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Canada and Mexico agree on industrial and energy co-operation

Mexican President José Lopez Portillo made an official visit to Canada and met with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and members of his Cabinet, May 26-27. President Portillo also travelled to Toronto to hold talks with Ontario Premier William Davis on May 28.

President Lopez Portillo met privately with Prime Minister Trudeau and then the two joined a session between Canadian ministers and their Mexican counterparts.

The President addressed a joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate and later attended a state dinner in his honour hosted by Governor-General Edward Schreyer.

In his welcoming speech to the President, Mr. Trudeau said that he was "greatly impressed by Mexico's growing stature in the global community of nations" and that "Canada welcomes (Mexico's) determination to use its stature to contribute effectively to the enhancement of global stability".

President Lopez Portillo, in his address to Parliament, said that Canada's destiny

was "inevitably linked" to Mexico's destiny.

"The relations of mutual respect and friendship that exist between Canada and Mexico guarantee a proper framework for broadening our political, economic and cultural relations, and we have the will and the resources to bring this about," he said.

Joint statement

In a joint statement, the two leaders agreed to expand their joint efforts in order to continue to increase and widen bilateral trade relations in an equitable way.

The Prime Minister and the President announced that Mexico would guarantee delivery of 50,000 barrels of oil a day to Canada starting this December. These exports are subject to contractual agreements between Petroleos Mexicanos and Petro-Canada, expected to be concluded this August. The exports of Mexican petroleum to Canada are a central element of the Mexican contribution to the



President Lopez Portillo arrives at the Parliament Buildings accompanied by Governor-General Edward Schreyer in horse-drawn landau.

Nine years ago this week...

Royal Assent was given to legislation providing for the establishment of a Department of the Environment, the appointment of Ministries of State and a Postmaster General.