

FLOOD RELIEF FOR VIETNAM

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently the Canadian Government's decision to provide \$15,000 in emergency relief assistance to victims of recent floods in central Vietnam. Prime Minister Pearson had already forwarded the following message of sympathy to Prime Minister Huong of South Vietnam:

"Reports of recent flood disasters in central Vietnam have been a source of deep regret to me and my colleagues in the Canadian Government. On behalf of the Canadian Government and the people of Canada I wish to convey to you and to the people directly affected by this tragedy an expression of our sympathy in the loss of life and the destruction suffered as a result of this disaster".

The funds now made available by the Canadian Government will be used for the purpose of relief supplies to be selected on the basis of recommendations from the Canadian Red Cross.

DELEGATION TO NATO MEETING

The composition of the Canadian delegation to the NATO ministerial meeting to be held in Paris from December 15 to 17 was announced recently. It will be led by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, and the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Paul T. Hellyer. They will be assisted by the Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Marcel Cadieux, the Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshall F.R. Miller, the Permanent Representative of Canada to the North Atlantic Council, Mr. George Ignatieff, and officials from the two departments.

CANADIAN ENTERTAINERS IN CYPRUS

A group of top Canadian professional entertainers visited Cyprus from December 3 to 12, where they entertained the Canadian troops and other United Nations peace-keeping units. The troupe organized by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and under the auspices of the Department of National Defence, presented six shows. Highlights of the "Cyprus Showcase" and Christmas messages from Canadian servicemen in Cyprus will be broadcast on the coast-to-coast network of the CBC on Christmas Day.

Master of ceremonies for the group was the versatile Gordie Tapp, well-known star of the television show "Country Hoedown", with the "Rhythm Pals" of the "Tommy Hunter Show". Janet Stewart, with her sophisticated "song styling", was featured on the programme, with Bert Niosi and his band. Rosanne Hopkins, popular stage and TV dance personality, was also a member of the group, as well as the champion baton twirlers, Joan and Barbara Lounsbury, who were recently guest stars on the "Ed Sullivan Show".

PEAK NAMED FOR J.F.K.

A mountain in the Yukon Territory has been named Mount Kennedy in memory of the late President of the United States. One of the highest peaks in Canada that had remained unnamed, Mount Kennedy is a massive rock, rugged and prominent, rising approximately 14,000 feet to a sharp peak. Surrounded by glaciers and overlooking the mighty Seward Glacier to the south, it is approximately 180 miles due west of Whitehorse and within 15 miles of the Alaska boundary. Mount Logan, Canada's highest mountain (19,850 feet), is five miles to the northeast. Its precise location is Lat. 60° 30' N - Long. 140° 28' W.

COLOMBO STUDENTS IN OTTAWA

Thirty students enrolled in the Public Administration Course at Carleton University in Ottawa and representing 19 Colombo Plan countries, recently toured the headquarters of the Department of Public Works. They were welcomed by Mr. Lucien Lalonde, the Deputy Minister, and sat in on the Department's regular weekly meeting of branch and division heads.

During the week they were briefed on the organization and operation of the Harbours and Rivers Engineering Branch, the Development Engineering Branch, the Property and Building Management Branch, the Purchasing and Stores Branch, the Administrative Services and the Financial Services.

The countries represented by the group were Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, British Guiana, Barbados, British Honduras, Saint Lucia, Antigua, Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nepal, Somalia, Basutoland, Rhodesia, Sierra Leone, Swaziland, Cameroun, Brunei and the Philippines.