

River crossing into Canada were not polluted to such an extent as to cause injury to health or property in this country. However, it was recommended that, in order to maintain these waters in satisfactory condition, the states of Minnesota and North Dakota comply with certain water-quality objectives set out in the report. At the same time, the Commission concluded that injury to health or property in Canada was not likely so long as these states adhered to the water-quality standards which they had established by legislation.

The Commission also recommended that it be given authority to supervise the maintenance of water quality at the boundary and to recommend changes or additions in the objectives as necessary. In approving the recommendations, the Canadian and U.S. Governments had the concurrence of Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota.

RCAF SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY

Project 69 of the Canadian branch of the Royal Air Forces Escaping Society will begin next July when a charter flight takes off for Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris, with J.M. Forman, DFC, a former RCAF wing commander and now Deputy Chairman of the Canadian Pension Commission, among its 100 passengers.

Some of the passengers will be Canadian members of the RAFES, who will be accompanied by an equal number of United States citizens, who were brought down in enemy-held territory during the Second World War, and, with the aid of "Helpers" (patriots in the occupied countries), were able to return to their bases to continue to play a useful part in the war.

They were able to return, thanks to the efforts of some 4,000 Helpers in European countries who risked their lives daily to assist allied airmen in escaping. The overseas tour, known as Project 69, has been organized by the Canadian Branch to enable their members to pay tribute and give thanks to their gallant wartime Helpers.

The members taking part will spend several days in Amsterdam, Brussels and Paris, holding receptions in each city to which many Helpers will be invited. The members will also have about 10 days to go their own way and visit old scenes - "safe houses" where they were hidden from the enemy - and, more important, to go to the homes of their old friends and their families. All expenses of the trip are being borne by the participants.

This is the second major project organized by the relatively new Canadian Branch. In 1967, as a centennial project, the Canadian Branch brought 16 Helpers from eight European countries to visit Canada. Each of the 16 represented the many Helpers in his own country. It was the first visit to Canada by these gallant men and women, and the Canadian Government, the RAFES, the Department of National Defence, Department of Veterans Affairs and three municipal governments ensured that their three-week

visit to Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal was a memorable occasion.

HELPERS' TRUST FUND

The Canadian Branch has set up a charitable trust from which direct payments may be made to those Helpers who are ill, disabled and in need of funds. Many lost a wife or husband or were cruelly treated in concentration camps as a direct result of the help they gave to the allied airmen.

TWO-PROVINCE POWER PACT

Ontario Hydro plans to enter into a \$95.5 million power-purchase agreement with Hydro-Quebec. The pact calls for Ontario to purchase 500,000 kilowatts of continuous power between June 1975, and May 1977, at a cost of about \$35.5 million, and an additional 20 billion kilowatt-hours of interruptible energy over a six-year period beginning in 1971.

Ontario Hydro Chairman George Gathercole said economic studies indicated that the power purchases would be comparable to the cost of generating the same amount within the provincial boundaries, but added that they had the advantage of "enabling us to defer capital expenditures which, on the basis of our load projections would be required for alternative capacity in 1976-77".

Inter-ties will be strengthened to increase the capacity to transfer power between the two provinces.

"Even more important," says Mr. Gathercole, "this agreement will lead to the negotiation between the two utilities of an interconnection agreement to provide for mutual assistance in times of emergency."

NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT FILM

A National Film Board camera crew has just finished shooting dramatic footage of oil-exploration activity on remote and barren Melville Island in the Canadian Arctic.

One of the sequences, showing huge transport aircraft ferrying drilling equipment and supplies to an oil-rig crew at a remote spot on Melville Island, will form part of an NFB film on natural resources in the Yukon and Northwest Territories that is now in production for the Resources and Development Branch of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

This 35 mm. colour film, scheduled for release to theatres early next year, has as yet no title. It was written and is being produced by Jim Carney, former producer-director of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation documentaries telecast on such programmes as *Close-Up*, *Horizon* and *This Hour Has Seven Days*.

Other sequences will illustrate resource development in the Mackenzie District of the Northwest Territories, in the Yukon, and on other islands besides Melville.