

MAYOR OF BERLIN IN OTTAWA

Herr Willy Brandt, the Lord Mayor of West Berlin, accompanied by Frau Brandt and Senator G. Gunther Klein, paid an official visit to Ottawa from February 5-7.

The Lord Mayor and his party flew by Pan American Airlines from Dusseldorf to Idlewild Airport, New York, on February 5 and from there to Ottawa by a Department of Transport aircraft. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, His Excellency the German Ambassador and others were at the airport.

On the morning of February 6, Herr Brandt called on the Prime Minister, the Governor General, the Speaker of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Commons. He held a press conference and appeared on television. Mayor Brandt addressed a luncheon meeting of the NATO Parliamentary Association. In the afternoon he called on the Secretary of State for External Affairs, when he met the Under-Secretary and officials concerned with German affairs. In the evening the Government of Canada gave a dinner in the Mayor's honour, when Mr. Sidney Smith, Secretary of State for External Affairs, acted as host.

Herr Brandt and his party left Uplands Airport at 8.20 a.m. on February 7 by Eastern Airlines for the United States. After visits to Washington and New York, the Mayor of Berlin will deliver the Abraham Lincoln memorial lecture in Springfield, Illinois. He will then return to Germany via a number of Asian capitals.

OCEAN PORT AT MOOSONEE

Plans to build a major ocean port at Moosonee on James Bay were announced recently by Premier Leslie M. Frost of Ontario. A 5 million dollar programme in co-operation with the Federal Government is contemplated to provide the Northern Ontario community with shipping facilities which will give Ontario, and especially the northern part, an important outlet on sea lanes.

Works planned include dredging, the building of a dyke and construction of docks. It would also involve the building of spur lines by the Ontario Northland Railway and the establishment of marshalling yards.

Premier Frost said that Moosonee was needed as an ocean port and that the Province would go ahead alone with the plans if the Federal Government did not wish to join in the scheme. The Premier paid two visits to the area recently and feels that the project should be started as soon as possible.

"Just look at the map of North America," said Mr. Frost. "Hudson and James Bay are like an arrow pointing right down into the heartland of the continent. It is simple to connect the unlimited Arctic resources to industrial Ontario."

The Premier pointed out that the Ontario Northland Railway already connects Moosonee to Cochrane, that natural gas service could be very easily extended from the latter place, that there are great hydro-electric resources available only 90 miles away.

The development of Moosonee's port is more than justified by the fact that it would make possible the movement of iron ore from the large deposit at the Belcher Islands located a few hundred miles north of Moosonee in Hudson Bay. This iron ore deposit is one of the largest in North America. Altogether in the area, there is an estimated 4,500,000 tons of iron ore.

AMBASSADOR FROM CHILE

The Department of External Affairs has announced that His Excellency Mario Rodriguez presented to the Governor-General his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Chile to Canada. The ceremony took place at Government House.

Mr. Rodriguez was born in 1908. During his early career he served in Peru, Brazil and Washington. In 1944 he was appointed Assistant Director and subsequently Director of the Diplomatic Department of the Foreign Ministry. From 1947 to 1952 he served as Minister Counsellor in Washington and alternate delegate in the Council of the Organization of American States. In 1952 Mr. Rodriguez was appointed as Minister in Washington. He was appointed later as Political Director of the Foreign Ministry and subsequently Assistant Under-Secretary. In 1955 Mr. Rodriguez was appointed Ambassador of Chile to the United States until his resignation in March 1957.

HOSPITAL GRANTS FOR QUEBEC

The Department of Health and Welfare has announced that a hospital construction grant amounting to \$2,622,173 has been awarded towards the construction of the new Hopital St-Charles de Joliette, Quebec.

The new hospital will provide 1,475 beds for mental patients, as well as accommodation for 61 nurses. It is anticipated that this hospital will help meet the current shortage of mental hospital beds in Quebec. As this is a provincial hospital, construction costs not covered by the federal grant are being met by the province.

Also announced was a grant of \$15,829 towards the purchase of a miniature x-ray machine for the Hotel-Dieu de Quebec. The new x-ray equipment will be used for routine chest x-rays of hospital admissions as part of this hospital's chest x-ray admission programme. This method is considered to be one of the most useful in tuberculosis case-finding.