

### Canada/China Joint Trade Committee

The following statement was issued recently by Alastair Gillespie, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, after the second series of meetings of the Canada/China Joint Trade Committee had been concluded:

At the invitation of the Canadian Government, the second series of meetings of the Canada/China Joint Trade Committee were held in Ottawa on February 17-20, 1975. The Joint Trade Committee was established by the trade agreement signed by Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Chou-En-lai during Mr. Trudeau's visit to China in October 1973.

The Canadian delegation was led by Mr. C.T. Charland, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and included representatives of the Departments of Industry, Trade and Commerce, External Affairs, Finance and National Revenue. The Chinese delegation was led by Mr. Cheng To-pin, Director, Third Department, Ministry of Foreign Trade, and included other representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and members of the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa. During their stay in Ottawa the Chinese delegation also paid calls on the Departments of Agriculture, Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Energy, Mines and Resources.

Following the established practice, the two delegations approved a program for the exchange of trade and economic missions for 1975 in a number of fields including transportation and energy. Other missions were discussed during the meetings of the two delegations, and it was agreed that either side could propose additions to the program at a later date. New approaches to the exchange of missions were discussed.

#### Continued growth in trade

The discussion also included a review of trade between the two countries during the past year and the delegations noted with satisfaction that trade had continued to increase. The Chinese delegation, while expressing satisfaction with the growth of the exports to Canada in 1974 over the previous year, noted that there continued to be a significant balance in Canada's favour. The Canadian side expressed its interest in broadening the range of

Canadian exports to China with greater emphasis in capital equipment and other manufactured products.

With respect to 1975, the two delegations reviewed the export capabilities and import requirements of the two countries. The market opportunities identified during these meetings will be pursued with the appropriate enterprises in Canada and China. The Canadian side referred to specific proposals to export complete plant and technology to China and were assured that these would receive consideration by the Chinese authorities.

#### Next meeting in Peking

The two delegations also discussed the international economic situation.

It was agreed that the comprehensive exchange of views by the two delegations had contributed to the further development of friendly relations between China and Canada and to the expansion of trade. It was also agreed that the Third Meeting of the Joint Trade Committee would be held in China and the Chinese side invited the Government of Canada to send a delegation to Peking early in 1976.

### Oldtimers become film stars

*David and Bert*, a film portrait of two remarkable men in their Eighties, one an Indian dancer, one a white prospector, was the sixth broadcast in the National Film Board's *Pacificanada* series on Canadian Broadcasting Corporation television on February 26.

Daryl Duke, Canadian film-maker, discovered the two lively oldtimers while on location on Vancouver Island and was so inspired that "they hadn't lost their zest for life, despite their ages", that he gave them small roles in a feature film.

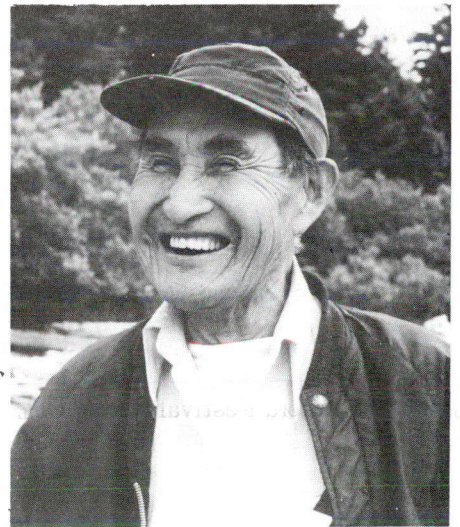
The two men, who are from different cultures, "have been friends for over 40 years, each with a great respect for the other and each with a fantastic, deep philosophy of life that is rich and filled with humour", says Duke.

The setting where each lives (within 20 miles of one another) is almost as it was before the arrival of civilization.

Bert Clayton lives alone at the head of Herbert Inlet and hikes with his prospecting equipment through the bush high up in the mountains. Though he



Bert Clayton (above) as David in the National Film Board production of *David and Bert* seen on CBC recently. The part of Bert is played by David Frank (below).



can't climb as fast as he used to, he takes more time to enjoy the sights and sounds. Clayton, a seaman on sailing ships before the turn of the century, has spent most of his life digging for gold — "and I'm as content and as happy as ever," he says. "Living harmoniously with the land and with nature makes me feel I'm being very creative,"

David Frank is from the Indian village of Ahausat. They say he has the heart of a man in his Thirties, and despite his age, he still performs his native dances. His life now revolves around teaching songs and dances to his some 60 grandchildren.