

without becoming involved in Canada's internal difficulties (*Citizen*, April 24). Several agreements between France and Quebec were signed by the French Premier and Quebec Premier René Lévesque. The biggest contract was signed between Hydro-Quebec and the French consortium Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann. The 25-year contract is for a proposed aluminum smelter in the Trois Rivières area, which, contingent upon a feasibility study, will produce 220,000 tonnes of aluminum annually. The contract includes a guarantee that hydro rates for Pechiney will not go up more than ten percent a year for the first twenty years (*Globe and Mail*, April 26).

During a luncheon attended by 200 businessmen in Montreal, Mauroy explained the goals of the economic summit to be held in Versailles, France, in early June. The main challenge will be to strengthen the solidarity among the economies of the western world. Mr. Mauroy especially directed criticism at US high-interest-rate policies which he said have resulted in a slow-down in investment, companies in financial trouble, and a relentless increase in unemployment (*Globe and Mail*, April 27). Western leaders, including Prime Minister Trudeau, will be attending the summit to discuss a global economic recovery program.

GREECE

Official Visit to Greece

Governor-General Edward Schreyer and Minister of State for External Affairs Pierre De Bané visited Greece late in May. Mr. De Bané announced from Athens May 19 that Canada will increase exports of military hardware and technology to Greece. The Greek Defence Minister will be in Canada in June to discuss the arrangement, which is reported to be a move to decrease Greek dependence on US-supplied military hardware (*Globe and Mail*, May 20).

HONG KONG

Trade Centre

A Toronto firm won an international competition to design a US\$350 million trade centre in Hong Kong. The *Globe and Mail* May 18 stated that the complex could be of importance in negotiations with China for the renewal of the British colony's lease, which expires in 1997.

HUNGARY

Power Station Contract

The "first major breakthrough by a Canadian company into the Hungarian market for industrial goods" was made by Velan Inc., of Montreal, according to an April 21

External Affairs press release. Velan Inc., manufacturers of a wide range of valves, won the contract to supply a special type of valve required by a nuclear power station to the Hungarian Power Investment Company. The agreement is valued at approximately \$5.6 million.

INDONESIA

Contracts for Road Building Equipment

Canadian Commercial Corporation, a contractor on behalf of Canadian companies, will award forty contracts worth approximately \$15 million to twenty-three Canadian suppliers of road-building equipment on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia. Minister of Trade Ed Lumley announced April 26. The equipment will be used for highway construction on the Northwest coast of Sumatra, according to a Department of External Affairs press release. Financing is from a loan from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to the Government of Indonesia.

IRAQ

Ambulance Contract

The Iraqi Minister of Health awarded a contract on May 17 to Paul Demers et Fils Corp. of Beloeil, Quebec to supply 200 ambulances to Iraq. An External Affairs press release that day stated that the four million dollar agreement is in addition to a previous contract awarded to the same company to supply 350 ambulances to Iraq.

JAPAN

Auto Import Quotas

A one-year agreement on Japanese car imports to Canada expired April 1 with no extension or replacement. Recent negotiations between Canada and Japan had been unsuccessful (See "International Canada," March 1982, in *International Perspectives*, May/June, 1982), leading interested parties in April and May to express concern for the Canadian auto industry.

The Toronto *Star* reported April 24 that Pierre Deniger (Lib., Laprairie) and David Weatherhead (Lib., Scarborough West) told the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs April 23 that since they did not believe that Canada would get a voluntary agreement from Japan, International Trade Minister Ed Lumley should impose quotas or other measures to control Japanese auto imports. According to the *Star* report, Mr. Lumley said that he would wait for a "specific