

UN ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE

Mr. Jack Davis, Minister of the Environment and Fisheries, will lead the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm from June 5 to 16. Senator Alan Macnaughton will be the vice-chairman of the delegation.

The Stockholm meeting, to which over 100 states are expected to send representatives, will be the first large-scale intergovernmental conference concerned with the entire range of environmental problems. It was established by the General Assembly in December 1969, with a mandate "to provide a framework for the comprehensive consideration within the United Nations of the problems of human environment in order to focus the attention of governments and public opinion on the importance and urgency of this question and also to identify those aspects of it that can only or best be solved through international co-operation and agreement".

Other delegates will be Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Minister of State responsible for the Quality of the Environment, Province of Quebec; Mr. William Yurko, Minister of the Environment, Province of Alberta; Mr. Eymard Corbin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of the Environment; and Mr. Paul Tremblay, Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs. Alternate delegates are: Mr. Edward Schreyer, Premier of Manitoba; Mr. Glen Bagnell, Minister of Mines, Province of Nova Scotia; Mr. G.W.M. Cockburn, Minister of Fisheries and Environment, Province of New Brunswick; Mr. William C. Doody, Minister of Mines, Agriculture and Resources, Province of Newfoundland; and Mr. R.F. Shaw, Deputy Minister, Department of the Environment.

The delegation will be assisted by advisers from the federal and provincial government services and by the following representatives of national non-governmental organizations: Mr. James MacDonald, Canadian Labour Congress; Mr. George Manuel, National Indian Brotherhood; Mr. David McCreery, National Youth Conference; Miss C.N. Norminton, Canadian Federation of Agriculture; and Mr. Louis Renzoni, Mining Association of Canada.

CANADA JOINS IADB

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announced that Canada became a full member of the Inter-American Development Bank on May 3 by signing the Agreement which established the Bank. When making this announcement Mr. Sharp expressed the view that Canada's membership in the Bank was a significant milestone in the broadening of Canada's relations with the Americas, which was a key object emerging from the recent review of Canadian foreign policy.

Membership in the Bank makes it possible for Canada to contribute more effectively to development in Latin America and the Caribbean. Canada will contribute \$100 million (U.S.) to the Bank during the next three years, including a paid-in subscription of \$40 million to the capital stock of the Bank and a contribution of \$60 million to the Bank's Fund for Special Operations. Full membership will supersede Canada's earlier arrangement with the Bank which, since 1964, has involved the extension of development loans totalling \$74 million (Cdn) to Latin American countries with the assistance of the Bank. Canada's contributions to the Bank, coupled with the program of bilateral technical assistance in Latin America instituted almost a year and a half ago, will raise Canada's development assistance to Latin America to about four times its former level.

AIMS OF THE BANK

The Inter-American Development Bank, founded in 1960, has 24 members including Canada. Its headquarters are in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the Bank is to further the economic and social development of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean by financing development projects and programs, promoting public and private investment and providing technical assistance. Other than Canada, the only non-borrowing member of the Bank is the U.S. As of December 31, 1971 the Bank had committed about \$4.7 billion (U.S.) in loans to finance some 679 development projects in member countries.

Canadian membership in the Bank is a further step in Canada's participation in the activities of the Hemisphere. Within the last year Canada has joined two other important inter-American institutions, the Pan American Health Organization and the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences. Canada has established a formal link with the Organization of American States and an Ambassador and Permanent Observer to that Organization has been appointed. The Government is exploring the possibility of joining other inter-American organizations which are relevant to Canada's interests and to whose activities Canada is in a position to make a distinctive contribution.

SKIM-MILK POWDER TO MEXICO

An agreement for the sale of 61 million pounds of Canadian skim-milk powder to Mexico in 1972, to a value of about \$17 million, has been concluded between the Canadian Dairy Commission (the Canadian Government dairy support agency) and Conasupo (the Mexican Government purchasing agency).

The Commission states that the volume involved in the transaction represents approximately one-third of the Canadian skim-milk powder that will be available for export from 1972 production.