



Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau (second from left), receives the key to Mexico City from Mayor Hank Gonzales (in front of flag), in the presence of two municipal officials.

million ounces of silver, representing 15 per cent of the country's annual production.

Since the signing of an industrial co-operation agreement between Canada and Mexico last year, Mexico now supplies some 10 per cent of Canada's imported petroleum and has become an export market for Canadian high-technology products.

Prime Minister Trudeau and President Lopez Portillo discussed a bid by Atomic Energy Canada Limited for construction of CANDU nuclear reactors in Mexico. Canada is bidding for the multi-billion dollar contract to build the reactors required for the Mexican nuclear power program.

President Lopez Portillo indicated that Mexico would like to purchase more Canadian dairy products, oil seed and wheat. The Mexican president also said he would like a resumption of air transport negotiations between the two countries and closer collaboration on law of the sea negotiations.

North-South relations reviewed

During their talks, the two leaders focused on the question of improving relations between the world's rich and poor nations. Mr. Trudeau and Mr. Lopez Portillo, who jointly chaired a 22-nation summit on North-South relations last October in Cancun, Mexico, agreed that the conference had been "remarkably successful". Both men expressed disap-

pointment over the fact that the conference had not led to concrete actions on the question of global negotiations at the United Nations. The two leaders agreed to send follow-up letters to the participants at the Cancun meeting.

In a speech at a state dinner, Prime Minister Trudeau called for quick action by government leaders to expand the dialogue between industrialized and poor countries; he also expressed his satisfaction with the rapid development of Canada's relations with Mexico which he said had been "expanding more rapidly



Mexican Foreign Minister Jorge Castaneda (right), accompanies Mr. Trudeau and Sacha to airplane at departure.

than with any other country".

On the subject of Central America, the Prime Minister said, "Canada like Mexico believes conflicts in the region should be resolved by political rather than military means and without interference by outside powers".

Canada and Mexico, along with the United States and Venezuela, are involved in the four-nation Caribbean Basin Initiative by which the four richest countries of the region hope to encourage basic economic and social development in the less developed countries of the area.

During his visit, Mr. Trudeau officially opened the Canadian Embassy in a ceremony attended by President Lopez Portillo. Prime Minister Trudeau also attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the Monument to Niños Héroes and was presented with the key to Mexico City. In addition, he made a brief tour of the Templo Mayor archaeological site.

Canada-Greece social security pact

Canada has signed a social security agreement with Greece.

The agreement was signed in Montreal by Canadian Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin and Greek Ambassador to Canada Emmanuel Megalokonomos.

The agreement, which has yet to be ratified by the Greek Parliament, is the fifth of its kind for Canada. Similar agreements exist with Italy, France, Portugal and the United States.

The agreement co-ordinates the operation of the Canada Pension Plan, the Old Age Security Act and Greek social security programs which provide disability, old age, death and survivors' benefits. Approximately 5,000 persons (2,200 in Canada, 2,800 in Greece) will benefit from the agreement. As well, an unknown number of persons will be receiving benefits solely from Greece.

Persons who have acquired social security credits in both countries will be able to combine them to satisfy the minimum eligibility requirements for benefits paid by one or both countries. The agreement attempts to correct situations where a person would be ineligible for social security benefits owing to a gap in coverage following a move from one country to the other.

In addition, the agreement eliminates duplicate coverage. It ensures, where possible, that individuals contribute to the program of one country only, rather than both at the same time.

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