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Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau and Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen visited the Ottawa headquarters of the Canadian International Development Agency recently to participate with CIDA President Paul G rin-Lajoie and his President's Committee in a working session on the orientation of Canada's

aid program during the second half of the Second Development Decade. Left to right Mr. MacEachen, Mr. Trudeau, Jacques G rin, Vice-President, Policy, and Mr. G rin-Lajoie. Mr. Trudeau told 400 members of CIDA staff that his visit indicated the Government's interest and concern in the Canadian development program.

### Montreal museum organizes Christmas cheer for the needy

Visitors to The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts' annual Christmas tree festival are being asked to leave behind gifts for distribution to disadvantaged citizens.

Although the presentation of Christmas trees decorated according to traditions of various countries has been an annual event at the Museum, the idea of collecting gifts from the public for Montreal's needy is new.

Mrs. Derek Taylor and Mrs. Maurice Faraggi, co-chairwomen of the volunteer committee that organized "No l 74" said that the idea was an "out-growth" of the Museum's effort to expand its service to Montreal.

No l 74 this year is in the shopping concourse and Le Viaduc of Place Bonaventure because the Museum is closed until mid-1976 for expansion and renovation.

Distribution of the gifts, which will be accepted up till December 21, will be handled by another service organization, the Inter-Service Clubs Council. It includes nine organizations — B'nai B'rith, the Canadian Progress Club, Civitan, Kinsmen, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists, Richelieu and Rotary. Julius Briskin, QC, president of the Council, said that 100 clubs and 10,000 members in the Greater Montreal area were represented on the body.

#### Participating countries

Twenty-one countries and nine Montreal organizations are taking part in No l 74, which began on November 21 and which will continue to January 6.

Trees have been presented from groups in Austria, Germany, Hungary, the Netherlands, Mexico, Equador, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Britain, Poland,

### Toronto and York universities set up joint East Asian study program

The Donner Canadian Foundation has made a grant of \$300,000 to establish a joint program in modern East Asian studies at the University of Toronto and York University.

The grant, which was announced recently by University of Toronto President John R. Evans and York University President H. Ian MacDonald, is designed to promote the study of modern East Asia at both universities, which have already established programs in this area. Special emphasis will be given to those areas most directly concerning Canadian foreign policy, particularly in the Pacific.

The presidents said that the joint program would "be conceived, organized, administered and financed as a fully co-operative venture between the two universities with the goal of developing the study of modern East Asia at both institutions on the most efficient basis possible". The program will also strive to promote these activities in other Canadian universities, particularly in southwestern Ontario.

The council of the proposed program will include representatives from government, industry and other Ontario universities, as well as York and Toronto. Professor William Saywell, chairman of the University of Toronto's Department of East Asian Studies, will direct the project; Professor Daniel Tretiak, co-ordinator of York University's East Asian Studies Program, will be the associate director.

The grant is expected to finance activities for the first three or four years, including summer schools on the Chinese and Japanese languages and related East Asian courses.

The combined staffs of East Asian experts at both universities represent the largest such academic community in Canada.

Romania, Greece, India, Lithuania, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, the Ukraine, and Switzerland, and various Canadian organizations.

Cr ches from Spain and Portugal are exhibited.

Special "days" honouring individual countries and associations are part of No l 74 in the weeks preceding Christmas.