

## China buys wheat

China has agreed to buy up to 10.5 million tonnes of Canadian wheat in a three-year contract.

The contract, which provides for a minimum of 8.4 million tonnes of wheat and a maximum of 10.5 million, takes effect August 1 this year.

China has been Canada's largest regular wheat customer since 1961.

Canada shipped 3.5 million tonnes to China in the 1977-78 crop year, which is equivalent to the maximum annual rate under the new contract. In the current crop year, shipments are expected to be a little more than 3 million tonnes.

The agreement could be worth up to \$1.5 billion to western farmers in the next three years.

## Canada/U.S. Atlantic coast fisheries and boundary agreements

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson and United States Secretary of State Cyrus Vance announced on February 14 approval of the recommendations of special negotiators Marcel Cadieux and Lloyd N. Cutler for an Atlantic coast fisheries agreement and an agreement to resolve the boundary delimitation issue in the Gulf of Maine area by binding third party procedures.

The agreements reached will be set out in two separate but related treaties, one on fisheries and the other on third party resolution of the boundary delimitation issue, which would enter into force simultaneously. The texts will be subject to ratification in accordance with the domestic legal requirements of each country.

Under the fisheries agreement, a joint fisheries commission will be established to implement the agreement and to provide for co-operative management of fish stocks of mutual interest. Mechanisms will be included to resolve any differences that might arise in its interpretation or implementation.

### Fish allocations

The accord contains detailed sharing, access and management provisions for fish stocks of mutual interest on the Atlantic coast including the disputed area, as well as areas in which each country exercises undisputed fisheries

jurisdiction. These provisions include agreement on entitlement shares for the following major fish stocks in the Georges Bank area: 73.35 per cent (Canada), 26.65 per cent (U.S.A.) for scallops; 17 per cent (Canada), 83 per cent (U.S.A.) for cod; 21 per cent (Canada), 79 per cent (U.S.A.) for haddock; and, after six years, 33.33 per cent (Canada), 66.66 per cent (U.S.A.) for herring. There are also provisions for allocating to Canadian and U.S. fishermen shares of cod, haddock, pollock and certain other stocks off Canada and the U.S.A. For the first ten years of the agreement U.S. fishermen will be permitted to fish for shares they are entitled to of the total allowable catch of redfish off Nova Scotia, and Canadian fishermen will be granted reciprocal privileges to catch loligo squid off the United States.

While the fisheries agreement will be permanent, the shares will be subject to review every ten years. To protect both parties, the extent of changes decided by binding dispute settlement (required when agreement cannot be reached by the two parties) will be limited.

The two governments have agreed to submit the issue of boundary delimitation in the Gulf of Maine area to binding third party settlement.

## Travellers travel less

Canadians took fewer trips outside the country in 1978 than they did a year earlier, the first year-over-year decline since 1974, Statistics Canada reports.

U.S. residents made fewer trips to Canada last year than in 1977. A sharp 17.5 percent increase in visits from other countries, however, resulted in a slight increase in total visits by foreigners in 1978, said Statistics Canada. Preliminary information showed that Canadians made 39.1 million trips outside the country last year compared with 39.6 million trips in 1977. Most of the 37.3 million visits were to the U.S., although the total was down from 37.9 million visits to the U.S. a year earlier.

Visits made to countries other than the U.S. increased in 1978 to 1.8 million from 1.77 million a year earlier.

The preliminary figures showed 33.3 million visits to Canada from all countries in 1978, a slight increase from 33.2 million in 1977.

There were 31.6 million visits from the U.S. compared to 31.7 million in 1977.

Total visits from countries other than the United States increased to 1.7 million from 1.4 million a year earlier.

## Security solid as a rock



NATO's standing Atlantic force, led by Canadian flagship, HMCS Iroquois (third from left), steams past Gibraltar following NATO exercises in the Mediterranean. The six-ship force, the first multi-national naval group to operate on a permanent basis in peacetime, is commanded by Canadian Forces Commodore Gordon L. Edwards. The other ships are (left to right): USS Paul (U.S.A.); HMS Ariadne; HMS Sheffield (Britain); HNLMS Evertsen (Netherlands); and FGS Luebeck (Federal Republic of Germany).