

Brazilian governor makes visit to Canada

The Governor of the Brazilian State of São Paulo, Paulo Salim Maluf, visited Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto during the first week of June, leading the largest mission ever to visit Canada from Brazil.

The delegation comprised about 100 leading representatives of the São Paulo business community, officials of the State government and a large press contingent.

New markets

The purpose of the visit was to open up new areas of trade, investment and co-operation between Canada and Brazil and the State of São Paulo in particular. The group expressed a special desire to find new markets in Canada for the many high quality manufactured items produced in São Paulo.

In Ottawa, the Governor met with Minister of State (Trade) Ed Lumley to discuss bilateral trade issues. In addition, Governor Maluf met with the Minister of Defence Gilles Lamontagne and Minister of Communications Francis Fox as well as the Minister of State (Finance) Pierre Bussièrès and the Mayor of Ottawa Marion Dewar. One of the highlights in Ottawa was a luncheon offered in the Governor's honour by Speaker of the House of Commons Jeanne Sauvé, which was attended by Prime Minister Pierre

Trudeau.

During the Governor's visit to Ottawa, two memoranda of understanding, were signed on co-operation in the application of alternative transportation fuels and the exchange of scientific and technical information between agencies of the Canadian government and the government of the State of São Paulo. The Canadian Export Development Corporation also signed a letter of intent with the Development Bank of the State of São Paulo to negotiate a line-of-credit valued at \$10 million (U.S.) for the purchase of Canadian goods.

The Governor also travelled to Montreal where he was the guest of Mayor Jean Drapeau at a luncheon and attended a dinner given by the Quebec government. The businessmen travelling with the Governor attended a seminar on economic opportunities in São Paulo and Canada, organized by the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce.

Toronto interests

The Governor wound up his tour with a two-day stay in Toronto, where he met Ontario government officials, city and industrial representatives. A further seminar by the Brazil-Canada Chamber of Commerce was held and numerous private meetings between businessmen were

arranged. While in Toronto the Governor witnessed the completion of a loan by the Royal Bank of Canada to Bancodo Estado De São Paulo worth \$12 million. An agreement between the Ontario Research Foundation and the Institute of Technical Research of São Paulo was also signed, as was a letter of intent to work out a program of co-operation between business federations in Canada and São Paulo by private sector associations.

CIDA grants food research funds to agriculture group

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has granted \$9.075 million to the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

CGIAR has been receiving Canadian financial assistance since it was formed ten years ago. Established in May 1971 to boost the quantity and quality of food production in developing nations, CGIAR promotes research into various aspects of food production that are not receiving sufficient attention from existing research agencies. At the present time, the 13 centres affiliated with CGIAR are engaged in research on the principal food crops and the most common farming methods in the major ecological areas of the Third World.

Three centres will receive grants of \$1.425 million each from CIDA this year. They are the International Centre for the Improvement of Maize and Wheat (CIMMYT) in Mexico (for research on soft wheat, hard wheat, barley, triticale and maize); the International Rice Research Institute in the Philippines (for research to increase rice production and aid to national institutes for rice research); and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria (for research to improve food production in humid and semi-humid tropical regions).

Canadian scientists and administrators are presently at work in CGIAR centres around the world, including Dr. O. Page, Director of Research at the International Potato Centre in Lima, Peru; Dr. Clive James, Deputy Director General - Research at CIMMYT; and Dr. Kenneth Wells, who has just been elected to the board of directors of the International Laboratory for Research on Animal Diseases in Kenya. In all, Canada is represented on 11 of the 13 boards of trustees of CGIAR.



Andor Andre Sima

Brazilian Ambassador to Canada Geraldo de Carvalho Silos (centre) is flanked by his countryman Governor Maluf of São Paulo (right) and Canadian Trade Minister Ed Lumley.