
Azores earthquake relief

Canada will contribute an additional \$50,000 to a disaster relief fund set up by the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Azores Islands, Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald has announced.

The \$25,000 Canadian contribution to the Canadian Red Cross announced earlier has already been spent in acquiring tents for the victims. This brings the total Canadian Government cash contribution to \$75,000.

Canada is working with the Government of Portugal in organizing a joint Canada/Portuguese airlift of large amounts of relief supplies collected from across Canada by Portuguese Canadians, many of whom are originally from the Azores.

Contribution for construction of Sri Lanka irrigation complex

Canada will contribute up to \$83 million for construction of the Maduru Oya Reservoir Complex in Sri Lanka, Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald and the Minister of State responsible for the Canadian International Development Agency, Martial Asselin, have announced.

The Maduru Oya Reservoir Complex, which is one of the highest priority projects in Sri Lanka's development program, is designed to store sufficient water to irrigate more than 50,000 hectares of land and generate 7.2 MW of hydro-electric power. Irrigation of the downstream area will permit the settlement of an estimated 39,000 families and the introduction of intensive agricultural development on currently unproductive land. The Maduru Oya Project is an integral part of the Mahaweli irrigation and land settlement scheme to which other international donors, including Sweden, Britain, the United States and the World Bank, have contributed.

Canada's contribution will be used for the construction of a concrete or rock-filled dam, two equipped power houses, and a tunnel linking the Mahaweli and Maduru river basins. A Canadian civil works contractor will be responsible for construction of the complex, with construction supervision being provided by Canadian consulting engineers. Project completion is scheduled for 1983.

Nova Scotia-Belize fishermen training project

A group of fishermen from the Central American country of Belize have completed an eight-week training program at the Fisheries Training Centre at Pictou, Nova Scotia under a joint agreement between the Nova Scotia government and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

It was the second year for the fisheries program which started in 1978 as a pilot project. Under the agreement, 20 fishermen from Belize received training in a number of fishing specialties including the operation of fishing gear, use of navigational aids and maintenance of light engines for small boats.

After completing their training in Pictou, the fishermen, all of whom are experienced and members of the five co-operatives that make up Belize's fishing industry, undertook courses in organization and management of co-operatives at the Coady Institute at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish.

CIDA's contribution to the year's program was \$48,000 for transportation and expenses of the fishermen while in Canada. It was made through VADA — the Voluntary Agricultural Development Aid program — the federal-provincial group within CIDA that assists Canadian provinces to participate in development projects. Nova Scotia bore the training and lodging costs.

Canada/U.S. vessel traffic management agreement

An agreement for a co-operative vessel traffic management system for the Juan de Fuca region was signed December 19, by the Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald and United States Ambassador Kenneth Curtis.

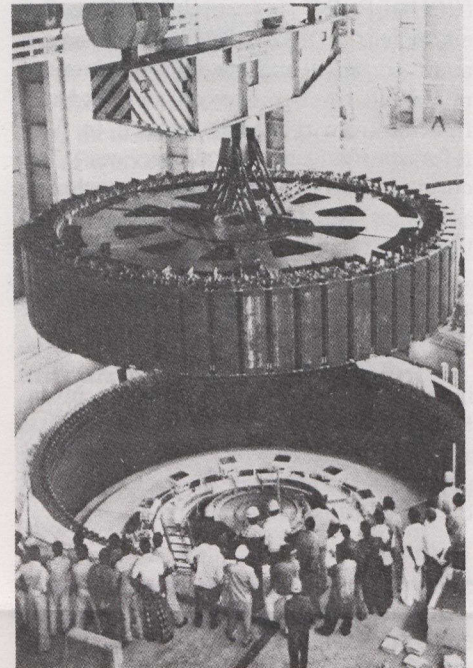
It provides for vessel traffic routes and a system of traffic management so that vessels report information to, and receive information and advice from vessel traffic management centres in Canada and the U.S.

This agreement marks the culmination of more than ten years of planning and co-ordination, and of more than three years of inter-governmental negotiations. It is the latest in a series of co-operative measures taken over the past six years

by Canada and the United States to support efficient navigation, to protect life and property, and to reduce as much as possible the environmental risk presented by tanker traffic in Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound.

The signing of the accord does not pre-judge separate decisions as to whether, or in what numbers and sizes and by what routes, tankers should carry crude oil from Alaska to U.S. markets. Rather, it serves to put in place the safest possible traffic management system both for existing traffic (including tankers) and for additional traffic of any kind that may develop in coming years.

Power by the ton



A 326-ton rotor is lowered into a hydraulic turbine generator at the Kainji Power Station on the Niger River in Nigeria. The huge rotor is part of a 120 megawatt generator — the last of four such units comprising a major expansion of the Kainji Power Station and more than doubling its original capacity. The engineering design and construction supervision for the extension were carried out by Montreal Engineering Company of Montreal, for the National Electric Power Authority of Nigeria. Montreal Engineering is also working on a new hydro power station at Jebba, a few kilometres downstream from Kainji. When completed, the Jebba power station will add another 540 megawatts to Nigeria's power system.