

Summer in review

Visits

A number of foreign leaders were in Canada to meet with Canadian leaders and attend EXPO 86 this summer. Britain's Prime Minister **Margaret Thatcher** met with Prime Minister Brian Mulroney during her three-day July visit prior to the meeting of the seven Commonwealth leaders in London and Czechoslovakia's Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal's September 1-6 visit focused on trade issues. The July 21-29 visit of Prince **Maha Vajiralongkorn** of Thailand coincided with the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Canada and Thailand.

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark met with Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs **Bill Heyden** in Vancouver on August 7 to discuss a broad range of multilateral and bilateral issues of common concern. At the conclusion of the meeting, the two ministers signed a Consular Sharing Agreement.

Celebrations

Canada's one-hundred-and-nineteenth birthday was celebrated on July 1, **Canada Day**, with events and activities across the country and, for the first time, a celebration in London, England, where the Edmonton Youth Orchestra, the Ridley College Choir from St. Catharines, Ontario and the Mennonite Children's Choir from Mission, B.C. performed in Trafalgar Square in front of Canada House. The largest shows were held simultaneously in Ottawa and Vancouver and were attended by record numbers of people. The Ottawa celebration, sponsored in part for the first time by the private sector, climaxed with a spectacular fireworks display launched from four locations near Parliament Hill.

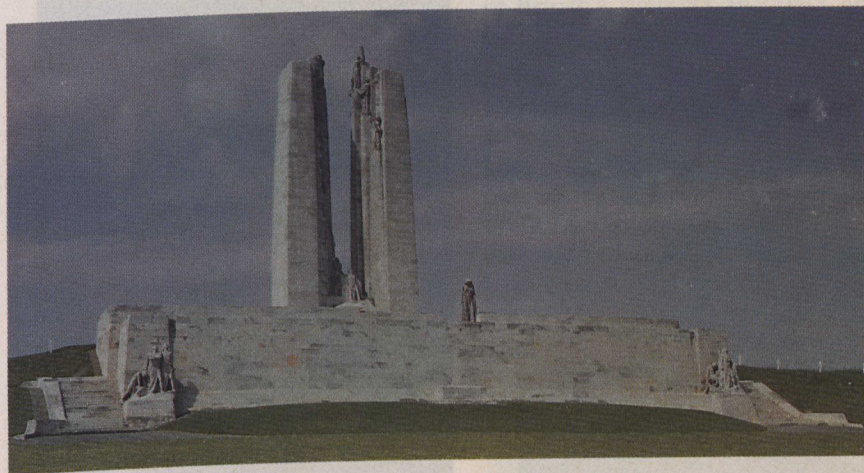


Fireworks light up Chateau Laurier in Ottawa.

The Citizen

Two plaques were unveiled July 2 in a special ceremony at **Rideau Hall**, the governor general's official residence, to commemorate the national historic significance of the house and of Canada's first governor general, **Sir Charles Stanley Monck**. Rideau Hall was built in 1838 and purchased by the government in 1868. Lord Monck was appointed governor-general of British North America in 1861 and was instrumental in the events that led to Canadian Confederation in 1867.

In honour of the fiftieth anniversary of the **Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)**, Canada Post issued a special 34-cent stamp on July 23 featuring the



The Vimy Ridge Memorial.

The fiftieth anniversary of the **Vimy Ridge Memorial**, Canada's most impressive tribute overseas to the Canadians who fought and died in the First World War, was observed on July 26. The memorial, which overlooks the Douai Plain from the highest point of Vimy Ridge in France, was designed by Toronto sculptor Walter S. Allward. Inscribed on the ramparts are the names of 11 184 Canadian soldiers who were posted as "missing, presumed dead" in France.

CBC logo over a stylized map of Canada. It is the first time in Canada that the image on a stamp was generated entirely by computer. First created on



paper by designers Raymond Mah and Gus Tsetsekas of Vancouver, the design was then transferred to the computer to create a transparency of the design.