

TRADE OFFICE IN KENYA

Trade and Commerce Minister Winters has announced the opening of a new Canadian trade office in Nairobi, Kenya, the sixty-eighth to be established by the Department of Trade and Commerce. Its purpose is to promote Canadian export interests in Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia.

Canadian trade with these countries has been relatively small, but proposed development programmes in the area could provide wide market opportunities for Canada over the next five years. Canadian imports from these countries consist mainly of coffee, tea and cotton, worth about \$20 million a year. Canada's annual exports to this group of countries, primarily aircraft and wheat, amount at present to some \$10 million.

FIVE-YEAR RADIO LICENCES

The Department of Transport announced recently that five-year licences for radio stations would replace the annual licences previously issued to amateur stations and most categories of commercial radio station.

The change does not affect radio and television stations broadcasting to the public, which already are licensed for up to five years, nor does it affect low-power stations in the general radio-service classification, which are licensed for three-year periods.

Commercial radio licences, which cover both land and mobile stations, are granted on the basis of applications accepted by the licensing authority. The radio apparatus may be replaced if the new apparatus is of a type approved by the Department of Transport for use in the service performed by the licensed station, provided that no change is made in the transmitting power, type of emission, radio frequency or antenna characteristics stated in the application or licence.

CANADIAN PLANES TO CARIBBEAN

Mr. J.W. Pickersgill, the Minister of Transport, said recently that it had been generally agreed, during the Commonwealth Caribbean-Canada Conference held in Ottawa last summer, that a closer relation should be developed between Canada and the Commonwealth Caribbean countries and territories in matters concerning civil aviation.

Within this framework, the Department of Transport has purchased two Canadian de Havilland *Twin Otter* aircraft, which are being leased on a normal commercial basis to Leeward Island Air Transport. LIAT, based in Antigua, operates an inter-island air service. This co-operative arrangement between the DOT and LIAT will result in the service without the need for an immediate and substantial enlargement of working capital.

GRANT TO CUSO

The Secretary of State for External Affairs Mr. Paul Martin, has announced that the Government will make a contribution of up to \$1,841,000 to Canadian University Service Overseas to enable that organization to enroll 960 volunteers in 1967.

Mr. Martin said that in recognition of the fact that CUSO volunteers are making a valuable contribution to Canada's programmes of international development assistance, the grant would be made from external aid funds. CUSO had 567 volunteers overseas last year. Most volunteers are teachers, but a wide range of skills and professions is represented among men and women anywhere from 20 to 78 years old.

CUSO was inaugurated in 1961 by Canadian universities and several national organizations as an agency to develop schemes to send Canadian graduates to serve in developing countries. The organization was initiated and is supported each year by private contributions of some \$200,000 and is given the leadership, administrative and recruiting support of voluntary workers in cities and universities throughout Canada. Mr. Martin said that, despite substantial Government support, CUSO would retain its voluntary character.

The Canadian Government first came to CUSO's assistance in 1964, when it provided transportation for volunteers going abroad. In 1965-66, CUSO was given a grant of \$500,000, which was raised to \$750,000 in 1966-67. These sums were in addition to transport provided by the Royal Canadian Air Force. The 1967-68 grant will include the costs of this transportation.

TOTEM POLES FOR FRANCE AND BELGIUM

Two tall Canadian totem poles, carved by West Coast craftsmen of the Squamish Indian Band, are towering above the squares in Longuyon and Virton to remind French and Belgian villagers of Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons who had lived among them while on NATO duty. No. 1 RCAF Fighter Wing, stationed at Marville, is due to leave shortly for West Germany.

Totem poles are to the Indian people what coats-of-arms and emblems of heraldry are to Europeans. Commissioned as a parting gift, these are from the men on the station who for the past six years, some with families, some without, have been living in and around Marville. When their numbers outran Marville's capacity to absorb them they overflowed into nearby Longuyon and across the Belgian border into Virton.

At two separate ceremonies on March 11 the totem poles, already in place, were dedicated and presented to the mayor of each community by Group Captain R.G. Christie, the station's Commanding Officer. With him to represent the Indian people was Simon Baker, head of the Squamish Band, a group composed of 26 Indian reserves in British Columbia, a chief, and 14 councillors.