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Ambassador Adolph W. Schmidt of the United States (right), gives Governor-General Roland Michener a moon rock and Canadian flag that were carried from and to the moon by Apollo 17 astronauts.

The presentation on September 21, made on behalf of the President and people of the U.S., was in connection

with the International Youth Science tour of last December when, under the sponsorship of the National Aeronautics and Space Agency, 80 students from all continents travelled the U.S. visiting space science and cultural centres. Canada's representative on the tour, Jaymie Matthews, attended the presentation.

Canada-U.S. agreement on new air routes and preclearance

Transport Minister Jean Marchand confirmed on September 11 that agreement had been reached in principle on the establishment of new air routes and preclearance arrangements between Canada and the United States.

"The agreement which was announced yesterday by the heads of the Canadian and U.S. negotiating teams will lead to the establishment of 46 new Canadian and U.S. air routes between the two countries. It will also make possible a Canadian preclearance program in the United States and provide for preclearance facilities in

several additional Canadian cities for U.S.-bound travellers," Mr. Marchand stated.

The new bilateral agreement, perhaps the largest and most complex in the history of civil aviation, requires ratification by the Cabinet and formal signing by the two Governments before it is implemented. It has been worked out in 12 rounds of negotiations during the past four years and expands an agreement that had been in effect since 1966.

The new air routes will be phased in gradually so that existing markets will

not be abruptly disrupted.

Included in the agreement is a provision in principle for the establishment of preclearance facilities by Canada in the U.S. for Canada-bound travellers and for the extension of such facilities to serve additional Canadian cities where transborder flights take place.

The existing U.S. preclearance program in Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver, which will continue, allows U.S.-bound passengers to pass U.S. immigration and custom controls before boarding planes instead of when they arrive at their destination. The new agreement will allow Canadian customs and immigration officers to examine in the U.S. travellers bound for Canada.

Return of the family doctor to Montreal

Under a new scheme that is part of the Quebec provincial government's plan to provide medical and social services according to the needs of each community, the conception of the "family doctor" will be reinstated. The province recently undertook to finance the establishment and continuation of "family-medicine units" in five Montreal hospitals — the Montreal Children's, the Montreal General, the Jewish General, the Queen Elizabeth and St. Mary's — all of which are affiliated with McGill University. In addition to a capital equipment grant for each hospital the government of Quebec will provide \$75,000 a year to four of the hospitals; the Montreal General will reallocate a portion of its operating budget, by closing some beds, to set up a family-medicine unit designed to serve some 10,000 patients. The units of the other hospitals should ultimately handle 5,000 patients each.

Speedier and more comprehensive care

The type of family health care to be provided is intended to supply more comprehensive medical services to a larger number of people. Consideration will be given not only to the patient's malady but also to the circumstances that may have caused it. Whole families will be encouraged to attend the unit regularly; doctors, nurses and social workers will be available in person or by phone, 24 hours a day, seven days