

strates a unique approach in combining both.

— **Le Fort de la Montagne**, Montreal, Quebec. Architect: Rosen Caruso Vecsei.

The major design objective was to create a large condominium apartment of the highest quality while capturing the spirit of the old single-family residences. The topography of the site, resulting in a difference of six storeys between the street and rear elevations, was a major factor in the design. It was also important that every unit receive some aspect of the view of the St. Lawrence River and downtown Montreal.

The Concourse, a partially-covered arrival level, acts as a link to unify the three buildings.

— **Squirrel Corner**, Banff, Alberta. Architect: The Sturgess Partnership.

One of the main objectives of this project was to develop a building that would be compatible with the cottage-style of the single family housing of the 1920s. The architect wished to respond to the mountains which loom over the town and reflect the tradition initiated originally by the design of the nearby Banff Springs Hotel.

Passive solar heat gain was a major criterion in this project with emphasis on orientation, glazing and suitable levels of insulation. Staircases, bay windows and steeply peaked roofs provide continuity with the adjacent single-family houses.

For further information, please contact the Canadian Housing Design Council, L'Esplanade Laurier, 171 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2P 1W5.

McGill honours Aga Khan

Prince Karim Aga Khan IV, spiritual leader (Imam) of Ismaili Muslims since 1957, recently received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the fall convention of Montreal's McGill University.

The honour recognized the work of the Aga Khan Foundation with the United Nations and other agencies in 25 countries where Ismaili Muslims live — in social welfare, health, education, business, industry and rural and resource development.

McGill's Institute of Islamic Studies receives an annual grant for staff, books and scholarships and shares academic programs with the Institute of Ismaili Studies in London, England established by the Aga Khan in 1977.

Munich consulate general "office of the future"



Gerald Regan demonstrates Telidon system at opening of Munich consulate general.

Canada has opened a new consulate general in Munich, West Germany, bringing to seven the number of diplomatic missions in that country.

At the official opening, November 7, the Minister for International Trade Gerald Regan described the new consulate general as "the office of the future" and stated that it would contain "equipment and techniques which will shape office procedures for years to come". This is the only government office outside Canada with such a distinction.

The official opening ceremony and open house provided an opportunity of displaying the high technology in operation. This included two Norpak Mark IV Telidon systems, a Memotec communications processor, an Electrohome computer graphics projection system and a word processor system from AES, Montreal.

During the opening, all the systems were combined to produce a media presentation. A video prepared specially for the occasion, using Telidon graphics, was run through an Electrohome projector. The ten-minute video outlined the state of Canada-West Germany relations, focusing on future potential.

The two Mark IV systems were also available for guests to observe. Two separate Telidon data bases were in operation: one, built specially for the Munich office included trade and invest-

ment data, details about the role of the consulate general and public affairs and cultural information. The second data base ran a "high tech quiz" with a series of true and false questions relating to high technology.

The consulate general's AES word processor system, which was also demonstrated, comprises a main computer, six terminals dispersed throughout the chancery and three printing stations.

A demonstration of the ability to rapidly access Canadian data banks took place through the Memotec processor. Guests were amazed at the fraction of a second it took to reach data banks in Canada and the wealth of information they contained.

All the equipment demonstrated at the opening will be used in the daily operations of the consulate general.

The new office in Munich will concentrate heavily on trade. Its territory will encompass the two most southern states, Bavaria and Baden-Wuerttemberg, areas which jointly represent one third of Germany's market potential and industrial power. This region is the centre of Germany's electronic, aerospace, automotive and mechanical engineering industries. As such, it is of particular interest to Canada as a dynamic market for finished products and high technology sales and as a natural partner for technology transfers and joint ventures.