

## TRADE OFFICE IN BELGRADE

Mr. Robert Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced on May 23 that a new Canadian trade post had been established in Belgrade, Yugoslavia. Mr. Zen W. Buriyank has been appointed Commercial Secretary to the Canadian Embassy there.

Commenting on the significance of the new office, Mr. Winters pointed out that the establishment of a resident officer of the Trade Commissioner Service in Belgrade would further enhance the assistance available from the Department to Canadian exporters exploring overseas sales prospects for their products and services. Yugoslavia was formerly serviced by the Vienna office of the Trade Commissioner Service. With the opening of the Belgrade office, the Trade Commissioner Service will have 70 posts in 49 countries.

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## PLANE GIVEN TO GUYANA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, said recently that a Canadian aircraft had been given to Guyana to help the country develop the resources of its interior.

The plane, a passenger-cargo version of the DHC-6 *Twin Otter*, was purchased and equipped with a \$330,000-external aid grant, and was delivered to the Guyana Airways last week. It will be the first of its type to be delivered to the Caribbean, but will soon be joined by a sister-craft the External Aid Office has agreed to provide.

Aircraft are needed to transport teams of men, equipment and supplies into the jungles of the potentially-rich interior, since the population has concentrated on the coast, leaving the interior almost untouched. With the launching of development schemes in the area, there is a significant need for transportation.

Other development assistance given by Canada to Guyana includes a \$520,000-grant that was used to purchase highway construction and maintenance equipment, and \$390,000 for diesel locomotives.

A \$1-million development loan was also made for the aerial photography and topographical mapping of 54,000 square miles of the interior.

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## ANTIPODES TRAVEL MISSION

Ten travel writers and executives from Australia and New Zealand are to visit Canada in June as guests of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau. Their tour, which will take them 7,500 miles, will culminate in a visit to Expo '67 in Montreal.

This is the first such invitation extended by the Travel Bureau to travel agencies in Australia and New Zealand. The importance of the countries of "Down Under" as a potential tourist market was em-

phasized when a Canadian office was opened in Sydney last year. Australia ranks second to Britain among the countries of the Commonwealth in the number of its citizens that visit Canada. A record 12,334 Australians visited Canada in 1966, and there are indications that this number will be exceeded during 1967.

On their way home from Expo '67, the group will make a number of stop-overs and do some sightseeing. The stops will include a visit to the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa, followed by a dinner at the Chateau Laurier as guests of the Travel Bureau; a theatre engagement in Toronto; a helicopter ride over Niagara Falls; a barbecue in Calgary; and visits to the Banff and Jasper resort areas.

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## RMC COLOURS TROOPED IN OTTAWA

On May 26, some 500 cadets from the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ontario, wearing their period uniform of pillbox hat, scarlet jacket with white belt and dark-blue trousers with black leggings, trooped their colours on Parliament Hill before their commander-in-chief Governor-General Roland Michener. The ceremony, which was the College's "centennial project", was also attended by Prime Minister L.B. Pearson, Defence Minister Paul Hellyer and General J.V. Allard, Chief of Defence Staff. It was the first time the RMC colours had been trooped in the capital.

### AN OLD CUSTOM

The highlight of the ceremony was the *feu-de-joie* - a fast ripple of musketry running down the front rank and back along the rear rank. The *feu-de-joie* is said to have started in the days of the *Ancien Régime*, when French soldiers celebrated holidays with bonfires and sporadic bursts of small-arms fire that took the place of fireworks. During the eighteenth century the custom was formalized and eventually became a tradition of the British rifle regiments formed at the beginning of the Napoleonic Wars.

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## VEHICLE SAFETY DEVICE

A Calgary inventor, G.R. Kendall, has designed and developed a simple yet effective device to help reduce the number of accidents involving bicycles, motorcycles, scooters, trailers, farm machinery and other kinds of vehicle that travel at comparatively low speeds.

The unit, introduced under the trade-name "Tiger Lite", consists of two 3-inch reflectors mounted on spring steel. When attached to a vehicle, it vibrates with the vehicle's motion the instant it moves. This vibration automatically increases the size and range of the reflectors, and the bobbing, weaving light attracts immediate attention on the road.