

## MOBILITY LIVING GRANTS

Canadian workers who must leave their home area to find employment will receive additional help as a result of an amendment in the Manpower Mobility regulations announced recently by Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of Manpower and Immigration.

The amendment, which becomes effective September 1, will provide a living allowance of \$20 a week for unemployed and underemployed workers benefiting from "exploratory grants" in order to find work away from home. This is in addition to return travel expenses for workers and living allowances for their dependents already provided under the exploratory grant regulations.

Workers receiving exploratory grants will now be given a \$20 a week personal living allowance, personal travel expenses, and a living allowance up to \$40 a week for their family, according to the number of dependents. These exploratory grants cover a search period up to four weeks.

"This new amendment," said Mr. MacEachen, "will give an additional incentive to workers who have no hope of getting work locally, to search for jobs in nearby labor markets. It will assist more workers to look for jobs in areas where there are new opportunities and where their abilities can be channelled into more rewarding and productive employment."

Since the current Manpower Mobility Program went into effect in April 1967, almost 27,000 workers and their families have received exploratory or relocation grants to search for, or move to, jobs elsewhere. Relocation grants are given unemployed or underemployed workers moving with their families to permanent jobs in expanding labor markets. Sub-

stantial increases in relocation payments were announced in May.

## NEW ZEALAND PM TO VISIT

Prime Minister Trudeau has announced that Prime Minister Keith Holyoake of New Zealand will visit Ottawa from September 21 to 23 at the invitation of the Canadian Government.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Holyoake, and his party will include Mr. George Laking, Secretary for External Affairs, and Mr. Houghton Wells, Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Mr. Holyoake's arrival will follow official visits to Washington and to the United Nations in New York.

## TRADE OFFICE IN DJAKARTA

The re-opening of the Commercial Division of the Canadian Embassy in Djakarta, which has been inactive since 1960, reflects Canada's renewed interest in the "Pacific Rim" and its confidence in Indonesia's growing political and economic stability, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce said in a recent announcement.

Last year, Canada exported to Indonesia almost \$2.5-million worth of wheat, electronic equipment, aircraft, machinery, newsprint and automotive equipment, while Indonesia's exports to Canada totalled some \$500,000-worth of coffee, crude rubber, tea, spices and bauxite.

Minerals, oil and agricultural products are Indonesia's leading commodities. Canadian investment is increasing, with some companies expanding their operations and others investigating investment possibilities.