

Expansion of air-navigation aids in the North

A \$3.7-million program for expanding and upgrading air-navigation facilities in the Canadian North, which is proceeding on a continuing basis, includes the provision of navigational facilities to meet both current and anticipated requirements, Transport Minister Jean Marchand announced recently.

These services and facilities are being provided in response to the expressed needs of carriers who, in turn, attempt to meet the ever-increasing aviation needs of the areas which they serve in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. The northern air-carriers are licensed to provide regular air services and attempt to meet published timetables to most communities when both economic and weather conditions permit.

Demands will rise

The Ministry of Transport recognizes that, as technology advances and activity in the North increases, demands for air-transportation facilities will also rise.

In conjunction with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Ministry provides landing strips, air-terminal buildings and radio aids to air navigation in those communities where a sufficient need has been demonstrated.

With these steps, and by ensuring the efficiency and safety of the air-transportation system through inspections and administrative support, air carriers are able to offer a timely and economic service which meets the needs of the inhabitants of the North, and the natural resource-development companies.

Part of the air navigation-aid program calls for the commissioning of installation over the next year of very high frequency omni-range and distance-measuring equipment facilities (VOR/DME) at Yellowknife, Resolute Bay, Whitehorse, Frobisher Bay and Cambridge Bay. Construction of VOR/DME facilities at Fort Simpson, Norman Wells, Inuvik and Watson Lake are also planned to start this coming summer.



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"Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?" doesn't seem to apply to these two timber wolves at the Alberta Game

Farm near Edmonton, where they were caught napping recently, sharing each other's warmth on a chilly afternoon.

Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany sign air pact

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and Mr. R. von Keller of the Federal Republic of Germany, signed on March 26 the new agreement on air transport between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany that was approved by Cabinet on March 8.

As a result of this pact, the carrier designated by Germany will be able to operate services from any points in the territory of the Federal Republic of Germany through intermediate points in Europe, to Montreal and Toronto in Canada and points beyond (without the right to emplane new passengers in Canada).

Air Canada may operate services, from any point or points in the terri-

tory of Canada through intermediate points in Europe, to Frankfurt and two other points in the Federal Republic of Germany to be named by Canada. Air Canada will also have rights respecting the carriage of passengers in the Federal Republic of Germany travelling to beyond points.

This new agreement, by increasing the number of points serviced in Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany, will permit further improvement of service for the travelling public as well as for the transport of goods. It is another step in the strengthening of the friendly relations that already exist between Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Parliamentary internships program helped by Canadian insurance companies

As a result of a grant to the Canadian Political Science Association by ten Canadian life insurance companies, ten university graduates will be able to spend a year in Ottawa as parliamentary interns with Members of Parliament in the House of Commons.

The internship program, originally the idea in 1965 of Mr. A.D. Hales, M.P. for Wellington, was established four years ago by the Canadian Political Science Association with the

co-operation of the Speaker and the Party House Leaders.

The aim of the program is threefold: it is designed to provide Members of Parliament with qualified executive assistants; it gives university graduates an opportunity to supplement their theoretical knowledge of Parliament with practical experience of the day-to-day work of the Members; and in the long term, the graduates of the program should be better able to make