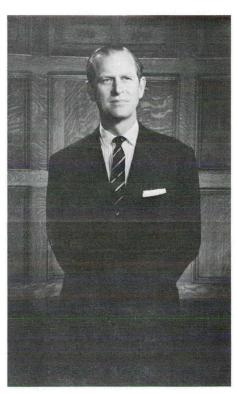
Canadian portraits of Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip

Secretary of State J. Hugh Falkner recently announced that the Government of Canada had adopted a new official photograph (right) of Queen Elizabeth. The portrait, and the one shown of Prince Philip, were taken by Cavouk of Toronto during the royal couple's visit to Ottawa for the Commonwealth Conference in August 1973. Artin Cavoukian, or Cavouk, is an artist of Armenian origin, who was born in Turkey in 1915 and has been living in Canada since 1958. He was one of the first professional portraitists to use colour photography, and has been commissioned to photograph many leading figures in Canada and abroad. Among his subjects have been former Governors-General Roland Michener and Georges Vanier, Mme Vanier and representatives of the Soviet Union's artistic and scientific community.





Canada and India discuss nuclear co-operation

A joint press release issued by the Canadian and Indian Governments on August 2 stated that discussions between India and Canada held in Ottawa from July 29 to 31 were both a continuation of the bilateral consultations held in New Delhi in November 1973 and a result of an invitation by the Prime Minister of Canada to the Prime Minister of India.

The Indian delegation was led by Foreign Secretary (Deputy Minister), Kewal Singh, Ministry of External Affairs and assisted by High Commissioner for India, U. Bajpai, in Ottawa. In addition to having discussions with Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs A.E. Ritchie, and Canadian International Development Agency President, Paul Gérin-Lajoie, Mr. Kewal Singh had meetings with Prime Minister Trudeau, former Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp and Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Alastair Gillespie.

Discussions centred mainly on nuclear co-operation arrangements and the different attitude of the two governments towards the use of nuclear explosions for peaceful purposes. India's economic development priorities and its response to the problems created by the world-wide rise in prices of energy, fertilizer and food were also discussed.

The problem during the meetings, stated the press release, was to explore the differences in an effort to reach agreement on which future cooperation could be based. Some of the points under consideration were of a nature not easy to resolve and the first series of meetings should, therefore, be regarded as exploratory. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the frank exchange of views on these difficult issues in a friendly atmosphere.

It was clear from the discussions that Canada and India were both deeply concerned with the dangerous consequences of proliferation of nuclear weapons — both the increase of nuclear arsenals by the present nuclear-weapons states and the acquisition of nuclear weapons by other states. Both countries intend to contribute actively to international discussions concerning nuclear non-proliferation.

In the light of these discussions, it is expected that a further meeting will be held.

Canada has expressed the hope that

India would contribute to the success of international efforts to strengthen and improve the non-proliferation prospects by refraining from any further testing at least until after the 1975 conference to review the Non-Proliferation Treaty has been held and governments have had an opportunity to examine and act upon its recommendations.

The earlier decision of the Canadian Government to suspend co-operation in the nuclear field and to concentrate its aid to India during the current year largely in the food and agricultural areas is being maintained.

Wheat for Ethiopia famine

Canada is providing an additional 10,000 tons of wheat for the relief of famine in Ethiopia, former Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp announced on July 26.

Shipping costs from Canada to drought areas in Ethiopia will also be paid out of allocations of the Canadian International Development Agency.

The Canadian wheat is scheduled for delivery in October (the date Ethiopian officials have requested) so that ports would be less conjested with emergency