

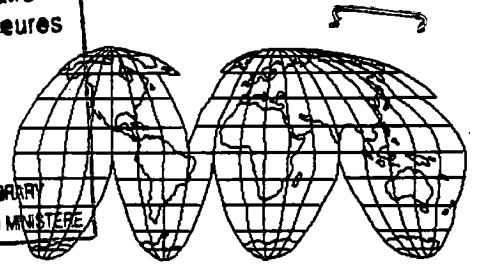
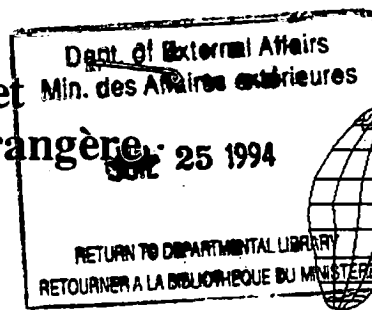
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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE:
PRESS RELEASES:

Canada joins International Convention on Tonnage
Measurement of Ships

July 20, 1994, no. 148

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Transport Minister Douglas Young ... announced that Canada has signed an Instrument of Acceptance of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969. ... The purpose of the Convention ... is to provide a universal tonnage measurement system enabling standardized measurements of each ship's gross and net tonnages. ... The Convention applies only to merchant ships making international voyages. Warships and ships less than 24 metres in length are exempted, as are ships navigating only the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River up to the Gulf of St. Lawrence."

Canada and Japan Sign Film, Television and Video Agreement

July 20, 1994, no. 147

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and Minister of Canadian Heritage Michel Dupuy ... announced the signing of an agreement between Canada and Japan that will encourage film, television and video co-production. The agreement, the first in this field that Japan has made with any country, was signed today in Tokyo by Mr. Ouellet and Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Yohei Kono. It is designed to assist producers in sharing and reducing production costs and risks by pooling creative, financial and technical resources, and to facilitate distribution of productions in foreign markets. 'This is a ground-breaking agreement and I am confident that it will be of great benefit to Canadian producers of films, video and television programming. It will boost both our commercial and cultural relations in this sector which holds such enormous potential,' said Mr. Ouellet."

Canada Calls for Release of Burmese Nobel Laureate

July 20, 1994, no. 146

"Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, ... denounced the continuing detention of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi by Burmese officials. On the fifth anniversary of the opposition leader's detention, Canada calls upon the Government of Burma to release the Nobel Peace Prize winner and all other political prisoners. 'Canadians share the outrage of the international community that for five long years Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has remained under house arrest, isolated from the people of Burma and from the outside world. This remarkable woman's sole offence has been to promote democracy and human rights in her country by peaceful means,' said Mr. Chan."

Diplomatic Appointments

July 15, 1994, no. 145

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments: Michael D. Bell as Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt; Réjean Frenette as Ambassador to the Swiss Confederation; David Karsgaard as Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada and Ambassador to the United Nations in New York; Suzanne Laporte as Ambassador to the Republic of the Ivory Coast with concurrent accreditation to the Republic of Mali and Burkina-Faso; John Schram as High Commissioner to the Republic of Ghana."

Ouellet Announces New Appointments
to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

July 14, 1994, no. 144

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced the following appointments to the Board of Directors of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada: Matthew William Barrett, of Toronto; Louis P. Salley, of West Vancouver; and Jeannine Guillevin Wood, of Montreal. The three new Directors are appointed for a period of three years. ... The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada (APF), created in 1984 by an Act of Parliament, is a private non-profit organization jointly funded by the federal and provincial governments, with additional financial support from the private sector. The APF was established to promote closer ties between the people and institutions of Canada and those of the Asia-Pacific region. Programs have been established by the APF to carry out this mandate and to further Canada's economic interests in the Asia-Pacific region."

Canadian Naval Demonstration for Officers of Middle Eastern Navies

July 14, 1994, no. 143

"Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet ... announced that Canada will lead a demonstration of Maritime Confidence-Building Measures for officers of Middle Eastern naval forces. The exercise, which is held in the context of the Middle East Peace Process, will take place on July 15 out of the Italian port of Venice. The Canadian and American warships — HMCS *Halifax* and USS *Santa Barbara* — currently stationed in the Mediterranean will participate, as will aviation units of the Italian Navy."