

NEW DEFENCE STAFF CHIEF

It was announced recently by the Minister of National Defence, Mr. Paul Hellyer, that the retiring Chief of the Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Frank R. Miller, would be succeeded by Lieutenant-General Jean V. Allard. The Minister gave the following capsule account of General Allard's career:

...In the Second World War, he commanded his regiment, the Royal 22nd, in Italy and Europe, and later commanded the 6th Canadian Infantry Brigade. For his services in action he was three times awarded the Distinguished Service Order.

In subsequent years, he held a number of important commands and appointments, including that of commander of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade Group in Korea. For two years, 1961-63, he commanded the 4th Division, British Army of the Rhine, the first Canadian army officer to command a British division.

On integration of the Canadian forces, he served for a year as chief of operational readiness on the defence staff, then was appointed commander of the newly-created Mobile Command in September 1965....

ITALY-CANADA IMMIGRATION TALKS

Senator Giorgio Oliva, Italy's Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (Emigration), and Mr. Paolo Savina, Deputy Director General for Emigration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recently spent two days in Ottawa consulting with Canadian officials on immigration matters of mutual interest. During the meetings, the Italian officials exchanged views with Canada's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Mr. Jean Marchand, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin.

The Ottawa meetings followed similar discussions last summer in Rome, when the former Immigration Minister, Mr. J.R. Nicholson, met with officials of the Italian Government to discuss Italian migration to Canada.

TOPICS OF TALKS

Among the subjects discussed were: sponsored and unsponsored migration, educational and vocational qualifications of prospective immigrants, and social assistance measures for new immigrants.

Immigration from Italy to Canada has increased steadily in recent years, from 14,200 in 1961 to 26,000 in 1965, and Italy is now second only to Britain as a source of immigrants to Canada.

Mr. Marchand and Mr. Martin expressed appreciation for the contribution of Italian workers to the prosperity and progress of Canada. Senator Oliva noted the cordiality extended by the Canadian people to Italian newcomers, which assisted in their integration into the Canadian community and economy. Both parties agreed to further studies and meetings concerning Italian immigration to Canada.

Senator Oliva and Mr. Savina have now embarked on discussions of social welfare, labour and educational matters with officials of provincial governments. Before they leave Canada, they will visit Italian communities in Quebec, Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta.

ECOSOC DELEGATES

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Donald S. Macdonald, would lead the Canadian delegation to the forty-first session of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, which will meet in Geneva from July 5 to August 5. The alternate delegates will be Mr. Jean-Louis Delisle, Canadian Ambassador to Turkey and Mr. J.O. Parry, Deputy Head of the United Nations Division, Department of External Affairs. The delegation will also include advisers from the Department of External Affairs.

Canada began its present three-year term on the 27-member Council in 1965, and has served three previous terms, the most recent being from 1956-1958.

DESIGN AWARDS

Designers and manufacturers from all parts of Canada received awards for excellence of design at a banquet held recently in Toronto to climax a nationwide effort to improve the quality of the country's industrial design.

The awards ceremony was the highlight of "Canada-Design '67", a programme launched by the Department of Industry and the National Design Council to encourage increased production and sale of well-designed Canadian products and stimulate the development of new designs for centennial celebrations and Expo '67. The programme was undertaken with the full co-operation of provincial governments, the Centennial Commission and Expo '67, as well as major business and professional associations.

More than 300 entries are on display at the Design Centre, Toronto, and many will later be exhibited elsewhere in Canada.

AWARDS AND DESIGNS

Fifty-eight special awards for new designs were made and awards were also presented to the manufacturers and designers of 23 existing products. A number took the form of financial grants to assist in the development of prototypes which might not otherwise have been undertaken.

Among the submissions were a trip-dial viewing-case to enable motorists to see maps conveniently and switch from one to another by turning a knob; a