

partment distributed new titles to libraries abroad, through Canadian embassies, on behalf of the Canada Council. In association with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, the Department also helped Canadian publishers obtain representation in the Brussels Book Fair and at meetings of the American Library Association and the American Booksellers' Association. The attendance of journalists from Britain, France and the United States at the International Book Fair in Montreal in May was facilitated by the Department.

Apart from the programs of artistic exchange administered directly from Ottawa, Canadian embassies, consulates and cultural centres undertake many activities on their own (concerts, film showings, lectures, poetry readings and art exhibitions), which are chosen with the public-affairs aims of the individual post in view.

#### **Academic and youth exchanges**

In addition to the long list of exchange scholarships sponsored by the Department, new exchanges were started with Hungary, Poland, Yugoslavia and Iran. Existing programs undertaken with Belgium, Brazil, the People's Republic of China, Denmark, Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and the U.S.S.R. continued to attract scholars. More than 250 students from Canada took part, and an equal number of foreign students attended Canadian universities. Travel grants from the Department permitted nearly 100 academics to give courses at foreign universities or to read papers at international scholarly conferences. Another program of grants, funded by the Department and administered for it by the Canada Council, enabled more than 60 foreign professors, experts and artists to give special courses in Canada. The Department also helped nearly 40 English-speaking Canadians to travel to France to teach English as part of an exchange program that brought an equal number of French-speaking language assistants to Canada.

For the twelfth successive year, six graduates of the Ecole nationale d'Administration of Paris were given the opportunity to travel across Canada and to attend briefings by senior public officials. The tours are offered in exchange for a program, administered by the Public Service Commission of Canada, in which the Ecole nationale offers scholarships to Canadian civil servants.

During 1976, lecture tours in Canada by the American historian Eric Goldman and the author Merle Miller ushered in a new program shared with the U.S., called "Intellectual VIP Exchanges". Two Canadians will make similar speaking tours in the U.S. during 1977. An inter-faculty comparative-law research project jointly undertaken by the University of Western Ontario and Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, was launched in 1976, with the assistance of the Department.

Youth exchanges are considered a particularly effective way of making cultural contacts abroad. In 1976 the Department funded 40 scholarships to the Lester B. Pearson College of the Pacific in Victoria, British Columbia, one of three United World Colleges for secondary-school students. These scholarships cover the tuition and living expenses of foreign students.

In association with the Council of Ministers of Education (made up of the education ministers of the ten provinces) and national non-governmental organizations concerned with education, the Department ensured Canadian participation in various educational activities, carried out under the auspices of international organizations. These included education committees of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, UNESCO and Commonwealth institutions, the biennial international conference of the Bureau of Education and the first international conference of ministers and senior officials responsible for physical education and sport, held in Paris in April 1976.

#### **UNESCO**

The activities of UNESCO, encompassing as they do the natural and social sciences, edu-