

### Visit of Quebec Premier to France

Premier Robert Bourassa of Quebec, on an official visit to France at the beginning of December, had several discussions with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and several other officials of the Republic.



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Mr. Bourassa was received at the Elysée Palace, where he attended a meeting of the Council of Ministers, an honour which the President termed as not only exceptional but "unique". During the visit to Paris, discussions mainly focused on cultural and financial problems and the French language.

"My meeting with the President of the French Republic has been extremely interesting," said Mr. Bourassa. "We discussed several topics, particularly uranium. Problems of manpower and immigration were also discussed."

#### A new beginning

A new item was emphasized, he added — "Frenchification" of all Quebec undertakings. A series of steps have been decided in this regard: mutual exchange of missions; help for technical education; publication and distribution of technical glossaries; data banks on scientific and technical information. "This," declared Mr. Bourassa, "is the starting point of a new effort."

During his meeting with the President

of the National Assembly, Edgar Faure, "the qualitative strategy of a new economic growth" was studied, as well as the use of technology and scientific methods and the contribution of the Quebec Languages Act advocating the conversion to French as the official language of the province to promote the preservation of French culture. The fact that Quebec is an official French province, said Mr. Bourassa, was "an historical event, recognized as such by the French authorities". However, both sides recognized that the Federal Government of Canada is, in some areas, above the jurisdiction of the Province of Quebec.

#### Investment in Quebec

Mr. Bourassa visited the headquarters of UNESCO, where he met executive director M'Bow and his staff. Later

he met the Minister of Finance, with whom he studied economic relations between France and Quebec. Mr. Bourassa stated that "about \$10 million to \$20 million could shortly be invested in Quebec in the field of pulp, paper and construction materials". He added that "chances for French investments in Quebec are excellent".

Agreements were reached regarding the implementation of new programs, which included: French as the technical and working language; industrial co-operation; transportation; natural resources; communications and manpower mobility. Special interest was shown in the following sectors: electricity and electronics; chemistry and petrochemicals; mineral and forestry resources; environment and pollution control; construction; communications; sports and leisure.

### Canada won some — lost some in Expo '74 wrap up festivities

As a counterpart to the official ceremonies climaxing their participation in Expo '74, Spokane, Washington, Philippe Cinq-Mars, site manager of Canada Island, organized his fellow officials of foreign pavilions to challenge the Expo '74 officials to a hockey match in the Spokane Coliseum.

The Expo Executives won 7-3, only after frenzied cheering, hilarious antics and mock fist-fighting on the ice. The Republic of China Commissioner General Chang-kuo Teng, immaculate in gray flannel slacks, skated "for the first time since I was ten in Peking". Korea's Commissioner General Won-



Photographed after the game are (left to right) Richard Kirk, of the Washington State Pavilion; Hendrik G. Bebbler, Germany; Philippe Cinq-Mars, Canada,

Bruce Gochill, Australia; John McKeown, Canada; and Patrick Reid, Canada, President of the College of Commissioners General.