

UN delegation

Secretary of State for External Affairs Donald C. Jamieson is chairman of the Canadian delegation to the thirty-first regular session of the United Nations General Assembly, which convened at UN headquarters in New York, September 21. Other members are: William Barton, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, New York; R.D. Stanbury, Member of Parliament; Charles Lapointe, Member of Parliament; Harry Jay, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the Office of the UN, Geneva; Sylva Gelber, Special Adviser to the Deputy Minister of Labour; Geoffrey Bruce, Deputy Permanent Representative and Minister, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN, New York; Jacques Gignac, Ambassador of Canada to Tunisia; Maurice D. Copithorne, Director General, Bureau of Legal Affairs, Department of External Affairs.

The Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State for External Affairs, who had not yet been named, will complete the delegation.

Canadian Forces rescue teams keep busy

Two youngsters are plucked from a raft drifting in the open sea; a sick baby and mother are airlifted to hospital in the nick of time; and a panic-stricken hunter is found after a week-long search.

These aren't ideas for a television series, but a small part of a typical week's work for the Canadian Armed Forces at home and abroad.

During the busy summer months, Canada's sailors, soldiers and airmen are called on more than ever to rescue or search for lost or strayed travellers.

Niagara Falls rescue

On August 24, for example, a Canadian Forces helicopter rescued 26-year-old Tibor Hitenyi of New Jersey, United States, who was attempting to ride over the Horseshoe Falls, Niagara, in a metal barrel that became wedged in the rocks. Its occupant, who was later charged under U.S. parks regulations, had almost run out of oxygen when the helicopter succeeded in up-

righting the 5½-foot by 38-inch capsule.

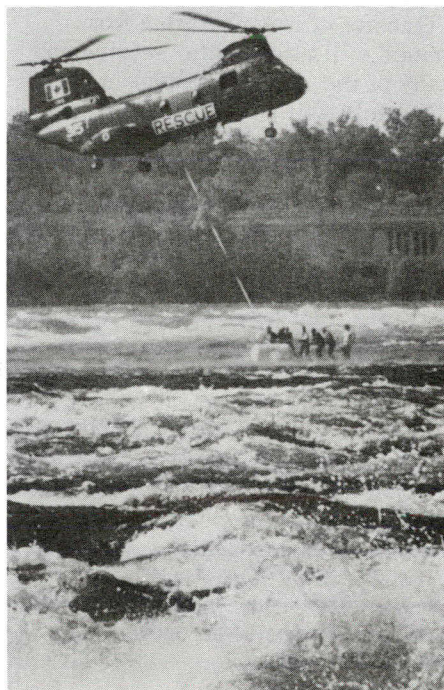
Particularly busy are the four Transport and Rescue (T&R) Squadrons, located in key search-and-rescue areas and the North, which fly thousands of miles a year in search of missing boats, planes and people.

Their most aggravating moments are caused by pilots who fail to check after landing safely that their aircraft Emergency Locator Transmitters (ELTs) have not accidentally switched on. ELTs activate automatically in a crash and emit radio signals to aid searching aircraft.

Each year the forces spend hundreds of thousands of dollars tracking down homing signals of accidentally activated ELTs, which can be turned on by a slight knock or bumpy landing. Sometimes they just activate themselves.

Various emergencies

Life is never dull for the T&R squadrons. In fact, during one week this summer the forces were involved



Canadian Forces helicopter from Trenton, Ontario, turns 1,300-pound propane tank right side up to rescue its occupant, Tibor Hitenyi of the U.S., who had hoped to ride over the Horseshoe Falls. The barrel, which grounded on rocks, some 400 yards above the Falls, had been launched from the United States side of the Niagara River.

in 150 search and rescue "incidents", and used their resources 36 times.

The Pacific region's 442 Squadron flew a number of medical evacuations from the mountainous interior of British Columbia to Vancouver, including a day-old baby with respiratory problems, a young woman with pregnancy complications, and a seven-year old boy injured in an automobile crash.

Two 442 aircraft also teamed up with HMC ships *Porte de-la-Reine* and *Porte Quebec* to save the crew of a sinking fishing boat in the stormy waters off Vancouver Island's northern tip.

Up North, a *Twin-Otter* from 440's northern detachment located the wreckage of a helicopter that was overdue on a survey flight out of Yellowknife. All three crewmen were dead.

In Quebec 75 soldiers from CFB Petawawa's 2 Combat Group scoured dense bush for a week in search of a missing hunter. He was found.

In central Canada, aircraft of 424 and 400 squadrons teamed up to search for a light aircraft, overdue on a flight from Toronto to northern Ontario. Plane and pilot were found safe and sound at their destination; he'd forgotten to close his flight plan.

On the east coast, aircraft of 413 Squadron combed the bleak interior plains of Labrador for an overdue light plane, which turned up later at its remote destination. They also saved two boys drifting on a small raft off Prince Edward Island.

Facts about food

Canadian families enjoy eating out as much as their American counterparts. They spend an average of just over one-fifth of their weekly food budget to do just that, according to the *Handbook of Food Expenditures, Prices and Consumption*, recently published by Agriculture Canada's Economics Branch.

In 1975, about 78.5 per cent of total food expenditures in Canada was for food consumed at home. Canadians spent the remaining 21.5 per cent for meals away from home. Americans spent just slightly less (76.5 per cent) for food eaten at home and somewhat more for food away from home (23.5 per cent).