

CABINET SHUFFLE

The Prime Minister has announced the appointment of Mr. John W. Pickersgill, as President of the new Canadian Transport Commission. Mr. Paul T. Hellyer, will succeed Mr. Pickersgill as Minister of Transport and Mr. Léo Cadieux, will succeed Mr. Hellyer as Minister of National Defence.

COMMUNICATIONS LOAN TO GREECE

Canada will finance the sale of telecommunications equipment and services to Greece. Trade and Commerce Minister Robert Winters said that \$1 million would be lent, through the Export Credits Insurance Corporation, to the Organization of Telecommunications of Greece, the company that controls the entire Greek network.

This is the second Canadian loan to Greece. The first, \$4.8 million, was made in June 1966, to cover the purchase of telecommunications switching equipment and services to expand the telephone system in major centres in Greece. Because however, of an increased need, the system will be expanded further.

The Canadian supplier for both projects is Northern Electric Company, which won the contracts despite international competition.

In announcing the loan, Mr. Robert Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, congratulated Northern Electric on obtaining the order and commended the company for their initiative in assisting Canada's successful export drive.

The total of contracts signed under the Government's long-term export financing programme has now reached \$370 million.

Mr. Winters said that Canada's total exports for the year are now substantially over \$7 billion and on the way to the \$11.25-billion target for the year.

SOVIET FISHERIES GROUP VISIT

The Fisheries Minister of the U.S.S.R., A.A. Ishkov, arrived in Ottawa last week on a 16-day visit to Canada. Mr. Ishkov is accompanied by I.P. Shinkarev, Chief of the Main Fisheries Department, West Riga, M.I. Drozdov, Chief of the Main Fisheries Department, East Riga, Dr. A.S. Bogdanov, Director of Fisheries Research Institute, Moscow, Dr. S.A. Studenetsky, Director of Fisheries Research Institute, Kaliningrad, A.A. Volkov and V.M. Nikolaev, both of the Foreign Relations Department, Ministry of Fisheries.

This visit, which was undertaken at the invitation of Canada's Fisheries Minister H.J. Robichaud, is in return for a visit, Deputy Fisheries Minister Dr. A.W.H. Needler and a party of Canadian fisheries representatives made to Russia earlier this year at the invitation of the Soviet Government.

The Soviet group visited the Department of Fisheries in Ottawa and then flew west, stopping *en route* at Winnipeg for a tour of the Freshwater Fisheries Institute of the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Mr. Ishkov and his party will visit the Vancouver Aquarium, the Research Board's Vancouver Technological Station, and will tour several fish-processing plants. They will visit the Research Board's Biological Station at Nanaimo and inspect the Fisheries Department's salmon development project at Big Qualicum River. The itinerary includes Regina, Halifax, Lunenburg, and St. John's Newfoundland.

Several additional days have been provided in the tour to enable Mr. Ishkov and his party to visit Expo '67.

COLOUR TV PLANT

RCA Victor's \$25-million colour picture-tube plant in Midland, Ontario, was officially opened recently by Mr. C.M. Drury, Minister of Industry. The plant, described by RCA Victor officials as the largest single expansion programme in the Canadian electronics industry, was established with the help of a substantial grant from the Department of Industry through its area-development programme for "designated" areas.

Much of the Georgian Bay region was designated in 1965 and became eligible for area-development assistance. Since then, capital investment in and around Midland, Collingwood, Bracebridge and Owen Sound has totalled over \$118 million. Within the next three years this investment will have created direct employment for about 6,700 people, and it is estimated that, as a result, another 7,000 jobs will be created in trade and service industries.

The RCA Victor plant, which covers about 250,000 square feet of floor space, is capable of producing 300,000 rectangular colour picture-tubes a year. It is the largest colour picture-tube manufacturing facility outside the United States and is designed to meet the needs of Canadian colour television manufacturers for many years to come.

In his address at the official opening of the plant, Mr. Drury said that current developments in designated areas were laying a firm foundation for future growth and development.

ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE

Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Finance, has announced the formation of a special committee to receive views and representations as to how the international convention on the application of anti-dumping duties (Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), accepted by Canada as part of the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations, should be translated into Canadian law.