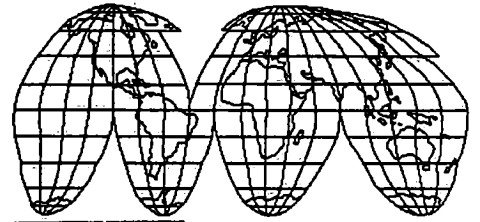


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**Axworthy Announces Federal Government Support for Japanese Tour
by Royal Winnipeg Ballet**

January 4, 1995, no. 2

The Minister of Human Resources Development and Minister of Western Economic Diversification, Lloyd Axworthy, on behalf of Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet, announced a \$300 000 grant to the Royal Winnipeg Ballet to support its month-long tour of Japan. Mr. Axworthy presented a cheque to representatives of the Ballet in Winnipeg. The company will present 18 performances in 14 Japanese cities, including Tokyo, from January 18 to February 18. The Government of Manitoba, the Royal Canadian Mint and Wood Gundy are also supporting this international tour. "The fact that the Royal Winnipeg Ballet will participate in a month-long tour of Japan is testimony to the high esteem it has earned in the international dance world. Such events help to promote Canadian talent abroad and showcase our country's impressive artistic reputation," said Mr. Axworthy.

**Canada Announces a Study to Improve the UN's
Rapid Reaction Capability**

January 4, 1995, no. 1

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet and National Defence Minister David Collenette announced that Canada has begun an in-depth review of the short-, medium- and long-term options available to strengthen the United Nation's rapid reaction capability in times of crisis. "I announced Canada's intention to conduct such a study to the UN General Assembly last September," said Mr. Ouellet. "A review of several missions over the past five years clearly indicates that a more rapid, coherent response to an emerging crisis could have had a dramatic impact on the evolving situation," he added. The objective of the study is to make practical proposals to enhance the UN's rapid reaction capability in the field of peace operations. In order to provide the broadest possible international input to the study itself, an international consultative group is being established to review the work in progress. Throughout the study process, Canada will also consult extensively on a bilateral basis with member states, the UN Secretary-General and his staff, and interested observers. The findings of the Canadian study are scheduled to be tabled at the 50th anniversary of the UN General Assembly in September 1995, and presented to the Secretary-General for consideration.

Diplomatic Appointments

December 23, 1994, no. 251

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announces the following diplomatic appointments:

Robert R. Fowler, as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations in New York; **Marc Lemieux**, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; **Daniel G. Marchand**, as Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic; **Mary Mosser**, as High Commissioner to the Republic of Zambia; **John L. Paynter**, as Ambassador to the People's Republic of China with concurrent accreditation to Mongolia; **Michael C. Spencer**, as Consul General in Sao Paulo, Brazil; **Christopher W. Westdal**, as Ambassador for Disarmament.

FINANCE CANADA

**Entry Into Force of the Tax Convention
Between Canada and the Argentine Republic**

January 3, 1995, 95-001

Finance Minister Paul Martin announced that the Convention for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital between Canada and the Argentine Republic, signed in Buenos Aires on April 29, 1993, came into force on December 30, 1994, the date on which instruments of ratifications were exchanged at Ottawa.

Upcoming Events in 1995

Early January:	Visit of NATO Secretary-General to Ottawa
January 1:	Inauguration of Brazilian President, Fernando Henrique Cardoso (Brasilia)
January 17-31:	Minister of Foreign Affairs to the Middle East
January 17-18:	Annual NGO Consultations on Foreign Policy Issues (Ottawa)
January 20-30:	Prime Minister and Minister for International Trade to South America
January 27-28:	World Economic Forum (Davos, Switzerland)
February 6:	House of Commons Resumes Sitting
February 23-24:	U.S. President Clinton Visits Ottawa
February 27- March 11:	Minister for International Trade to Australia