

Korean president makes first ever visit to Canada



Governor General Edward Schreyer hosts a dinner in honour of the Korean president's visit. (Left to right): Governor General Edward Schreyer, President Chun Doo Hwan, Mrs. Chun, Mrs. Schreyer and Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Republic of Korea President Chun Doo Hwan visited Canada, August 28-31, at the invitation of Governor General Edward Schreyer.

The visit, the first to Canada by a Korean president, followed that to Korea last year by Prime Minister Pierre

Trudeau. President Chun's delegation included Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Planning Board H.E. Kim Joon Sung; Minister of Foreign Affairs Lee Bum Suk; Minister of Commerce and Industry Kim Dong Whie; other government officials and senior Korean businessmen.

Minister of State for International Trade Ed Lumley, Speaker of the Senate Jean Marchand, members of the Canada-Korea Parliamentary Association and a number of provincial ministers have visited Korea in the past year.

War veterans honoured

During his stay, President Chun visited Ste. Anne's Hospital, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue (home of more than 70 Canadian veterans of the Korean War) and laid a commemorative wreath at the Cenotaph in Ottawa. He and Prime Minister Trudeau enjoyed lengthy discussions on a variety of international matters. President Chun and members of his delegation also met with Cabinet ministers, government officials and Canadian businessmen to review a wide range of matters of bilateral interest. Among the topics discussed were sales of CANDU nuclear reactors, wheat, telecommunications and aircraft.

Since the Korean War — in which more than 26 000 Canadians served and more than 500 died — a fundamental theme in

Canada's relations with Korea has been support for the political and territorial integrity of the Republic.

Trade relations between the two countries have grown rapidly since Canada opened its embassy in Seoul in 1973; two-way trade has expanded tenfold over that of the intervening period, to exceed \$1 billion in 1981.

Canadian and Korean economies are thought to complement each other with Korea importing resource products, such as coal, wood pulp, potash and ore, and high-technology products such as nuclear reactors and telecommunications equipment. Canada imports consumer goods, such as clothing and textiles and heavier industrial goods such as steel.

Canadian exports to Korea last year of \$446 million made that country Canada's seventh-largest overseas customer, while imports from Korea totalling \$608 million make Canada Korea's eighth-largest customer.

Coal is Canada's largest export item to Korea accounting for 28 per cent of total exports to Korea in 1981. British Columbia Coal International Limited is the largest single supplier of metallurgical coal to Korea. The company started shipping coal to that country in 1974 and is one of four Canadian coal producers exporting the mineral to Korea. In addition in the energy sector, construction was recently completed on Canada's first CANDU reactor sold to Korea.

Condolences sent to Monaco

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau sent a message of condolence to Prince Rainier III of Monaco on September 15 expressing the sorrow and sympathy felt by Canadians on the death of Princess Grace.

"I am deeply saddened by Princess Grace's tragic death. Like all who followed her remarkable career closely, I admired the qualities of heart and spirit which helped make her a princess in every sense," said Mr. Trudeau in his message.

"With all Canadians, I sympathize in your loss and ask that you convey my sincere condolences to the Princesses Caroline and Stephanie, and to Prince Albert."

Canada was represented at the funeral by Minister of National Defence Gilles Lamontagne and Mrs. Lamontagne and J.C. Cardin, who is in charge of the Canadian consulate general in Marseille.



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In Ottawa, crowds await the arrival of Korean President Chun Doo Hwan.