

MESSAGE TO REUNITED NIGERIA

The Prime Minister sent the following message to Major-General Yakubu Gowon, Chief of State of Nigeria, on January 15:

In these momentous days I share with you a feeling of relief that the long struggle is over. The opportunity to build a great nation out of its diverse parts is again yours and I wish you well in what will be a challenging task. The Canadian Government and people watch developments in your country closely and sympathetically.

The attention of our people is naturally drawn to the civilians and others who have suffered as a result of the conflict which is now mercifully ended. We have taken to heart your declarations of reconciliation and I expect that our members of the international observer team which you so wisely convoked will confirm observance of your Government's directives. Our High Commissioner has been instructed to indicate our willingness to provide at the shortest notice more Canadian observers should you agree this is desirable. The observer team has been an imaginative and important factor in the world's understand-

ing of the situation as it has developed in Nigeria.

As our High Commissioner has informed your associates, we are willing to help in the immediate relief situation in various ways including air-transport facilities and medical supplies. A compact team of Canadian officials is being sent to assist our High Commissioner in assessing how best we can help, and Major-General Arthur Wrinch, the much-respected head of the Canadian Red Cross, is coming to Lagos also to provide us with direct advice, on the basis of consultation with your officials, as to how we can best be of assistance at this stage.

The task of reconciliation and reconstruction will not be easy. As we have stated before, we are willing to assist in ways you consider appropriate. My officials are dealing with yours on the immediate problems of relief and rehabilitation. But our interest goes beyond the immediate into the broad and bright future Nigeria will have in the community of Africa and of the world. We value our relations highly and look toward intensified co-operation in many fields between Nigeria and Canada.

FIRST CANADA-U.S. HISTORIC PARK

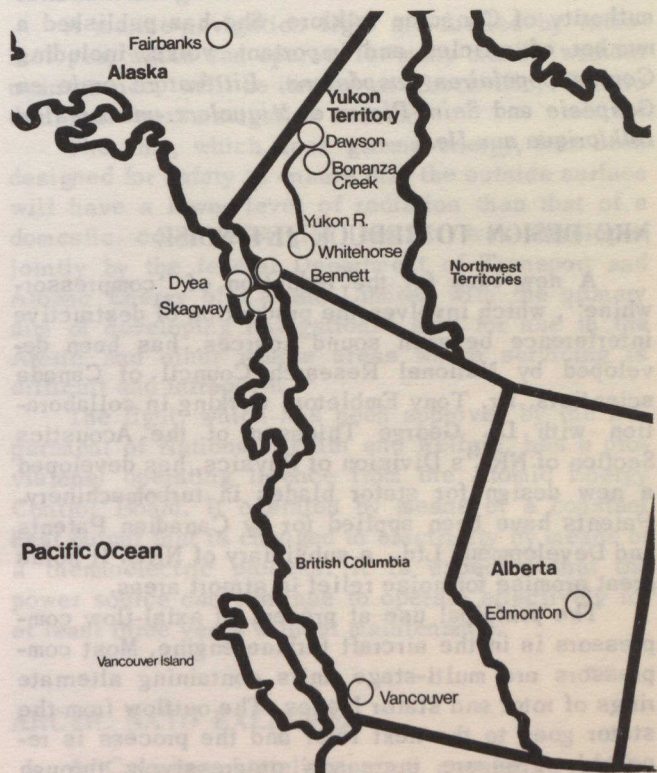
An international historic park is being planned by Canada and the United States to recall the Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Mr. Jean Chrétien, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, described discussions between the two countries as "a unique opportunity for the first integrated park program by Canada and the United States for historical development and preservation".

The present plan involves parts of Alaska, British Columbia and the Yukon.

Mr. Chrétien recently announced a major program of historic preservation that would be focused on Dawson City, Bonanza Creek in the Klondike Valley (where the first gold strike was made), Whitehorse in the Yukon and Bennett, B.C., which will be the main Canadian elements in the proposed international park. The U.S. historical development would be centered on the Skagway-Dyea area of Alaska.

A significant feature of the Klondike Gold Rush International Historic Park will be the joint development and interpretation by both countries of the storied Chilkoot and White Pass Trails from Dyea and Skagway to Bennett. Also under consideration is the establishment of a Yukon Historic Waterway, including the water route to Dawson City and designed to preserve the historical environment of its more significant features.

Also recommended are a standard sign and marking system for use in both countries and a joint series of maps and guides to the Park.



GOLD RUSH STORY

From 1897 to 1905, thousands of miners and treasure-seekers from the United States, Canada and Western Europe came up the West Coast to Skagway. Tent camps, which soon became bustling cities, sprang up