permanent collection.

The University of Toronto School of Architecture plans to use a Council grant of up to \$3,500 for an exchange of professors. A similar grant in 1961 provided for an exchange between the Architectural Association School of Architecture of London, England, and the Toronto School of Architecture.

COLERIDGE MARGINALIA

A grant of \$5,000 will enable Professor George Whalley, Head of the Department of English at Queen's University, to obtain research assistance in the preparation of three volumes of marginalia in a new edition of Coleridge's complete works. Dr. Whalley's project is to be part of a 20-volume edition of Coleridge's prose and verse, one third of which has never been published.

BUNUEL FILM AT VANCOUVER

"Viridiana", Louis Bunuel's most recent feature film, received the Canadian Federation of Film Societies Award at the recent Vancouver Film Festival. The film, produced in Spain, was banned in that country after it had been screened at the Cannes Film

Festival, where it won the Grand Prix. The CFFS Award was made by seven Vancouver judges, who justified their decision by praising "Viridiana" for its "significant advance in content and means of expression".

AIR ADVISER TO NEW GUINEA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Howard Green, and Mr. Douglas S. Harkness, Minister of National Defence, announced recently that the Canadian Government had acceded to a request of the Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations that a senior Canadian air adviser be attached to United Nations headquarters in West New Guinea and two amphibious "Otter" aircraft of the Royal Canadian Air Force with the necessary pilots, maintenance crew and spare parts.

Under the terms of the agreement, signed August 15 by the Netherlands and Indonesia, which settled the 13-year dispute between the two countries over West New Guinea, the United Nations will administer the territory from October 1962 until May 1963. Canada, as a country that had contributed repeatedly to United Nations peace-keeping operations, was asked to provide this form of air support for the small UN security force that would be required by the UN administration. All costs of the UN operation will be shared equally by the Netherlands and Indonesia.

NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT PICTURE

Tribute to the efficiency of the operations of the National Employment Service during the past year and their expansion was paid by the National Employment Committee during its eighty-first meeting in Ottawa recently. Reports by committee members of increasing recourse to the NES by employers across the country in their recruitment of manpower were borne out by figures showing about 865,000 vacancies reported by employers to local offices of the NES during the first seven months of 1962 (an increase of 25.1 per cent over 1961 and a higher number than in the corresponding period in any year since 1947).

Placements effected in these vacancies totalled over 727,000, the largest number since 1945. The Committee noted that 67.5 per cent of Canadian urban employers obtained their employees through the NES, and said that this figure represented a steady increase over the figures for previous years.

JOB OF NEC

The National Employment Committee consists of representatives of employers' and employees' organizations and of national organizations of women, veterans, agriculture and welfare. The Committee's function is to advise and assist the Unemployment Insurance Commission in carrying out the operations of the National Employment Service, and to meet with the Commission and officers of the NES at frequent intervals to submit recommendations on the National Employment Service and consider reports from the Commission.

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