

Pacific Oceans. The experimental program foresees putting up two satellites over the Atlantic and two over the Pacific by 1977, together with the necessary ground-control and earth-terminal stations. Negotiations on the memorandum of understanding are still under way. Given a satisfactory outcome, Canada will with ESRO and the FAA, become a full member of the joint AEROSAT program which will conduct the experiments and test the equipment involved in the new system.

Civil Aviation

In February 1971, a bilateral agreement providing for the operation of commercial scheduled air-services was concluded with the Government of Israel and services between the two countries began at the end of March. Revisions to the 1961 Canada-Mexico air agreement negotiated in November 1970 were effected in an exchange of notes in March 1971. Informal discussions covering both scheduled and charter air-services with the United States were held in October. Negotiations with Italy for access to Toronto were held in November.