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## Prime Minister makes international tour for North-South talks

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau visited Austria, Nigeria, Senegal, Brazil and Mexico from January 5-17.

The purpose of the five-nation tour was to continue consultations which the Prime Minister is undertaking prior to the North-South Summit, and the Economic Summit of seven industrialized countries which Canada will host in July. Mr. Trudeau also exchanged views with his foreign counterparts on multilateral and bilateral issues.

Mr. Trudeau's first stop on his tour was Austria where he was to meet with Chancellor Bruno Kreisky. Poor weather conditions meant that the two had to talk by telephone, and that a scheduled two-day visit to Algeria had to be postponed.

### Nigerian talks

The Prime Minister's second destination was Nigeria, where he met with President Alhaji Shehu Shagari.

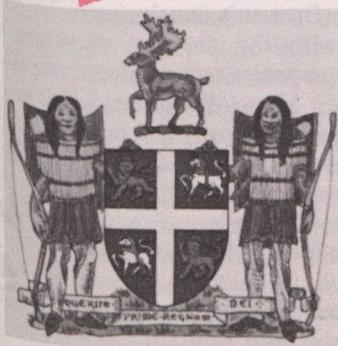
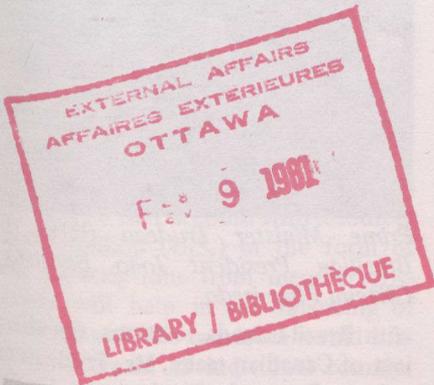
At a state dinner, Prime Minister Trudeau voiced Canada's support for independence for Namibia. "Racial discrimination

is an insult to mankind and cannot be accepted. Change must and will come," he said.

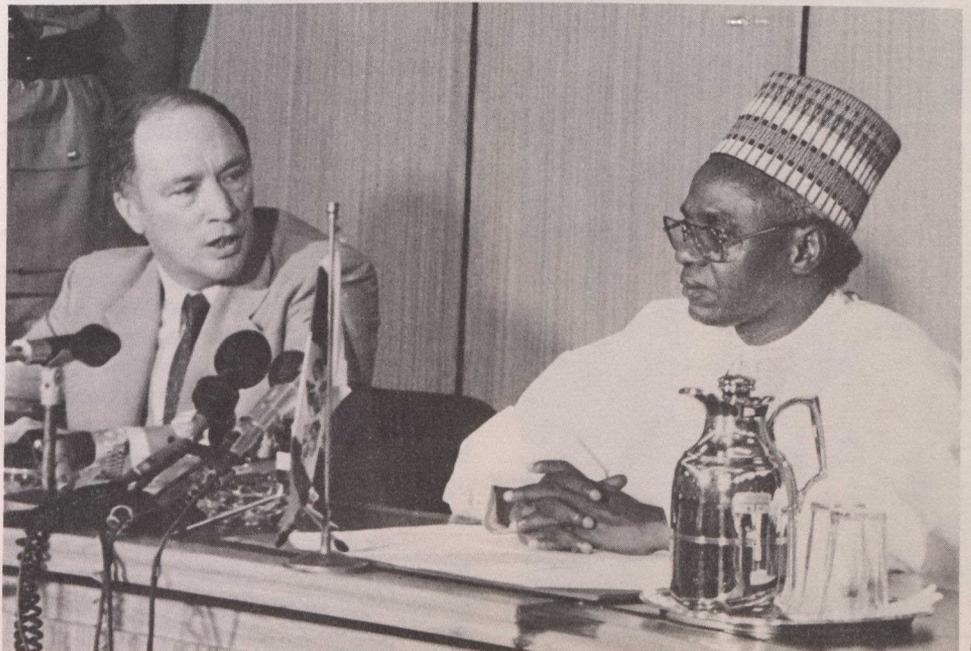
Mr. Trudeau also said energy issues were vital to North-South relations and acknowledged the need by developed nations to discover more efficient and alternative energy sources.

President Shagari praised Mr. Trudeau's "laudable and inspiring efforts" to promote negotiations between rich and developing countries. He said bilateral relations were generally excellent and that he hoped Canadians would play a larger role in developing the Nigerian economy. Mr. Shagari encouraged Canadian businessmen to take a more active interest in Nigeria.

Canadian companies at present are pursuing joint ventures in such areas as construction, consulting, agriculture, appliance assembly, computer services and pharmaceutical manufacturing. Alcan, Bata and Canada Wire and Cable have established manufacturing plants in Nigeria on a joint venture basis. Because



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In Lagos, Prime Minister Trudeau (left) and President Shagari attend a press conference.

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