

At the invitation of His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, His Excellency General El Hadj Aboubakar Sangoulé Lamizana, President of the Republic of Upper Volta, is visiting Canada. The President of the Republic of Upper Volta is accompanied by Mr. Saye Zerbo, Minister of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Antoine Dakouré, Minister of Planning, Rural Development, Environment and Tourism; Mr. Mahamoudou Ouedraogo, Minister of Public Works, Transport and Urban Planning; Mr. Ali Lankouandé, Minister of National Education; and a sizeable party of experts and technicians.

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Upper Volta was received by Their Excellencies the Governor General and Mrs. Léger. He has had discussions with the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, accompanied by the Honourable Jean Marchand, Minister of Transport, the Honourable Jeanne Sauvé, Minister of the Environment, and the Honourable Hugh Faulkner, Secretary of State. He also had discussions concerning the French-speaking world and co-operation with the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Allan J. MacEachen, and the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie. In addition, he visited the House of Commons, where he was officially received by the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Renaude Lapointe, and the Speaker of the House, the Honourable J. Jerome.

On the subject of international co-operation, the two parties exchanged points of view concerning current problems in the implementation of international development strategy.

On the subject of bilateral co-operation, the Canadian government affirmed its desire to increase its co-operation with Upper Volta. For this purpose, the Canadian government plans to spend about \$20 million during the next five years, mainly for the development of sectors assigned priority by the government of Upper Volta, such as rural development, transport and mines.