

### Canada's Atlantic ports closed to Soviet fishing fleet

The Minister of State for Fisheries, Roméo LeBlanc, announced on July 23, the closure of Canada's Atlantic ports to Soviet fishing vessels, owing to overfishing of quotas set by ICNAF (International Commission for the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries). The Soviet fishing fleet made more than 400 visits to these ports last year.

"Over the past year, the Soviet fleet has consistently overfished certain of its quotas," Mr. LeBlanc said. "Repeated attempts by Canada to bring these practices to a halt have met with no satisfactory response from Soviet authorities."

Prime Minister Trudeau is writing to Premier Kosygin to emphasize Canada's concern over Soviet fishing practices. Allan J. MacEachen, Secretary of State for External Affairs, expressed this concern to the Soviet Ambassador on July 21, and informed him of Canada's decision to close Atlantic ports to Soviet fishing vessels.

### Capelin fishery worst problem

Among the major instances of overfishing has been the taking of capelin. In June 1974, Canada made repeated attempts to convince the U.S.S.R. authorities to halt their capelin fishery in an area near Newfoundland (ICNAF Sub-Area 3) after Canadian surveillance indicated that the Soviet fleet had reached or exceeded its quota.

Despite continual diplomatic representations in Moscow and Ottawa, the Soviet fleet continued to fish and, by Canadian estimates, overran its 85,000-metric ton quota by between 67 and 75 per cent.

In 1975, the Soviet capelin fleet has shown the same disregard for ICNAF regulations. The Soviet capelin fishery near Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula (ICNAF Division 3L) has exceeded its 28,000-metric ton quota, according to Canadian estimates, by more than 100 per cent. The Soviet capelin fishery on the southern Grand Banks (ICNAF Division 3NO) has also exceeded its 62,000-metric ton quota. The U.S.S.R. authorities have also been presented with evidence of a large overrun in the silver hake fishery near southern Nova

Scotia (ICNAF Division 4X) in 1974, and of significant Soviet overfishing in the 1975 herring fishery in the Gulf of Maine (ICNAF Division 5Y).

### Outstanding damage claims

The Canadian authorities have also been disturbed at the continuing failure by the U.S.S.R. to settle outstanding claims for damage to Canadian lobster gear in incidents off Nova Scotia in July, August and September 1974. Although the Soviet authorities last November expressed their willingness to co-operate in working towards a speedy settlement of the claims, Canadian representations over the last several months have still met no satisfactory response.

### Spain, Portugal being watched

"We are also looking closely at the practices of other fleets," Mr. LeBlanc said. "The Spanish and Portuguese fleets have been involved in certain violations, using nets with undersize mesh, and discarding large tonnages of species they don't want without keeping records as required by ICNAF rules. Attempts to work through ICNAF to halt these practices have failed. Direct approaches had not previously been made to the Spanish and Portuguese Governments on these matters, unlike the case of the U.S.S.R. Accordingly, the Atlantic ports will not be closed to their fishing vessels at this time. However, we are now making these same direct approaches to the Spanish and Portuguese Governments, and if the performance of their fleets does not improve immediately our ports will be closed to them as well."

### Canada Week in Rio

The major event during Canada Week in Rio de Janeiro was the opening of an exhibition of paintings by Canadian artist Paul Duff at the Canadian Consulate on July 3. Some 475 guests attended, including leading Brazilian art critics, artists, the Rio Minister of Education and Culture, Professor Myrthes de Lucca Wenzel, the former state Minister of Education, Professor Celso Kelly and the Director of the National Museum of Fine Arts, Pro-



At the opening of Canada Week exhibition of paintings in Rio de Janeiro are (left to right) artist Paul Duff, Canadian Consul Roger Black, Cultural and Information Officer Regina Schmidt and Director of the National Museum of Fine Arts Maria Elisa Carrazoni.

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Other events included a photographic exhibit, *Winter Kaleidoscope*, at the Palace of Culture (former headquarters of the Brazilian Ministry of Education), a Canadian film gala (*Death of a Legend*, *Ratopolis* and *The Egg*) at the Museum of Modern Art of Rio de Janeiro and the gift of books by Canadian Consul Roger Blake to two university faculties - Integradas Estácio de Sá and Candido Mendes.

Mr. Blake was also present at Canada Day celebrations at the Brazilian Public School "Escola Canada".

### Hair regrown - the bald truth

*The Globe and Mail*, a Toronto newspaper, reports that a well-known skin specialist, Dr. Howard Donsky, has attested to 20 cases of regrown hair over a period of nine months.

Dr. Donsky, head of dermatology at the Toronto General Hospital, reported to the recent Canadian Dermatological Association meeting in Banff, Alberta, that 18 men and two women had begun to regain hair on the head after being treated with a secret remedy invented by an unnamed Toronto man. The inventor wishes to remain anonymous until studies are completed at the end of the year.

Dr. Donsky stated that he had not