

### SURVEY PLANNED

Mr. Sidney E. Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced May 21 in the House of Commons that the Canadian Government has granted permission to the United States Government to conduct surveys in Canada to determine to what extent, if any, the ever-increasing speed of air weapons has created special communications requirements, including the improvement of existing facilities which may be needed to perfect the flow of detection and warning information for radar warning of ballistic missiles.

The Minister said that Canadian Government agencies and Canadian commercial companies will work closely with United States officials and commercial agents in the conduct of the surveys, one of the objects of which will be to provide for the best use of existing government and commercial communications facilities.

### TO ATTEND WHO SESSION

Mr. J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare, will lead a delegation of prominent Canadian medical and health authorities to the Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Session of the World Health Assembly in Minneapolis, Minn., May 26, 27 and 28.

Over 600 delegates from 87 member countries will be present and Mr. Monteith will present an address on the progress of the WHO over the past ten years. Dr. Adelard Groulx, Health Officer for the City of Montreal, and Dr. Brock Chisholm, both of whom were delegates to the 1946 International Health Conference in New York which created the present World Health Organization, as well as Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of National Health, Dr. P.E. Moore, Dr. B.D.B. Layton, and Mr. T. J. Giles, all of the Department of National Health and Welfare, are the other members of the Canadian Delegation.

Following the special anniversary observances the 11th regular session of the World Health Assembly, governing body of the Organization will be held. Dr. G.D.W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of National Health will head the Canadian Delegation, which will also include Dr. A.D. Kelly, General Secretary of the Canadian Medical Association, Dr. Jules Gilbert, President of the Canadian Public Health Association, Dr. R.D. Defries, former Director of the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories and School of Hygiene University of Toronto, Dr. B.D.B. Layton and Mr. T.J. Giles of the Department of National Health and Welfare and Mr. R.G. Monk of the Department of Finance.

The Assembly will devote its attention to planning the programme and budget of the Organization for 1959. The activities of the Organization are world-wide in scope and are de-

signed to assist countries in dealing with common health problems and in improving health and living standards.

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### CNR VESSELS FOR SALE

A statement announcing the sale of the light vessels of the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited was read in the House of Commons May 21 by Transport Minister George Hees. The statement was as follows:

"The management of the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited has completed a careful exploration of what was involved in a restoration of its service between Canada and the West Indies. As a result of its appraisal of all the factors, the management has decided to abandon the service, dispose of the assets by sale and wind up completely the company's affairs.

"The registry of the eight vessels of the fleet has been transferred from Trinidad to Canada for the purpose of the sale. Offers for the vessels will be invited immediately through public advertisement in the press. Preference will be given to any Canadian company which intends to operate the vessels in the Canada-British West Indies trade. Owners reserve the right to sell the vessels any time if a satisfactory offer is received.

"In view of management, the fact that the vessels have been out of service since July 4, 1957, has meant that long established traffic connections have been obliged to make other arrangements and the outlook for the future made it most unlikely that heavy operating losses could be avoided. Private carriers have expanded their schedules and extended their routings to cover the service previously given by Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships."

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### RESEARCH VESSEL

One of the most modern research vessels in the world, the "A.T. Cameron", built for the Fisheries Research Board of Canada by Marine Industries, Limited, will slide down the ways at Sorel, Quebec, on May 30.

She will be launched by Mrs. J.L. Kask, wife of the chairman of the Fisheries Research Board, and named for the late Dr. A.T. Cameron of Winnipeg, who for 13 years prior to his death in 1947 was Chairman of the Board.

After the vessel is commissioned she will go into service in Atlantic and Arctic waters, based at St. John's, Newfoundland, for about two-thirds of the year and at Halifax the remainder of the time. Her length is 177 feet and her breadth 32 feet. She will carry a crew of 25 and will have accommodation for nine scientists and technicians. There will

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