

Brazil Minister of External Affairs meets with Canadian officials

Brazil's Minister of External Affairs Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro met with Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and other federal Cabinet ministers during his official visit to Canada from September 29 to October 1.

During their meeting in Ottawa, the two External Affairs Ministers agreed that relations between the two countries should continue to expand in all areas, especially in regard to political and cultural matters as well as in the economic field. Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Saraiva Guerreiro also exchanged views on the world situation, particularly on North-South issues and on questions relating to their common region.

During his visit, Minister Saraiva Guerreiro paid a courtesy call on Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and met with the Minister of Agriculture Eugene Whelan, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Herbert Gray, Secretary of State and Minister of Communications Francis Fox and Minister of State (Finance) Pierre Bussières.

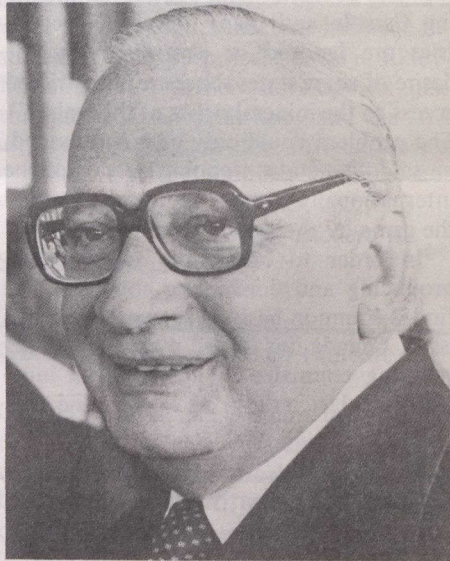
Minister Saraiva Guerreiro also visited Montreal where he met with Quebec's Minister of Economic Development Bernard Landry and addressed a joint luncheon meeting sponsored by the Canada-Brazil Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Association for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Saraiva Guerreiro expressed satisfaction at the successful third meeting of the Canada-Brazil Joint Economic Committee which took place in Ottawa in June, and the successful meetings of the sub-groups on agriculture and industrial co-operation. They noted that these meetings had identified a number of areas for co-operation in the trade, industrial and agricultural fields and they agreed that officials of the two governments should continue to develop even further relations in these areas.

Cultural exchanges

The two Ministers agreed that greater effort on both sides should be devoted to the implementation of the Canada-Brazil cultural agreement in order to increase cultural and information exchanges between the two countries. They reviewed the possibilities of exchange and co-

operation in the area of the cinema and noted with satisfaction, the preliminary contacts already under way between the "Embrafilme" and the National Film Board to establish a regular program of co-operation with emphasis in documentary and animated films.



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Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Saraiva Guerreiro agreed that bilateral co-operation in science and technology is an important element of social and economic development. They agreed that officials of the two governments should examine ways of enhancing this co-operation, including the possibility of negotiating an agreement or establishing other mechanisms to consolidate bilateral scientific and technological co-operation.

The Ministers exchanged views on energy, in particular the role that renewable sources can play in providing liquid fuel. Both countries have large forest reserves which could be used for the production of energy. Dr. MacGuigan and Mr. Saraiva Guerreiro agreed that collaboration in the development of technologies for exploiting new and renewable energy sources would be of mutual benefit, and they supported the exchange of technical delegations as a first step in strengthening contacts between Brazil and Canada in this area.

The two Ministers also referred to ongoing negotiations on a bilateral agreement to avoid double taxation and agreed that those negotiations should be concluded as soon as possible.

Mediating role foreseen

Canada is destined to play a leading role in restructuring world relations, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan told delegates of the twelfth international conference on international relations held in Quebec City, September 25-27.

Canadian, American and French experts met at the invitation of Laval University's centre of international relations to discuss international problems such as East-West relations, military co-operation between Europe and the United States, Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and recycling petro-dollars.

In his address to the conference, Dr. MacGuigan said that Canada would be able to contribute best to the world economy and security during the next ten years in the area of energy in which its expertise and technology is recognized.

Canada intends to strengthen its network of bilateral relations to attempt to bring together East and West, North and South, and to serve as an intermediary between these parties, the Minister said.

Dr. MacGuigan added that Canada would be more determined and more active in promoting its interests in these areas.

Development agency assists technology transfer

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will contribute \$1 million to Technonet-Asia, an international corporation assisting small industry in Southeast Asia with technical advice. This is the first time that CIDA has entered into this type of agreement.

Technonet-Asia, based in Singapore, was established by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in 1973 to provide technical advice appropriate to the level of development of growing industries in Southeast Asia and to train industrial extension workers. IDRC, in co-operation with CIDA, will continue its support of Technonet during the next three years.

The CIDA contribution will permit Technonet to make business in its member countries aware of opportunities for potential joint-venture relationships with the Canadian public sector.