

production and lower transportation costs will allow Champion to expand sales in the fast-growing Asian markets".

Other joint ventures

In Indonesia, Mr. Clark participated in the official announcement of the Manulife Technical Assistance Agreement with the Dharmala Group. Other active joint ventures are being considered in such diverse areas as telecommunications, vaccines, fuel additives, biopharmacy and stainless steel. Mr. Clark said that Canada had upwards of \$1 billion directly invested in Indonesia and that industrial co-operation, including investments and the transfer of technology were important.

Drug problems

Another important area of concern considered during Mr. Clark's visit was the menace of international narcotics trafficking and the urgent need for co-operation to combat the problem. Mr. Clark indicated Canada's support of ASEAN for formulating a draft resolution addressing some of the problems involved and said that Canada would "give immediate effect to some of its operative paragraphs by offering funds for integrated rural development projects in Thailand such as crop substitution, income replacement and other measures".

International Terrorism

At the PMC, Mr. Clark introduced terrorism as another issue of concern for discussion and received the support of the participants. He cited the recent airline tragedies, three of which have proven to be the direct result of terrorism, and said that "Canada is at the forefront of efforts to tighten international co-operation to protect airlines from terrorism".

Development assistance

CIDA's programs in Southeast Asia were also discussed during the visit and Mr. Clark indicated continued Canadian support for developmental aid in the region. In Thailand he visited CIDA's community-based inter regional development project in the Buriram province and in Indonesia he spent a day on the island of Lombok where he officially opened a major CIDA water diversion project.

The General Training Program Agreement, signed by Mr. Clark on July 19 in Jakarta, reflects the special emphasis placed on the management of renewable natural resources including the environment. Mr. Clark said he hoped this agreement would be followed with a program of support for university development, as well as new programs in water resources training, institutional strengthening of irrigation design and planning in eastern Indonesia, including

environmental manpower development.

Other activities of CIDA in Indonesia include financial assistance in support of the Bukit Asam Project, potash sales and the mounting of trade seminars to help Indonesian exporters develop markets in Canada.

Closer ties

At the conclusion of the visit Mr. Clark said Canada would increase both its formal and informal ties with the Pacific and South-east Asian region. He stated that Canada's political presence in the region would be strengthened and that Canadian embassies and high commissions in the region would receive an increase in staff, mainly on the trade and investment side.

A group of parliamentarians will visit the region this autumn and Mr. Clark suggested that a program of regular exchanges be carried forward on an increasing basis. He added that private businessmen and journalists would also be encouraged to make regular visits.

Aid on two continents

Minister for External Relations Monique Vézina has announced a number of Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) grants that will be used to initiate, maintain and expand projects in Africa and Latin America. The money will be provided for activities ranging from technological development to food aid and reconstruction.



Monique Vézina

DASH 7 to Air Guinea

One of the CIDA grants involves \$21.6 million for the purchase of a 50-seat DASH-7 from De Havilland Aircraft Corporation of Canada by Air Guinea to serve the interior of Guinea on regularly scheduled flights. It will be the first aircraft of this type used in West Africa.

Technical assistance, training, management and engineering services related to the project will be provided by Services Quebecair over three years. Part of the grant will also be used to construct a maintenance hangar and to improve secondary runways and the security of Air Guinea.

Railway maintenance

In a Memorandum of Understanding with Kenya, CIDA will provide \$7 million in assistance to the Kenya Railways Corporation.

It is part of an ongoing CIDA program to assist the Kenya railway in maintaining its 15 Canadian-built Bombardier locomotives, and will be used to supply spare parts, tools, equipment and technical assistance.

The Canadian Commercial Corporation will be responsible for the execution of the memorandum and Canadian firms will supply the goods and services.

Food aid

Up to \$50 million a year for each of the next three years will be contributed to help meet food needs and promote economic development in Bangladesh.

Mrs. Vézina said that up to 750 000 tonnes of wheat will be purchased and used to support four separate programs. About 25 per cent will finance an employment program on rural road maintenance crews for destitute women; some 25 per cent will be allocated for wheat as part payment to laborers for construction of roads, canals and embankments; about 10 per cent will be distributed to the poorest rural women and children; and the remaining 40 per cent will either be distributed by the Ministry of Food or sold to raise funds for general development.

Co-operatives

A grant of \$2.7 million has been designated for the international co-operative development organization, the *Société de développement international Desjardins* (SDID) for the maintenance and expansion of its activities in Africa and Latin America. SDID is working on various projects on both continents and is preparing to set up others in sectors related to savings and credit, food and agriculture, co-operative education, handicrafts, community services and integration of co-operatives.

The countries that will benefit from this CIDA support are: Burkina Faso, Niger, Senegal, Mali, Zaire, Cameroon and Rwanda in Africa; and Honduras, Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia in Latin America.

Reconstruction projects

In another grant, \$485 000 will be distributed in varying amounts to several Canadian non-governmental organizations for their reconstruction projects in Chile.

The funds will be used for the reconstruction of buildings including health stations, community centres, schools, a senior citizens' centre, houses, and facilities to provide greater access to drinking water in areas that suffered considerable damage to property during the major earthquake in Chile on March 3. Chileans will also be trained in the techniques used to build houses and other small buildings.