

FEATHERED FRIENDS FOR SINGAPORE

Twenty Canadian geese and ducks set out last month on a flight half-way round the world to Singapore. They didn't, however, make this migration under their own power but were flown by Air Canada and British Overseas Airways to the Southeast Asian metropolis, where Prime Minister Trudeau, during his tour of the Pacific and the Far East, presented the birds to the Jurong Bird Park.

An informal request for Canadian birds for the new park was made to Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, by Singapore's Minister of Foreign Affairs when Mr. Pepin was visiting the city a year ago.

The bird park has been developed by the Jurong Town Corporation as part of an industrial estate. It has a huge walk-in aviary with a 100-foot waterfall, ponds and half a dozen large paddocks which will accommodate birds of the following orders: Passeriformes (perching birds); Piciformes (woodpeckers etc.); Anseriformes (ducks, geese, swans etc.); Gruiformes (cranes, rails etc.); Casuariformes (ostriches, emus, etc.); and Galiformes (pheasants, hoatzins etc.).



Canada Geese

The Canadian gift includes two pairs of Canada Geese, one pair of Lesser Snow Geese, one pair of Ross Geese and four pairs of Wood Ducks.

The birds were collected by the Canadian Wildlife Service of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and prepared for shipment by the Ontario Waterfowl Research Foundation in Guelph.

VISITS AND VISITORS

During May and the first week in June, Prime Minister Trudeau, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Consumer and Corporate Affairs Minister Ron Basford, and Indian Affairs and Northern Development Minister Jean Chrétien visited various countries and Canada welcomed official visitors from Israel, France and Malaysia.

On a tour of the Pacific and the Far East, Mr. Trudeau visited New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia and Singapore before spending five days in Japan, where he visited Expo 70 and took part in the celebration of Canada's national day on May 27.

Mr. Sharp led the Canadian delegation to the annual spring meeting of NATO foreign ministers in Rome on May 26 and 27. He subsequently made official visits to Yugoslavia, Romania and Ireland.

Mr. Basford addressed a ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris on May 21, stressing the need for international co-operation on policies to cope with problems posed by multinational corporations.

Mr. Chrétien was in Washington from May 26 to 29, where he met with Mr. Walter J. Hickel, Secretary of the Interior, and a number of other representatives of the United States Government. Accompanied by Mr. H.B. Robinson, his Deputy Minister, and other officials, Mr. Chrétien discussed environmental-quality control, the management of natural resources, conservation of wildlife, Indian affairs, northern affairs and national parks.

OTTAWA GUESTS

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel visited Ottawa from May 13 to 15 and had two sessions of conversation with the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Mr. Eban explained his Government's assessment of the current situation in the Middle East and discussions also dwelt on such questions as the proposed civil air agreement between Canada and Israel.

Mr. André Fanton, Secretary of State to the Minister of State for National Defence of the French Republic, visited Canada from May 27 to 30. He had discussions in Ottawa with Mr. Léo Cadieux, Minister of National Defence, and members of the defence