

of involving the public never used before in an international urban development competition.

Three finalists from among those participating in the final round will receive awards totalling \$50,000, allocated at the jury's discretion.

The City of Regina has a population of nearly 150,000 and is the trading centre for many thousands of farm families in southern Saskatchewan. Regina, capital city of the province of Saskatchewan, covers 81 square kilometers.

Discussions on contractual link with EEC

François-Xavier Ortoli of Italy, president of the European Economic Community, in Ottawa on a three-day visit for discussions with External Affairs Minister MacEachen and Prime Minister Trudeau, said on February 20 that Canada and Europe were entering a new era of economic co-operation.

The contractual link between the EEC and Canada, said Mr. Ortoli, would provide a framework through which economic co-operation could be explored and "taken up pragmatically and progressively".

This would be the first pact of its kind between the nine-country EEC and a large industrialized state. A major difficulty in initiating negotiations has been Canada's two-tier oil price system, under which export levies make exports more expensive than domestic purchases.

An EEC office will be opened in Ottawa.

Market place economy

The President of The Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Harold Corrigan, addressed an anti-inflation seminar sponsored by the CMA's British Columbia division last month on the future of the market place economy in Canada, Mr. Corrigan made the following points:

. The CMA supports the anti-inflation program not as "a never-ending, massive bureaucratic intervention into our economic system", but as "a comprehensive short-term program the major aspects of which concern wage and

salary increases, price changes and the level of government spending, including transfer payments".

. CMA's support "is based on the need of Canada and Canadians to regain their sense of balance - to turn about this mindless and insane headlong rush down the sometimes appealing but eventually disastrous road called inflation which leads to moral and material bankruptcy".

. Noting that the great majority of Canadians accept the necessity for a serious program of national restraint and are prepared to give it their backing, Mr. Corrigan said the latest statistics showed that "as a result of the workings of the market place, with an assist from the anti-inflation program, there has already been a very real moderation where price rises are concerned, and not only on the part of those large companies whose observance of the program is mandatory under the Act".

. Noting specific reservations about aspects of the program that CMA believe should be remedied, he said, "We believe and have said from the very first, that the proposed export levy is a mistake and should be cancelled."

. Referring to union pressure on companies not subject to the program's mandatory provisions, Mr. Corrigan said such companies should have the right to "opt into" the program voluntarily.

. Turning to the record of the Canadian economic system over the last 25 years, Mr. Corrigan said that the progress of economic development had been phenomenal, and hailed it as "an achievement of our manufacturing and construction industries, our resources and processing industries, drawing on our natural resources and on vast sums of private and corporate capital investment".

. "The proliferation of government spending at all levels" has also had a vast impact on the economy since 1950. "It is surely time to ask ourselves whether the economy can really support so great a burden without putting our whole future in doubt."

. Prime Minister Trudeau in his year-end expression of views has raised some serious questions which Canadians should ponder and address. "We in the CMA are very ready to debate the possible solutions...we have

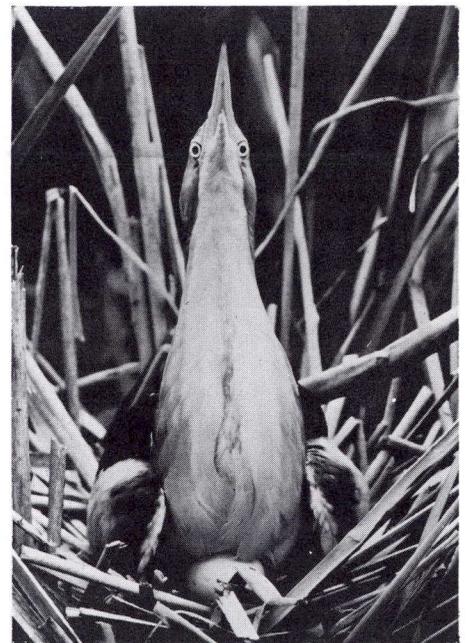
embarked on a program of research on the issues with members, the public and the legislators."

. Mr. Corrigan challenged "those who disagree with us to speak out and be specific as to what they see wrong and how they propose to change the economic system for the better".

. "We in the CMA believe in evolution and improvement through the market place economy which has worked well for Canada, and a case has not been made for the extension of the anti-inflation program or for some substitute."

. "One of the primary functions of government in this country should be to promote the competitiveness of Canadian industry at home and abroad. To the extent that it does this and does it well, government is safeguarding both the economic and political freedoms of individual Canadians."

. "The market place economy, as Canadians have known it, has worked well and has shown its continuing capacity to improve and adapt to changing demands and circumstances. With proper recognition and encouragement by governments, the same system will serve Canadians better than any other in the future, as it has done in the past."



The hoarse "Kok-kok-kok!" of this startled American bittern, surprised by the camera in her Manitoba marshland nest, seems to mean "Hey, no photographs!"