

McKEE AVIATION TROPHY

Presentation of the Trans-Canada (McKee) Trophy for meritorious service in the development of aviation during the past 40 years was made to Frank A. MacDougall, Deputy Minister for Lands and Forests for Ontario, on November 2. The award was presented by Mr. Arthur Laing, Minister of Northern Affairs, at the annual meeting of the Air Transport Association in Victoria, British Columbia.

The McKee Trophy, which dates back to 1927, is presented annually for service in the advancement of Canadian aviation. Emphasis is placed on continuing performance rather than a single brilliant exploit, and special consideration is given to the application of aircraft and aviation equipment to new and useful purposes.

The McKee Trophy was donated by the late Dalzell McKee of Pittsburg, a wealthy aviation enthusiast who made the first Trans-Canada flight by seaplane in 1926. Mr. McKee established the trophy in recognition of the welcome and assistance given him by the Royal Canadian Air Force during the flight.

Since 1941, when Mr. MacDougall was appointed to his present post, he has developed and extended the air services of his department, particularly for the detection and suppression of fire from the air. His department was directly responsible for developing water-bombing tanks to equip its aircraft.

In addition, Mr. MacDougall developed the use of aircraft for the administration of game and fisheries regulations and for wild-life surveys, in the movement of department personnel on forest management duties, and in the restocking of lakes and streams with game fish fingerlings dropped from department aircraft.

CANADA UPS UNICEF CONTRIBUTION

The Prime Minister announced on October 30 that Canada's annual contribution to the United Nations Children's Fund would be increased by \$200,000 to \$1 million for 1965-66.

One factor in the Government's decision, the Prime Minister said, had been the support throughout Canada for the work of UNICEF, as demonstrated in the Hallow'en and Christmas Greeting Card campaigns carried out through the Canadian Committee for UNICEF, which had raised over \$730,000 the previous year. Mr. Pearson appealed for continuing public support for the two campaigns. "The need of the world's children," he said, "is very great and it is fitting that Canadians should respond to the greatest extent possible."

CANADIANS IN UNICEF

Canada has had a close connection with UNICEF since its establishment in 1946, and has been represented on its Executive Board on many occasions. Dr. Joseph W. Willard, the Deputy Minister of Welfare, is at present Chairman of the Board's important Programme Committee. Many distinguished Canadians have been employed by UNICEF, including Mr. Milton Gregg, former Minister of Veterans' Affairs, and

Mrs. Adelaide Sinclair, who, following a distinguished career in the Royal Canadian Navy and the Civil Service, has served UNICEF since 1957 as its Deputy Executive Director.

The increased grant, the Prime Minister said, "is an additional affirmation of Canada's support for the United Nations and its agencies, and a contribution to the children of the world, which I am sure all Canadians will welcome".

AID FOR CEYLON AIRPORT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, recently announced that a sod-turning ceremony would be held on November 15 at Katunayake Airport, near Colombo, Ceylon, to mark the beginning of construction there under the Canadian Colombo Plan. The Canadian Government is meeting a request from Ceylon for assistance in developing the airport to international standards, in order to accomodate the new long-range jet transports that are to be introduced there next year.

Mr. Martin said the provision of a modern airport at Katunayake is considered by the Ceylon Government as one of the most important projects in the country's long-range economic-development plans. Local construction costs are being met by Ceylon from rupee counterpart funds generated by Canadian Colombo Plan shipments of flour. Canada is supplying design, engineering and construction services. The total cost will be \$5,500,000, of which the Canadian contribution in foreign exchange will be \$3,600,000.

MINERAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Grants amounting to \$50,000 have been awarded by the Mines Branch of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys to seven Canadian universities (Alberta, Dalhousie, McGill, Queen's, Saskatchewan, Toronto, and Western Ontario) for research in rock mechanics and mineral processing. "Investigation in these two fields," says Mr. William Benedickson, the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys, "should lead to more efficient mining operations, to cheaper methods of extracting ores, and to the training and retention of graduate students in Canada."

LIGHT ON SERIOUS PROBLEMS

Rapid production expansion in the Canadian mining industry has brought serious problems in mine stability. The subject of rock mechanics, which is concerned with the strength of rock under stress, has a direct bearing on these problems. The instruments and techniques developed for research in this field are of use to the geologist and the geophysicist alike. In the mineral-processing field, these grants-in-aid are assisting in grinding research, flotation and the development of hydro cyclones.

The grants, first made in 1962, have helped some 20 graduate students in the mineral industry obtain higher degrees in Canada.

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