

### Mr. Sharp to visit Poland

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, will pay an official visit to Poland from May 22 to 25 at the invitation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Polish People's Republic, Stefan Olszowski. Mr. Sharp will be returning the visit of Stefan Jedrychowski, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, who came to Canada in October 1970. During his stay Mr. Sharp will have talks with Foreign Minister Olszowski and senior Polish officials on bilateral matters as well as on international questions of mutual interest.

### Canada at Expo '75

Canada will participate at the International Ocean Exposition in Okinawa, Japan, from July 20, 1975 to January 18, 1976.

This will be the first world exhibition to deal specifically with the ocean. Canada, with the longest coastline in the world and the largest continental shelf, has a particular interest and expertise in the theme of Expo '75.

The decision to participate also reflects the increasingly close and friendly relations that exist between Canada and the host nation, Japan.

The Departments of External Affairs, Industry, Trade and Commerce, Environment and the Science and Technology Ministry will plan Canada's exhibits at Expo '75.

### Souvenir stamps

Twenty-two commemorative and special-issue postage stamps depicting Canada's cultural heritage and history were issued by the Canada Post Office in 1973. These may be bought in the 1973 Souvenir Collection at most Canada Post Offices or by mail to Philatelic Service, Canada Post, Ottawa K1A 0B5.

This series features Indian motifs, the arts, Canadian participation in the Commonwealth, prominent Canadians and, as a prelude to 1976, the first two Olympic stamps.

The stamps in the 1973 Souvenir Collection have a face value of \$2.13, cost \$2.50 a set or \$22 for ten sets.

### Toronto Northmen to Memphis, Tenn.

The Federal Government's legislation designed to ban United States-based football leagues from operating in Canada has lapsed with the defeat of the Government in the House of Commons. The bill had been given second reading in April and had been referred to committee for study and possible amendment.

The bill, introduced by Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde, was specifically aimed at preventing the Toronto Northmen from operating as a club in the new World Football League (WFL). The Northmen, owned by John F. Bassett, had fought vigorously against enactment of the bill and indicated that the club might be switched to another city in the WFL even before final consideration was given to the measures.

While the bill was still in committee, Mr. Bassett announced that he and other club owners had decided to accept an invitation from Memphis, Tennessee to move the franchise there and play in the 51,000-seat Memphis Memorial Stadium under a lease granted by Memphis City authorities.

With the dissolution of Parliament in the wake of the Government's defeat on a motion of non-confidence arising out of the budget this possible change in the measure became academic and the bill died on the order paper.

### Amsterdam-Toronto air service

The Canadian Government has ratified the bilateral air transport agreement between Canada and The Netherlands that was initialled in The Hague on January 18.

The agreement permits the establishment of service by the Dutch airline, KLM, between Amsterdam and Toronto. An inaugural flight took place May 2.

Under the agreement, KLM is permitted to operate between Amsterdam and Toronto in addition to its existing Amsterdam-Montreal flights. In return, the Canadian airline, CP Air, obtains extensive rights to pick up passengers in Amsterdam for transport to points beyond. A feature of the agreement is a commercial arrangement between the airlines which should allow CP Air to increase its share of the traffic.

### Governor General in Manitoba

Nowhere is the Canadian mosaic more fully manifested than in Manitoba, Governor-General Jules Léger told the Manitoba Legislature last month on his first official visit to the province since assuming office.

"Each region presents its own set of challenges," said Mr. Léger, "but everywhere we have found the same determination, confidence and optimism. The people and the land have interacted to bring out the rich promise of both.

"Geography and history have combined in Manitoba to forge a community in which the most diverse elements have been brought into a harmonious and fruitful relationship."

Accompanied by Mrs. Léger, the Governor General visited Manitoba during the course of a series of visits to provincial capitals. The visit there, tied in with Winnipeg's centennial celebrations, took a topical form when the itinerary was changed to provide for a helicopter tour of some flood areas along the Red River, accompanied by Premier Ed Schreyer.

The regular business of the Legislature was suspended at the start of the April 26 sitting, for the appearance of the Governor General, who addressed the assembly following an address of welcome delivered by Speaker Peter Fox.

"As you know, Mr. Speaker," Mr. Léger said, "my wife and I are engaged in a series of visits to each of the provincial capitals. This is proving to be a most rewarding and instructive experience. We are re-discovering the immensity and diversity of the country."

### DES treated imports banned

Effective last month, countries shipping beef, lamb or mutton, and cattle and sheep to Canada must present certificates indicating the meats and animals have not been treated with the hormone diethylstilbestrol (DES). This will ensure that imported meats conform with Canadian regulations. The certificates must be issued by a full-time employee of the national government of the country of origin and accompany the normal health certificate requirements.