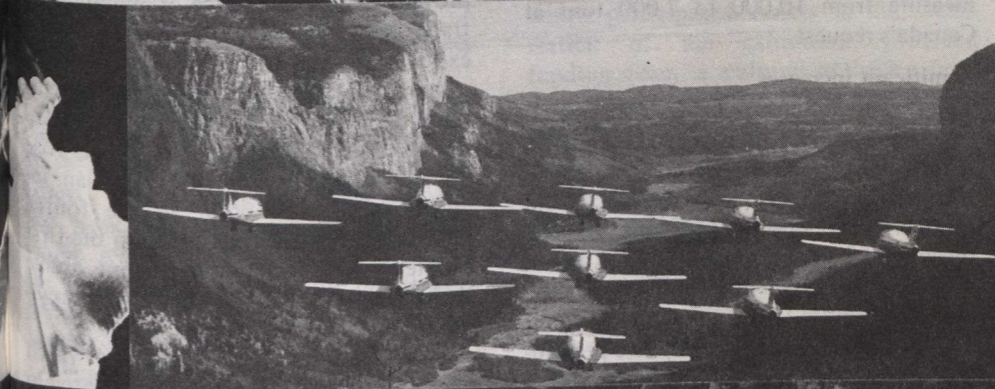


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guese, Lebanese, Chinese, Italian, Indian, Acadian and MicMac ethnic groups.

Other events included a children's show, a special performance by participants in the World Lithuanian Song Festival and 25 other ethnic groups at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto; a "We Love You Canada" community picnic and a multicultural performance in Kitchener, Ontario; a two-day festival of arts and crafts and performances by the Dutch Club, the Ukrainian Women's Club and

the Chinese group of Flin Flon, Manitoba; and an international wedding pageant at the Four Seasons Hotel in Edmonton, Alberta.

**Prime Minister's message**

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, who attended the pageant at Parliament Hill on July 1 and had earlier disco-danced with Aura Vaucrossan, a member of the Ottawa Choral Society, at a party at the National Arts Centre, issued the

following message for Canada Day:

"Every year, on the first day of July, we are invited to celebrate Canada and to review our understanding of its reality. This time we are confronted with the problem of the survival of our country. To this question I dare answer:

"Canada must remain united because history made us out of the gift of a great encounter. Because however fortuitous, hesitant and complex, however difficult to accept and hard to live at times, that

encounter has become the very fabric of our life as a nation, the source of our originality, and the foundation of our identity. Because only in this encounter, which time and circumstances and sheer will have cemented in a single national project, do our two linguistic communities find their meaning, concurrently with all Canadians.

"We should cherish this unity because only thus, that is in our cohesive, diversified, enriched and dynamic duality, are

we strong enough to persist in our being. Because considered separately we are weak. Because an isolated Quebec would be in danger of implosion and tempted by the inevitable authoritarianism of despair. Because a divided English Canada would fatally balkanize itself, perhaps to be eventually absorbed by the United States. Because supported by the deep trends of our history and working against all the rules and data of geography, defying the common experience of the world and

giving a lesson to the world, we willed this country. Because this extraordinary endeavour is far advanced along the ways of prosperity, social justice and liberty, so far advanced indeed that to quit our common and providential task would be a sin against the spirit of humanity.

"Such is my answer to a scandalous question which circumstances impose upon us. Canadians, I am sure, will be worthy of their destiny." (Photos: Mary Hawkins, Bill Brennan, L. Storsater.)