

CANADA CELEBRATES ITS HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY

At noon on July 1, a salute of 100 guns — one for each year since the birth of a federated Canada in 1867 — was fired from Ottawa's Nepean Point, which faces the Parliament Buildings across the Rideau Canal.

Canada's hundredth birthday was marked by a series of events that included an interfaith service on Parliament Hill, attended by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, and an address by Her Majesty to (an unprecedented) sitting of both Houses of Parliament.

A DAY FOR CHILDREN

During the morning, the Confederation Train, which had arrived in Ottawa shortly after midnight on June 30, was opened to visitors at the capital's new railway station. A parade of children, led by Bobby Gimby, the composer of the centennial song CA-NA-DA, took place from Rideau Hall, the residence of the Governor General, to Parliament Hill. In the early afternoon, during a brief visit to a children's birthday party on Parliament Hill, the Queen made the first cut in a huge symbolic birthday-cake. The portion cut by Her Majesty was real cake; the rest was a plywood structure. Next on the royal schedule for the afternoon was a musical event for teenagers, billed as a "Royal Hullabaloo", held at Lansdowne Park, Ottawa's sports centre.

During the remainder of the day, the Queen and Prince Philip visited Ottawa's City Hall, attended a folk arts concert on Parliament Hill and, from stands on Nepean Point, viewed a command performance of the centennial "Son et lumière" display.

CANADA-TURKEY AGREEMENT

Recently, in a ceremony in Ottawa, attended by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Mr. Robert Winters, and His Excellency Mahmet Baydur, the Ambassador of Turkey, an agreement was signed between Canada and Turkey to finance telecommunications equipment worth \$24.5 million for the use of Turkey.

The financing covers the purchase of Canadian telecommunications equipment, design and engineering services, from Northern Electric Company, Limited, of Montreal. The contract will include 202,400 lines of switching equipment and 190,000 telephone sets and network cables.

The Turkish Department of Post, Telegraph and Telephone needs the equipment to modernize and expand its internal communications system in and around the cities of Ankara, Istanbul and Ismir — a high-priority project in Turkey's five-year plan of social and economic development.

The agreements, which fulfill Canada's pledge to assist Turkey's economic and industrial development under the consortium established by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, were arranged through Canada's External Aid Office and the Export Credits Insurance Corporation.

PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Prime Minister L.B. Pearson made the following Dominion Day message to the nation:

"This day the one-hundredth anniversary of the beginning of our Confederation, this day our centennial birthday, belongs to every Canadian.

"Those of us whose privilege it is to represent in public office the people of this country will play our formal roles in the pageants of this historic day.

"But the history and the heritage we celebrate are the possession of all Canadians, whatever our origin, whatever our occupation, wherever we live and work.

"Every one of you, and every Canadian before you, has had some part, however humble and unsung, in building the magnificent national structure of Confederation that we honour and salute today.

"As the world, to survive the nuclear future, must become a community of peace for all mankind, so must our country be a true homeland for all Canadians as it moves into its second century.

"The Fathers of Confederation, and those who followed them, have built a strong foundation for this Canadian home.

"As we begin our second 100 years, we must continue the work of furnishing it so that it will fulfill the hopes and aspirations of all our people for a good life.

"This is a memorable day for Canada.

"Ours is a good land. Our centennial resolve must be to make it better for our children and our children's children.

"God bless our country."

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MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO INDIA

A C-130 *Hercules* transport aircraft of the Canadian Armed Forces recently carried some 2,000 pounds of medical supplies from Canada to the State of Bihar in Eastern India, as the result of a personal appeal by Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada. Dr. Hitschmanova approached the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Paul Hellyer, who arranged the airlift to coincide with an around-the-world training flight.

The supplies, which include vitamins, sulphur, injections and ointments, as well as bandages and syringes, were donated by 60 Canadian manufacturers approached by the Unitarian Service Committee.

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ECOSOC DELEGATES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that Mr. Marvin Gelber would lead the Canadian delegation at the forty-third session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, meeting in Geneva from July 11 to August 5. Mr. Gelber was Canada's representative on ECOSOC in 1965 and has also been National President of the United Nations Association in