

TEACHERS PREPARE FOR OVERSEAS

Canada will send 220 experienced teachers and 48 university professors to developing countries in Asia, Africa and the Caribbean this summer under its programmes of educational assistance. The number of Canadian teachers and professors maintained overseas by the Canadian Government's external aid programmes during the 1968-69 academic year will thus be brought to 700. The teachers have been recruited from all Canadian provinces through co-operation between federal and provincial authorities.

Intensive briefing sessions will be held before the new recruits are sent on assignment. The 111 English-speaking teachers are attending a course at Carleton University, Ottawa, this month and their French-speaking colleagues will be briefed at the University of Montreal in August.

Lectures, seminars and discussion groups will be held on educational theory and practice, the teaching of English or French as a second language, sociology and anthropology, history and current affairs in developing countries of Africa and the Caribbean, as well as tropical health and living conditions overseas. Study groups will be led by specialists in their fields and by teachers who have returned to Canada after the completion of external aid assignments overseas.

Introductions to Swahili, the language widely spoken in East Africa will be given by Dr. D.R.F. Taylor, a professor of geography at Carleton University and Mr. Uly Mwanbulukutu, a Tanzanian who is studying at the University.

INDONESIA NICKEL PROJECT

Henry S. Wingate, Chairman and Chief Officer of the International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited announced recently that the Republic of Indonesia and International Nickel had agreed on all the terms of a contract to be signed during July in Djakarta, under which International Nickel would work toward the establishment of a nickel-producing project on the island of Sulawesi, (formerly Celebes). P.T. International Nickel, Indonesia, a company being organized under the laws of Indonesia, will carry out exploration and the development of nickel deposits on the island if these prove economically workable.

Mr. Wingate said that work would begin promptly with a general survey and exploration of the area, comprising some 25,000 square miles, to determine the size, location and nature of the deposits and the feasibility and most efficient means of developing them. "Exploration expenditures in Indonesia will begin immediately," he continued, "and, although total investment depends very much on the result of the evaluation studies, the project may well involve investment running between \$100 and \$150 million in Indonesia over a period of years."

In May 1967, the Indonesian Government invited tenders from companies interested in developing the Sulawesi nickel deposits. A number of companies responded to this invitation, and, in January, the International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited

was chosen to negotiate the contract that has now been agreed upon. The area encompasses a portion of the island of Sulawesi and some of its off-shore islands lying approximately 1,000 miles east of Djakarta.

CANADA-BULGARIA TRADE

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, and the Ambassador to Canada of the People's Republic of Bulgaria, His Excellency Kiril Chterev, have exchanged instruments of ratification of the Protocol signed on April 26, 1967, extending the 1963 Canada-Bulgaria Trade Agreement for another three years.

The agreement provides for the continued extension of most-favoured-nation treatment by both countries to the goods of the other, and includes a Bulgarian undertaking to purchase 200,000 tons of Canadian wheat during the three-year period.

TV BALLET TO BRITAIN

A colour television production of *Swan Lake* by the National Ballet of Canada has been sold to the British Broadcasting Corporation to be telecast during the coming season.

The National Ballet-CBC production, which runs 90 minutes, was directed and produced by Norman Campbell, starred prima ballerina Lois Smith and featured the Danish dancer-choreographer Erik Bruhn. Bruhn originally choreographed the new version of the ballet for Canada's National Ballet last year. The production had its stage premiere in Toronto in April and was telecast on the CBC Festival series in December. In March, it was nominated for an award in the International Emmy Awards.

The announcement of the sale comes as producer-director Campbell has just completed shooting, and is now editing, Celia Franca's new version of *Cinderella*, which will be shown in colour on the CBC network in December.

EXPORTS BOOMING

Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced that his Department's 1968 export-growth target of \$900 million was virtually realized by mid-year. He was commenting on statistics issued recently by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which indicated that Canada's merchandise exports reached \$6,512 million in the first half of 1968, almost \$900 million, or 16 percent above the level of the same period in 1967. This exceptional advance in exports has been a major contributing factor to the recent pick-up in the Canadian economy.

A resurgent United States economy and unusually strong demand in that market for some of Canada's principal exports, particularly automotive products, were cited as the dominant external influences producing the strong export movement. Exports to the United States increased by almost \$900 million, or