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## Prime Minister Gandhi visits Canada

Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister of India, arrived at Ottawa on Sunday June 17 for an eight-day visit to Canada. During her stay in the capital, she was the guest at Government House of Governor-General and Mrs. Michener.

On June 18, Mrs. Gandhi held talks with Prime Minister Trudeau, was entertained at lunch by the Governor General and at dinner by Mr. Trudeau. She met members of the Board of the Shastri Institute, which is an academic institution that was established to promote Indian-Canadian exchanges proposed by the late Prime Minister of India, L.B. Shastri, when he visited Canada in 1965.

On the morning of June 19, Mrs. Gandhi had further talks with Mr. Trudeau, had a brief discussion with Robert Stanfield, Leader of the Opposition, and also conversed with ministers and senior government officials. Before noon she addressed a joint session of the Senate and the House of Commons in the Commons Chamber, met Senators and Members of Parliament at a reception, and then held a press conference. In the afternoon, Mrs. Gandhi visited the National Gallery and the National Arts Centre, attended a reception given in her honour by the High Commission of India, and held an official dinner in the evening. In Ottawa and during her visits to various other Canadian centres, Mrs. Gandhi had several opportunities to meet members of the Indian-Canadian committees and associations.

## Across Canada

On June 20, Mrs. Gandhi visited Toronto, where she addressed a joint luncheon meeting of the Empire Club of Canada and the Canadian Club of Toronto; and she paid a visit to Ontario Place, where she was received by Premier William Davis of Ontario and Mr. Claude Bennett, Minister of Industry and Tourism. Later in the afternoon, Mrs. Gandhi went to Niagara-on-the-Lake, where she was the



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Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her way to the podium in the House of Commons on June 19 to address a joint session of the Canadian Parliament. On Mrs. Gandhi's immediate left Prime Minister Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp (front), applaud. Indian High Commissioner to Canada Uma Shankar Bajpai is on her right.

guest of Prime Minister Trudeau at a performance of the Shaw Festival.

The following day in Montreal, Mrs. Gandhi viewed films and met film writers and artists of the National Film Board. She gave a small reception for representatives of the artistic and literary community and that evening she attended a dinner given by the government of Quebec and saw a performance by the dance troupe Les Feux Follets.

On June 22, after a visit to Habitat