

CANADA AT OECD MEET

The Minister of Industry, Mr. C.M. Drury, headed the Canadian delegation to the annual ministerial meeting of the Organization for the Economic Co-operation and Development, held at OECD headquarters in Paris on November 25 and 26. He was accompanied by officials from the Departments of Trade and Commerce, Industry, Finance and External Affairs.

Canada was a founding member of the OECD, when it was established in December 1960, with the aims of achieving the highest sustainable rate of economic growth and employment consistent with financial stability, and of contributing to sound economic development in member and non-member countries, and to the expansion of world trade. At the meeting, ministers reviewed economic developments in member countries and discussed the prospects for trade and development in less developed countries.

FRANCE-QUEBEC CULTURAL CO-OPERATION

On November 24, an exchange of letters took place in Ottawa between the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, and the Ambassador of France to Canada, François Leduc. Its purpose was to confirm the assent of the Canadian Government to an *entente* on cultural co-operation between the Government of the French Republic and the Quebec government signed the same day in Quebec City by Mr. Leduc and the Quebec Minister of Cultural Affairs Mr. Pierre Laporte.

An *accord cadre* between France and Canada had previously been signed by Mr. Martin permitting the provinces of Canada to make cultural agreements with France. The Secretary of State for External Affairs had stated at that time that the provinces would be able to sign such agreements either under the *accord cadre* or with the "assent" of Ottawa.

Cultural and artistic exchanges, and language are the major areas for co-operation outlined in the 20 articles of the *entente*, between France and Quebec. Standards of international French and the vocabulary of science and technology are emphasized, and there is provision for the creation of chairs at universities and for the exchange of research personnel and scholars. Exchanges of entertainers, films and exhibitions of the plastic arts are also envisaged, and, within the limits of their jurisdiction, the two governments will promote the exchange of television and radio broadcasting.

The details of the programme are to be worked out by a permanent Commission for Franco-Quebec Co-operation established last February under the Education Agreement with France.

JOINT SURVEILLANCE

Mr. C.M. Drury, Minister of Industry, announced recently that the Federal Republic of Germany would co-operate with Canada and Britain in developing an aerial reconnaissance device known as the "airborne surveillance drone system".

The drone, originally named the CL-89 but now designated AN/USD-501, was designed in Canada to provide tactical information in forward battle areas. The missile-shaped object, about eight feet long, is propelled by a jet engine, which provides speeds near the supersonic range. Its take-off is from a mobile launcher; a booster enables it to gain altitude and operational speed rapidly. The drone, which follows a pre-selected course, can photograph terrain and military equipment. On its return, as it approaches its base, its engine cuts off and a parachute floats the instrument to the ground.

The system, which is being developed in Montreal, has been a joint Canadian and British project for the past two years. Mr. Drury said that, as a partner, the Federal Republic of Germany would contribute a third of the total cost of the programme.

FISHERIES EXPANSION PROGRAMME

A multi-million-dollar expansion programme involving new buildings, additions to existing buildings, and new research vessels is under way by the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

The Board's current construction plans, embracing an area stretching from St. John's, Newfoundland, in the east, to Nanaimo, British Columbia, in the west, were made public recently by Mr. H.J. Robichaud, Minister of Fisheries.

Expansion of facilities is necessary to accommodate the rapid growth of activities of the Fisheries Research Board, both on the national level and in its expanding research role under Canada's international commitments.

The main construction projects are:

Central Area: A new laboratory on the campus of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, expected to cost more than \$1 million to provide facilities for both technological and biological research on freshwater species.

Atlantic Coast: A modern research laboratory on the campus of the Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, to combine, under one roof, the biological and technological research being carried out in Atlantic coastal waters from Newfoundland.

Pacific Coast: A \$1,500,000 extension to the research laboratory at Nanaimo, B.C. A start will be made this autumn on reclamation of about three acres along the waterfront location of the laboratory as a site for the new building complex.