

G Major, and the Trio for Piano, Violin and 'Cello in C Minor.

The first morning chamber-music concert of the season is scheduled for Saturday, July 22. Members of the National Festival Orchestra will be featured in this workshop session. The programme will include the Beethoven Quartet Opus 95 with Oscar Shumsky and Leonard Rose participating, Samuel Barber's "Dover Beach" with baritone Harry Mossfield as soloist, and the Brahms Sextet in G Major.

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### TO STUDY UNEMPLOYMENT ACT

Prime Minister Diefenbaker announced on July 17 the membership and terms of reference of a committee to examine the Unemployment Insurance Act.

Under the Inquiries Act, the committee will review the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and its relation to other social security programmes in the light of developments since the latter legislation was passed in 1940. It will consist of four members: Mr. Ernest C. Gill, President, The Canada Life Assurance Company, Toronto, Ontario; M. Etienne Crevier, President, La Prévoyance Compagnie d'Assurances, Montreal, Quebec; Dr. John James Deutsch, Vice-Principal, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario; Dr. Joseph Richards Petrie, Consulting Economist, Montreal, Quebec.

The Prime Minister stated that the terms of reference of the Committee would be "to enquire into and report upon the suitability of the scope, basic principles and provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and the regulations thereunder and the manner of operating thereunder." "...In particular," the statement concluded, "without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the said Commissioners shall inquire into and report upon:

- (a) The provisions deemed necessary to deal with seasonal unemployment;
- (b) The means of correcting any abuses or deficiencies that may be found to exist; and
- (c) The relationship between programmes of support for the unemployed and other social security measures."

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### DELEGATES TO AMERICAN ECOSOC

Prime Minister Diefenbaker has announced the appointment of Mr. Pierre Sévigny, Associate Minister of National Defence, as head of the Canadian delegation to attend as observers the Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council that opens in Punta del Este, Uruguay, on August 5. The purpose of this conference is to examine ways of ensuring economic and social development in Latin America.

Mr. Sévigny will be accompanied by the following: Mr. Richard Plant Bower, Canadian Ambassador to Uruguay; Mr. Heath Maquarrie, M.P.; Mr. Yvon Beaulne, Department of External Affairs; Mr. J.R. Midwinter, Department of Trade and Commerce.

### WATERFOWL STUDY COMMITTEE

Four Canadian representatives were named recently to the Canada-United States committee for the study of waterfowl problems affecting both countries. Those named by Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale and Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton are: Ernest A. Côté, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources; Roy A. Faibish, Special Assistant to Mr. Hamilton; Dr. Merrill Menzies, Economist with the Department of Agriculture; and Dr. D.A. Munro, Chief Ornithologist, Canadian Wildlife Service.

The Canadian members will meet with their recently-named American counterparts for the first time in Washington later in July to begin the Committee's work of defining in concrete terms the international waterfowl problems affecting farmers and hunters. The committee is also charged with the responsibility of suggesting remedial programmes.

The decision to appoint the committee was made after a discussion of resources and agricultural problems in Ottawa in May by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall; U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman; Agriculture Minister Alvin Hamilton and Resources Minister Walter Dinsdale.

The U.S. members appointed to the committee by the Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall are: Frank P. Briggs, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife; Daniel H. Janzen, Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; and Thomas A. Schrader, Assistant Chief of the Bureau's Office of River Basin studies.

### USE OF WETLANDS

About 70 per cent of the wild ducks in North America nest and raise their young in a 220,000 square mile area of southern Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Agriculture Minister Hamilton has suggested that these wetlands, now thought of as a nuisance by farmers because they limit the farming of the land, could be an asset to farmers' income if they were encouraged to turn this acreage over to waterfowl production.

Since ducks are selective feeders, biologists are of the opinion that, if some acreage adjacent to the potholes were planted with foods attractive to ducks, depredation of farmers' grain crops could be greatly reduced.

The problems of hunters and farmers are closely allied in other ways. For example, the main wild waterfowl production areas in the Prairie Provinces are being just as seriously affected by the present severe drought conditions as are the farmers' crops.

A combination of a light snowfall last winter and sparse rainfalls this spring produced very little run-off into sloughs and potholes, the main nesting areas for waterfowl. Ducks will not nest if they cannot find suitable water areas, whether lost by drought or drainage, and a serious reduction in brood development has resulted. To add to the problem, the lesser numbers of young waterfowl are, of course, still subject to the usual hazards of predators and adverse weather con-

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