

year, made contributions valued at approximately \$1.5 million to sustain the humanitarian operations of this Agency.

During 1968, Canada maintained its support for United Nations peace-observation activities in the area. Officers of the Canadian Armed Forces served with the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO), whose observers supervised the cease-fire arrangements in three sectors.

On the bilateral plane, Canada maintained its efforts to foster friendly relations with all of the countries in the Middle East. The activities of Canadian representatives in the area and the efforts of the diplomatic representatives of Middle Eastern countries accredited to Ottawa were instrumental in furthering this objective. In addition, Canada's bilateral relations with Middle Eastern countries were strengthened by visits of Canadian Cabinet Ministers to the United Arab Republic, Iran and Lebanon and by the visits to Canada of the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel and of the Foreign Minister of the United Arab Republic.

European Division

The European Division's responsibilities within the Department cover the whole of continental Europe, East and West. In all, Canada has diplomatic relations with 26 countries of the area, maintaining 20 resident missions and six consular offices. Some 25 European nations are represented in Ottawa by diplomatic missions, three of which share dual accreditation with Washington.

The year 1968 witnessed an important development, on the Canadian side, which may shape Canada's relations with Europe in coming years. The Canadian Government set in motion an extensive review of Canadian policies and activities concerning Europe in order to define priorities and to explore the most effective means of pursuing Canada-Europe relations.

In Western Europe, Canada followed developments in multilateral co-operation with heightened interest. This was manifested, with regard to space science for instance, through the visit of a Canadian scientific mission to several countries in the area and through Canada's attendance as an observer at the European Space Conference in Bonn in November. Active contacts were pursued with major European multilateral organizations such as the European Communities, and co-operation was maintained with European countries in forums like the OECD, GATT and NATO.

Co-operation between Canada and France and the volume of exchanges continued to grow in 1968.

In January the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, went to Paris for the opening of a major exhibition entitled "Canada, Arts d'Aujourd'hui" and had talks with ministers and the French Government. There have also been visits to France by the Minister of Defence, the Secretary of State and other Canadian ministers. On the French side, the Finance Commission of the National Assembly sent to