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cial government to vote in a referendum about their future.

Because there has been some misunderstanding about two important features of constitutional renewal, the Government wishes to make its position clear once again. The first is the role of the Monarch and the Governor General. The Government's view was and remains that the new Constitution should describe the situation as it exists today in Canada, and the Government is pleased that the provincial premiers expressed the same view during their meeting in Regina. Discussions are already in progress with provincial governments to ensure that the legal drafting conforms to that intention. There is no intention to change or to reduce in any way the role Her Majesty plays.

Secondly, the Government recognizes that the distribution of powers among federal and provincial governments is an essential part of the renewal of the Constitution.

The Government is prepared to begin the study of the distribution of powers at the same time as that of institutions and rights, and to give every aspect of the work a high and urgent priority. Discussions will begin at the meeting of First Ministers later this month.

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In the course of the present session, the Government will be introducing in Parliament a revised constitutional bill. With goodwill and flexibility on all sides, and with the shape of Canada's future at stake, the Government is confident that concrete progress will be achieved in the course of this session.

Neither renewal of the federation nor the maturity of our national structure can be considered complete until the achievement of an amending procedure permits our Constitution to be vested finally

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and entirely in Canadian hands. In cooperation with the provinces, the Government will again address itself to that question in the new session.

Social responsibility

The Government reaffirms its view that a renewal of faith in Canada requires an active and informed Canadian public.

It is therefore intended to continue consultations with business and labour, private interest groups, and other levels of

government.

In addition, you will be asked to consider proposals to increase public access to government information.

In the further promotion of open and efficient government, a proposal will be placed before you to provide for the review by Parliament of evaluation by the Government of major programs.

You will also be asked to consider legislation to create a federal Ombudsman.

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News briefs

Alberta's Lieutenant-Governor Ralph Steinhauer will retire in June after five years in the position. Mr. Steinhauer, 73, is the first native Indian to hold the lieutenant-governor's post in Alberta.

Labour Canada has released a report on Canadian compliance with the conventions of the International Labour Organization, called *Canada and the International Labour Code*. The report examines basic rights, employment policy and services, social security, general conditions of employment, occupational safety and health, labour administration, and seafarers, fishermen and dockers. Copies can be obtained in English or French, free of charge, from Publications Division, Labour Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0J2, Canada.

The Australian Department of Science has awarded a contract to MacDonald, Dettwiler and Associates Ltd. for the supply of a LANDSAT receiving station and processing facility that will process data from the LANDSAT series of earth resource monitoring satellites.

South Korea and the Export Development Corporation have reached an initial agreement in negotiations for an extra \$230-million export loan to support the purchase by South Korea of a 600-megawatt Candu nuclear reactor. South Korea had previously negotiated a \$330-million loan with the EDC in connection with the purchase.

The Federal Government has initiated discussions with India, Singapore and Sri Lanka to prevent an increase in clothing imports which would disrupt domestic production employment.

Preliminary statistics show that 5.3 million United States visitors entered Canada in August, almost unchanged from the number last August. Canadian

residents returning from the U.S. numbered 4.6 million, a decrease of 1.8 per cent from the August 1977 figure. Visitors entering Canada from countries other than the U.S. totalled 296,900, up 25.8 per cent, while Canadian travellers returning from these countries decreased by 1.8 per cent to 230,200.

Professor Barry Newman, professor of aerodynamics in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Montreal's McGill University, has designed a vertical axis-type wind turbine with cloth sails. Co-designed by an engineering student from Tanzania, the turbine is particularly suitable for the rural farmer with limited resources. Easier to construct and repair than windmills with solid blades, the one-kilowatt turbine will probably be used to pump water for irrigation or to generate small amounts of electricity.

Gilles Villeneuve, a 26-year-old native of Berthierville, Quebec, became the first Canadian to win a Formula One race in the last auto race of the 16-event Grand Prix season on October 8 — the Labatt's Canadian Grand Prix on the new 4.5-kilometre Ile Notre Dame circuit in Montreal. Villeneuve's time for the 70-lap race was one hour, 47 minutes, 49.196 seconds or 160.41 kmph (96.13 mph). Driving a red Ferrari, Villeneuve finished 11-and-a-half seconds ahead of South African driver Jody Scheckter, winner of last year's Canadian Grand Prix. Villeneuve's Ferrari teammate, Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, was third.

Corrigendum

Please substitute "Indochinese" for "Indonesian" in title of article on P. 3, *Canada Weekly*, Vol. 6, No. 42, dated October 18, 1978.