

money will also help drain the Piranhas and Parnaiba rivers. The Northeast floods caused CR\$95-million worth of damage, with the waters destroying 60,000 houses and leaving 300,000 people homeless.

The Brazilian Government, which had already begun the recovery plan of the hit areas, thanked the Ambassador through Minister Rangel Reis. "The Brazilian people," said Rangel, "will always be grateful to the Canadian people for their brotherly gesture."

Immigrant legal aid at Dorval

Otto Lang, Minister of Justice, and Robert Andras, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, recently announced the inauguration of an experimental legal aid service for persons seeking admission to Canada at Montreal International Airport at Dorval.

The service, authorized as a one-year experiment, is being provided in co-operation with le Centre Communautaire Juridique de Montréal. It is being funded jointly by the Departments of Justice and Manpower and Immigration, and has received the approval of the Quebec Department of Justice. The federal grant totals \$29,700.

A lawyer, a law student and a secretary will be available at Dorval Airport to people who are required to go before an immigration special inquiry officer, and who may, as a result of the inquiry, be ordered deported. The service will function in close collaboration with voluntary agencies now working with immigrants in the Montreal area.

The Ministers noted that the Dorval project will provide an opportunity to assess the effectiveness of such services and will provide a basis for determining future service needs in the immigration field.

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Obligations as a nuclear power

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to Canadian industry — and the several ways in which it is discharged. One method is through the repeated declaration of the Canadian Government of its conviction of the fundamental worth and demonstrated superiority of the CANDU reactor over any other design. Another is the decision of the Federal Government to assist financially in constructing first CANDU units within each province. Still another is the wide range of research, developmental and marketing programs funded and pursued by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and support abroad by all the facilities of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce and the Department of External Affairs.

The success of the CANDU concept is attracting increasing attention world-wide because of its safety record, its respect for the environment, its reliability, its efficient fuel utilization, and its economy of operation. The remarkable performance of the Pickering installation will lead, I have little doubt, to the adoption of this Canadian-developed technology in a large number of countries abroad.

The Government is no less interested in safe, tamper-proof facilities than it is in assurance that reactors cannot purposely be diverted to non-peaceful ends. We must protect ourselves against accident and criminal elements. A contribution of significant proportion has recently been made by Canadian industry in the design of a spent-fuel shipping cask incorporating novel shielding and physical properties.

Exploration program

As nuclear-generated power plants have increased in number world-wide, partly in response to higher fossil-fuel costs, partly out of concern for continuing security of oil and gas supply, the demand for uranium has undergone a startling change. After a depression in world uranium prices lasting almost 15 years, there has suddenly occurred a dramatic shift from a buyer's to a seller's market. During the 1960s, exploration programs necessary for the location of new mineral formations had slowed down and, in many instances, ceased altogether. Throughout this period, federal funds ensured the preservation in Canada of

a nucleus of the uranium production industry. As demand-pressure grew in the 1970s, however, it became apparent that further help was needed to ensure adequate exploration. Federal response was twofold. Funds were provided a year ago to the Crown corporation Eldorado Nuclear Limited to permit it to re-enter the uranium exploration field. More recently, the Federal Government initiated a uranium-reconnaissance program to permit a systematic general exploration of Canada in order to point up promising areas for detailed exploratory studies. The Government expects that the change in world price and the federal stimulus to exploration will serve to attract from Canadian sources fresh equity investment in the Canadian uranium industry, a growth industry with special incentives and benefits for Canadian investors.

We have in Canada all the elements required to continue into the twenty-first century this country's prominent position as a world leader in the nuclear industry. In Canada is uranium in relative abundance. In Canada are the technical skills necessary to maintain our lead in the design, construction and supply of efficient nuclear reactors and heavy water production plants.

Several years ago I asked Canadians to pay less attention to the siren song of buying back investment now held in foreign hands. I argued then, and will continue to do so, that buying back the past was not the answer; that we should instead ensure that industries of the future were developed by Canadians in the Canadian interest. The nuclear industry was foremost on my mind as a future industry, and is one which will require immense amounts of capital.

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Tax collection made easier

Revenue Minister Ron Basford recently announced that the Taxation Office would be decentralized.

Beginning with Winnipeg, the Department has initiated geographic decentralization of its Ottawa Data Centre for the processing of income tax returns. Over a period up to five years, satellite data centres linked to the central facilities in Ottawa will be established in all five major regions of Canada.