

At the same time, we are building this political unity, inside Confederation, on a diversity of language and culture. We are learning to appreciate the heritage of our separate cultures and traditions and racial backgrounds as a positive and valuable asset in our national development. We are appreciating more and more not only the importance of our bilingual and bicultural foundation but also the multiracial, multicultural nature of the Canadian society of today and tomorrow.

We have been given in this country the opportunity of developing a new and wider dimension of democracy than any nation has achieved before — a nation in which no racial group is in a minority because every group enjoys an equal privilege to preserve those cultural things which it cherishes. That is the only true pattern of the future, not only for the development of Canada but for peace in the world....

MIDDLE EAST AID

A Canadian aircraft left Trenton (Ontario) air-base on July 24 with emergency relief equipment for the Middle East. The plane was a *Yukon* of the Royal Canadian Air Force, made available by the Department of National Defence. It carried 200 bell-tents and 4,000 blankets to Beirut, Lebanon, for onward transmission and distribution to refugees in Jordan by the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The materials were purchased from an \$80,000 bell-tents grant made to the Canadian Red Cross under the Canadian Government's programme of external aid.

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN CONGRESS

The general assembly and world congress of the International Council of Societies of Industrial Designers will be held for the first time in North America this autumn.

The assembly for official delegates will be held in Ottawa on September 11 and 12. The congress for delegates and members will hold its meeting in Montreal from September 13 to 15, in the Du Pont of Canada auditorium on the site of Expo '67. The theme of the congress will be "Man to Man", chosen to complement the Expo '67 theme "Man and his World". Sponsors are the Association of Canadian Industrial Designers, the National Design Council, the Federal Department of Industry and the Canadian Corporation for the 1967 World Exhibition.

ICSID was established in 1957 to improve worldwide standards of design and professional practice. Recognized and given consultative status by UNESCO in 1962, it is composed of 41 constituent societies from 29 countries, representing more than 25,000 members. The Association of Canadian Industrial Designers and the National Design Council are the two Canadian member bodies.

This will be the fifth general assembly and congress of ICSID. The previous meetings were in Stockholm, Venice, Paris and Vienna.

VANIER COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

A stamp honouring the late Governor-General Georges P. Vanier, bearing a photographic reproduction of his head by Yousuf Karsh, will be issued in September. The signature (a unique feature in Canadian stamps) of the Governor General will also appear on the issue.

The new stamp, which is large in size and horizontal in shape, has been produced by a combination of steel-engraving and offset-printing. General Vanier's portrait, engraved and printed in black, appears on the left. The signature is just below the centre to the right; above, in three lines, is the inscription "Governor-General", "1959-1967" and "Gouverneur Général". "Canada" appears under the signature flanked in the lower-right corner by the denominative value "5".

The Canadian Bank Note Company Limited, Ottawa, which designed the stamp, will print the full issue, totalling 24 million. Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa, whose photograph is the basis of the portrait portion of the design, has gained an international reputation in photography.

AUTOMATIC WEATHER STATIONS

An unmanned automatic weather station, designed and built by the Department of Transport and installed at Expo '67, reports to the Montreal weather office to help predict weather conditions at the fair.

The station at Expo is a prototype of five such stations installed in the area of Toronto International Airport, at a cost of some \$250,000, to explore the potential use of automatic weather stations in the age of supersonic air travel.

When, early in the 1970s, supersonic aircraft fly between continents, they may require approach clearance more than 1,000 miles from their destination. Increased attention is therefore being given to mesometeorology (weather changes within distances of miles and tens of miles and within a short space of time) because clearance before take-off might eventually become regular procedure and precise knowledge of weather conditions within fractions of an hour will be necessary.

The automatic weather station was designed and built by electronic specialists in DOT's Meteorological Branch, and records cloud-cover, visibility, temperature, dew-point, wind-speed and direction, pressure, and precipitation in hundredths of an inch. The Canadian Weather Service is currently considering a number of proposals for the use of automatic stations in various regions of Canada.