

## United economic effort urged

Canadian Minister of Finance Marc Lalonde has called for a strong and co-operative effort by major industrial nations with the capacity to lead an economic revival in 1983.

Mr. Lalonde made the statement in Washington, D.C. during a recent two-day meeting of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). He said he continued to be concerned that, despite signs of recovery in the United States, the net impulse of economic policy throughout the world is for contraction rather than expansion of economic activity.

"It is therefore important that those few major countries which are in a position to exercise some flexibility in their policies use it to encourage an early revival of domestic demand," he told the IMF's interim committee.

Mr. Lalonde also called for improved co-ordination among the industrial nations in efforts to strengthen the international financial system and to assist the difficult financial adjustment problems being faced by less developed countries.

He expressed Canada's support for an increase in IMF resources to 100 billion SDRs (\$130 billion Cdn) from the existing level of 61 billion SDRs (\$80 billion Cdn). This will inspire "increased confidence in the world financial system in the years ahead", he said.

Describing the world's unemployment problems as "a moral and social challenge of truly staggering proportions", Mr. Lalonde expressed confidence that "we have the means and the will to rebuild the economic future".

## Field trials of satellite services

The Department of Communications, the TransCanada Telephone System (TCTS) and the Government Telecommunications Agency (GTA) will begin testing integrated telecommunications services provided by the *Anik B* satellite next August. Various federal departments will test a number of audio and data communication services.

This trial will enable the federal government to evaluate other services and features offered by telecommunications carriers. GTA will review the interests and requirements of federal departments in order to identify potential government users.

## Canada-Algeria sign agreement during ministerial visit

Canada and Algeria have signed a general scientific and technical co-operation agreement aimed at intensifying bilateral relations.

The agreement was signed February 14 by Canadian Minister of State (External Relations) Charles Lapointe and Algerian Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research Abdelhak Brerhi during a five-day visit to Canada. In addition to a stay in Ottawa, the Algerian minister travelled to Toronto and Quebec City where he met with provincial education ministers.

### Agreement

The agreement signed by the two ministers will enable Canada and Algeria to strengthen, develop and diversify their scientific and technical co-operation in the areas of training and technology transfers, scientific and technological research and specialized manpower development.

The purpose of the agreement is to promote direct co-operation between governmental institutions in training and research fields such as exchange programs, joint research projects and other forms of co-operation.

Mr. Brerhi's visit reflected the increasing co-operation between Canada and Algeria and enabled both countries to explore new forms of exchanges in the

technical and scientific fields. In addition to his meetings with Mr. Lapointe, the Algerian minister also held talks with Minister of Communications Francis Fox, Minister of Science and Technology and Economic Development Donald Johnston and Minister of State Serge Joyal. Mr. Brerhi took a first-hand look at Canadian resources in the areas of higher education, educational technology (data banks, Telidon), applied research in communications (satellites, fibre optics) and scientific information processing and distribution.

### Nuclear power plant

While in Toronto, Mr. Brerhi visited the Pickering nuclear power plant. The Algerian delegation was the guest of the Quebec government during its visit to Quebec City.

Algeria ranks as Canada's twelfth most important commercial partner in the world. It is Canada's most important market in Africa.

Last November Canada and Algeria signed a memorandum of understanding concerning the financing of exploratory missions, which will enable interested government departments to develop co-operation programs particularly in the areas of agriculture, telecommunications, energy, fisheries, construction and water resource engineering.



Algeria's Minister for Higher Education and Scientific Research Abdelhak Brerhi (seated left) and Minister of State (External Relations) Charles Lapointe sign the accord. (Standing, left to right): Algerian Ambassador to Canada Salah Mohamed Dembri, Minister of State Serge Joyal and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Pierre De Bané look on.