essentials and we did not. We had no illusion that we
could achieve all of our objectives at one ICNAF meeting;
but then, the initiative we took at ICNAF was not a shot
in the dark. It was part of a strategy which my officials
together with Mr. LeBlanc's, began to plan even before the
close of the Geneva conference."

Mr. MacEachen then recalled some of the initiatives
which followed the Edinburgh meeting:

-- The termporary closing of East-Coast ports to
Soviet fleets on July 28, and the presentation of an aide-mémoire
to the USSR Government in Moscow and Ottawa to justify the
Canadian decision.

-- A personal letter from Prime Minister Trudeau
to USSR Premier Alexis Kosygin, explaining the reasons
for this move and enlisting his co-operatin in resolving
the dispute; and the subsequent meeting between Mr.
Trudeau and Secretary-General Brejhnev, in Helsinki, which
resulted in new instructions being given to officials.

-- The meeting in Ottawa, from August 25 to August
27, of Canadian and Soviet delegations at which Soviet
representatives recognized it was imperative to ensure
strict adherence to and implementation of measures agreed
within ICNAF, particularly in light of the urgent need to
maintain and restore the stocks.

-- An agreement at this Canadian-Soviet meeting
to establish a Joint Fisheries Consultative Commission
with the following functions:

a) to review problems referred to it by
   the two governments regarding the
   implementation of agreed measures,
   and to make recommendations for the
   resolution of such problems;

b) to facilitate the co-ordination of
   statistical and scientific informa-
   tion;

c) to improve bilateral co-operation
   under the ICNAF Scheme of Joint
   International Enforcement;

d) to provide for an improved exchange
   of information with regard to areas
   of concentration of fishing opera-
   tions of both countries and promote
   other co-operative measures for the
   purpose of preventing damage to
   fishing gear and of facilitating
   the settlement of any claims arising
   from such damage.