

members of the Croatian community. On June 20 and 21, Dr. Granić will be in Ottawa where he will meet with Deputy Prime Minister Sheila Copps, Mr. Ouellet, International Trade Minister Roy MacLaren, and members of Parliament. Discussions will focus on the situation in the former Yugoslavia and various aspects of Canada-Croatia bilateral relations."

Ministers Congratulate 1994 PAFSO Award Winners

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"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, Minister for International Trade Roy MacLaren, and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Sergio Marchi, ... congratulated the four winners of the 1994 Canadian Foreign Service Officer Awards. The award winners are: Ian Burchett, Canada's Vice-Consul and Assistant Trade Commissioner in Monterey, Mexico, who received his award for promoting Canadian business in Northeastern Mexico; Claudette Deschênes, an employee in the International Service Group of Citizenship and Immigration Canada, for her exceptional services in supporting immigration managers abroad and in handling trying personnel issues; Denis Grégoire de Blois, for his extraordinary work over a four-year period in protecting human rights in Syria; and Carolyn McMaster, for her outstanding role in helping to develop and implement Canadian policy on South Africa."

STATEMENTS:

"...We also wish to encourage and support political development here, as we do in other countries, both in this hemisphere and elsewhere. Cuba has made some real human rights accomplishments, notably in the areas of economic and social rights. Cuba's health care and educational systems have been models for other countries. I would also stress that when we speak of human rights and democratic development, we do not have a single westernized model. Rather, we are focusing on respect for certain freedoms that are set out in such international instruments as the UN [United Nations] Declaration on Human Rights. These issues form part of the bedrock of Canadian foreign policy. Thus, Canada will make human rights and democratic development an area of continuing discussion with Cuba, in order that Cuban accomplishments in the areas I have mentioned can be mirrored elsewhere in the areas of political and civil rights. ... We in the Canadian government have a long-standing belief that whatever our differences with another country may be, an open, honest dialogue is important. That is why our formal relationship with Cuba has been unbroken since it was established in 1945. ... The Canadian government has been in the habit of describing Canada-Cuba relations in recent years as active and positive; and I think that certainly characterizes the thick web of unofficial, private links that many Canadian organizations, companies and individuals have with their Cuban counterparts. ... Beyond the strictly bilateral, I would add that as a long-standing believer in multilateralism, Canada attaches special importance to the role of international organizations. Even if they only can maintain civil international discourse on some international issues, they have made a valuable contribution. ... At the recent OAS meeting in Belém, I suggested that, as an organization, the OAS needs to look to a day when Cuba can once again play its full role, with all the privileges and responsibilities involved. Isolation is unhealthy, while close contact with an increasingly vibrant organization, doing important work to promote economic and political liberalization, can have a positive, practical impact. What are Canadian objectives in Cuba? First, we are here to promote several concrete Canadian interests, especially in terms of commercial activities. Second, we wish to support positive, peaceful change in Cuba, both political and economic. We may disagree on some aspects of change, in particular in the areas of human rights and democratic development, but we will pursue the discussion at appropriate levels. Third, we wish to encourage Cuba's full, constructive participation in international affairs. Finally, we want the Canadian government not to be an impediment, standing in the way of Canadian organizations and individuals pursuing their own activities and dialogues with Cubans because of historic restrictions on official development assistance."

Notes for an Address by the Honourable Christine Stewart, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa), to *The Economist* Conferences Second Round Table with the Government of Cuba (Havana, Cuba, June 20, 1994, 94-32)

"...this Government has a very clear framework when it comes to the conduct of our bilateral relations with China. This framework is based on four pillars: economic partnership, sustainable development, peace and security, and human rights and the rule of law. We will not sacrifice one at the expense of the other. Indeed, they are all mutually reinforcing. ... Respect for human rights is an essential part of Canadian foreign policy. Our relationship with China cannot be reduced or simplified to a trade versus human rights argument written about in the media. We believe systematic and wide-ranging contact will lead to calls within Chinese society for greater openness and freedom. Certainly there is evidence that increased political flexibility is a by-product of economic liberalization, and governments that have opened their markets to international trade are more sensitive to the views and reactions of other countries. ... As a matter of policy, this government will continue to work with other countries to ensure that China respects its obligations under the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights. ... On a bilateral basis, we have also expressed our concerns on human rights to the Chinese leadership. ... Isolating China will achieve nothing except to turn China inward. As the excesses of the Cultural Revolution demonstrated, this is not good either for China or the western world. On the other hand, mutual commitments and mutually beneficial relationships will serve to integrate a key regional and global player into the world community.

Ministerial Statement to the House of Commons by the Honourable Raymond Chan, Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific), on the Fifth Anniversary of Events in Tiananmen Square (Ottawa, Ontario, June 9, 1994)

CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA

Marchi Announces Appointments to Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB)

June 15, 1994

"In response to the terms expired in May for the IRB, Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi announced ... the appointment of 27 members to the Convention Refugee Determination Division (CRDD). This includes the re-appointments of six members."

FINANCE CANADA

Canada-U.S. \$2 Billion Three-Year Fixed-Rates Issue In Euro-U.S. Market

June 20, 1994

"Secretary of State Doug Peters, on behalf of the minister of Finance, Paul Martin, ... announced the launch of a U.S. \$2 billion 3-year fixed-rate bond issue in the Euro-U.S. market. The operation is being undertaken to increase exchange reserves and to diversify the sources of U.S. dollar funding of the Exchange Fund Account. The issue is structured to meet the current maturity preferences of investors and represents a cost-effective financing of Canada's exchange reserves. The issue will not be used to fund government operations, which are financed exclusively in Canadian dollars."

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