

LOAN TO BOTSWANA FOR MINING INDUSTRY

Canada is allocating \$18 million to Botswana to help this southern African nation provide the electricity necessary for the development of its mining industry. In making the announcement, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, said that this was the largest project of development assistance ever undertaken by Canada in Africa.

The loan will be used for steam-turbines, boilers and transmission-lines, which will provide power necessary for the growth of nickel and copper de-

posits at Pikwe in the Shashi River area.

Canada's contribution is a vital part of a project developed in co-operation with the World Bank and other bilateral donors. Construction of road and rail communications, a mining town, medical facilities and a water supply system are also envisaged. Initial investments in the infrastructure and in the mine are expected to total \$94,600,000.

BENEFITS OF LOAN

Mr. Sharp said that the development loan would allow Canada to make a significant contribution to the economic growth of Botswana. Forecasts clearly indicate that income from the Shashi River complex will radically improve government revenues as well as providing much needed employment.

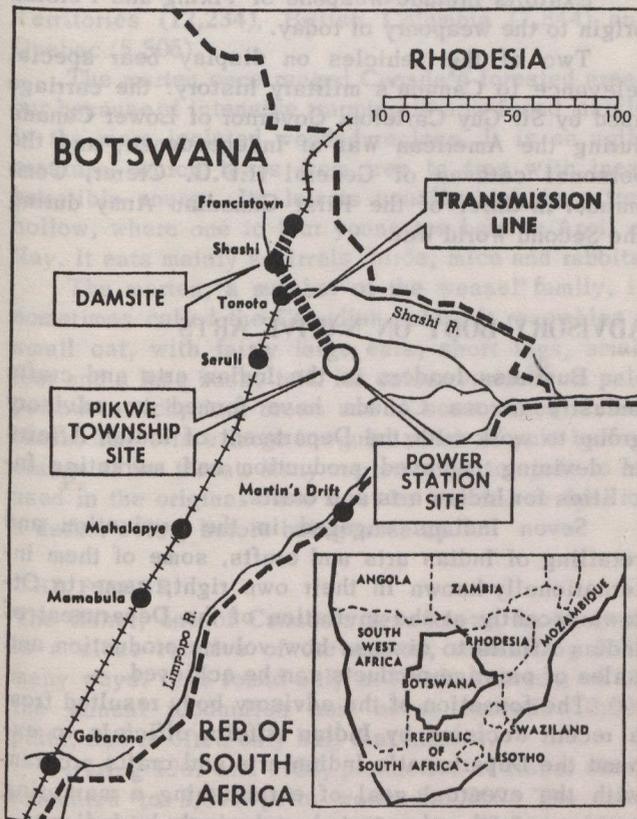
The project will directly or indirectly create about 3,500 jobs for citizens of Botswana by 1974 and a total of 5,300 by 1980. The total Botswana labour force amounted to 28,000 persons in 1968.

Besides copper and nickel, sulphur will be extracted from the ore, which will be sold in Africa for the manufacture of fertilizer. One side effect of the project will be the development of the coal-mining industry to provide fuel for power generation.

The Canadian equipment will include four 15-megawatt steam turbines and three 15-megawatt boilers.

Canada will also provide 50 miles of 66-kilovolt transmission-line from the damsite at Shashi to the mining town at Pikwe. Another 20 miles of 66-kilovolt line will be constructed by Canada from Shashi to Francistown, to the north. Francistown, with a population of 10,000, is the third largest settlement in the country. Its electricity is now supplied by diesel generators, which are costly to operate.

The loan is for 50 years with a 10-year period of grace on principal repayments and no interest.



CANADA COMMENDED AT OSAKA

Many compliments have been received about the three pavilions representing Canada at Expo 70. Reprinted below are some of the tributes that have appeared in the Japanese press:

"The three pavilions on the site attracting the biggest crowds are those of Canada, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A." *Yomuri Shimbun* (daily paper).

"Canadian pavilion is one of the most popular attractions on site for photographers." *Asoki Shimbun* (daily paper).

"Canadian pavilion is best at Expo. Mirror-clad building and lighthearted exhibits convey relaxed human touch which is simply wonderful." *Shukan Gendai* (weekly magazine).

"RCMP of Canadian pavilion are a tremendous hit with all children who visit Expo. All visitors experience special feeling of warmth and friendliness when they enter the pavilion's centre courtyard." *Sports Nippon* (daily sports and entertainment paper).

"Main entrance of Canadian pavilion with mounted RCMP is probably most photographed scene on Expo site." *Chugoku Shimbun* (daily paper).

"There are line-ups for many things at Expo so Canada's live entertainment in central courtyard of pavilion is marvellously planned and very successful." *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* (daily economic paper).

"Canadian pavilion is alive with youthful vitality." *Kyoto Shimbun* (daily paper).