

“Trade and Develop”, a game designed to emphasize the close connection between international trade and economic development, took place the following day. Some participants conducted negotiations with the idea of increasing their domestic gross national product, others aimed at trade relations which would be beneficial to all concerned.

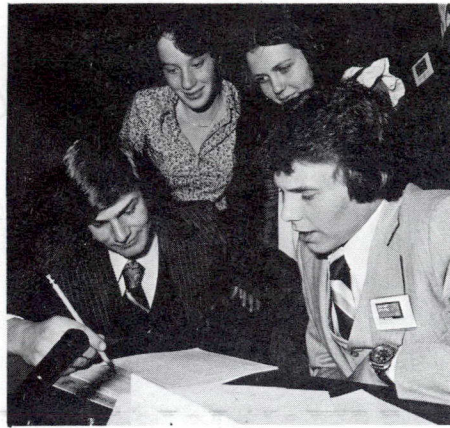
High Commissioner Paulias Matane of Papua New Guinea delivered the theme address, emphasizing the important role of the Commonwealth in the South Pacific, and making particular reference to his own country. He commented on the necessity of maintaining the flow of development assistance and concluded, “There is, and will always be, a role for the Commonwealth in our changing world.” He entertained questions on such diverse topics as nuclear power, multinational corporations, political and economic independence, nation-building, and loan repayment.

Heads of government

Ivan Head, special adviser to the Prime Minister for International Relations, who was present for the formal opening of the model heads of government meeting, briefed the delegates on procedures used in Commonwealth conferences.

Heads of government engaged in a lively exchange on the difficult subject of debt repayment. They supported the proposal by the delegate from Cyprus that a Commonwealth review board be created to examine the problem of international indebtedness on an individual-case basis, country-by-country. The board will consist of members from both the lending countries and debtor countries. The secretary-general agreed to recommend that lending countries in the Commonwealth consider a moratorium on debt repayment until the review board could complete its investigation. If the review board proves to be a successful structure, heads of government hoped it could be broadened to embrace the entire membership of the United Nations.

Heads of government agreed to expand the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation with a special emphasis on educational programs and they instructed the secretary-general to commence a program of sending edu-



Participants in the Fifth Student Commonwealth Conference came from all areas of Canada.

cational advisers to both developed and developing countries. In order to take regional needs and interests into account, Heads of government instructed the secretary-general to consult closely on a regional basis with member governments.

The Fifth Student Commonwealth Conference was a worthwhile educational experience, said Mr. Neal at the close of proceedings. He expressed gratitude specifically to the Department of External Affairs, the Commonwealth High Commissioners, the various boards of education, the theme speakers and workshop leaders and the participating students.

West Point weekend

The Royal Military College of Canada's rifle, pistol, and hockey teams and a few hardy spectators travelled down to West Point for a weekend recently to continue the traditional athletic competition between the two military colleges. While the athletic competitions were quite naturally the highlight of the weekend, the West Pointers proved to be excellent hosts and provided a wide variety of entertainment for their guests. Shown below are some of RMC's cadets and their West Point hosts.

RMC failed to impress the West Point athletic teams, bowing to defeat in all three competitions. West Point undoubtedly fielded their best hockey team in years and ran up a score of 11-2.

In pistol, West Point beat RMC by 2787 to 2563. The rifle team shot 1298 to West Point's 1371.

Despite the outcome of the sporting events, the trip to West Point was both instructive and enjoyable. The brief glimpse of a different approach to military college life led RMC cadets to revise their thinking towards RMC, while the sportsmanlike behaviour of the cadets and the excellent hospitality shown by the hosts led to new friendships.

