

### BARBADOS WELCOMED TO UN

The following statement was made recently by Mr. George Ignatieff, the Canadian Permanent Representative in the United Nations General Assembly, regarding the question of admission of Barbados in the United Nations:

On behalf of Canada it is a very special pleasure for me to welcome the representative of Barbados to this Assembly. Canadian relations with Barbados are marked by a genuine spirit of affection, arising from close ties which Canada has had with Barbados for many years; the Atlantic provinces of Canada in particular, have traditionally had a wide range of contacts with Barbados and other West Indian Islands in commercial and other fields. In recent years, the increased availability of air transport has enabled many thousands of Canadians to enjoy the opportunity of visiting Barbados and getting to know it at first hand.

Now that Barbados is an independent nation, sharing with Canada membership in the Commonwealth and location in the Western Hemisphere, we are confident that the traditional bonds between us will be strengthened. An important step in achieving this goal was the holding in Ottawa last July of a Commonwealth Caribbean-Canada Conference at which Canadian and Barbadian Prime Ministers, and their colleagues from other Commonwealth Caribbean countries, discussed ways of increasing and enhancing practical co-operation in matters of mutual interest.

Canada is confident that Barbados, with its long tradition of parliamentary institutions and its experience with peaceful evolution to full independence, will be able to make a useful and effective contribution to the deliberations of this Assembly. We look forward with pleasure to collaborating with the representative of Barbados in our work at the United Nations.

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### WHEAT TO CHINA

Mr. Robert H. Winters, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced that, under provisions of the Third Long-Term Agreement with China, the Canadian Wheat Board has signed a sales contract to export some 900,000 long tons of wheat, to be shipped from the Pacific coast from January 1967 to July 1967. This sale consists of Two and Three Northern Wheat, Alberta Red Winters and Garnet wheat. Assuming that full tolerance is taken, this amounts to 35.3 million bushels.

Including the sales contract covered by this announcement, total sales under the Third Long-Term Agreement amount to 2.5 million tons, or approximately 93.3 million bushels. As in previous contracts, the terms of payment for sales under long-term agreements are 25 per cent cash when each vessel is loaded, and the balance of 75 per cent, with interest, in 18 months. A provision for deferred payment is made possible by a guarantee to the Canadian Wheat Board by the Government of Canada.

### TASK FORCE NAMED

In a recent statement to the House of Commons, Prime Minister Pearson named members of the Labour Relations Task Force.

Mr. Pearson's statement follows:

I would like to take this opportunity to report to the House on the Labour Relations Task Force. We have now retained the services of four Task-Force members and have selected the full-time Executive Officer.

Dean Woods, of McGill University, is the Chairman. Abbé Dion of Laval University, Professor John Crispo of the University of Toronto, and Dean Carrothers of the University of Western Ontario, are the members of the Task Force. George Saunders, who is at present the Director of the Economics and Research Branch of the Department of Labour, has been loaned to the Task Force as its full-time Executive Officer. In addition, as work progresses, a number of other public servants and outside consultants will be associated with the work of the Task Force.

We are also making appropriate arrangements to establish a method of ensuring that interested parties in Canada have an opportunity to be consulted as the work of the Task Force progresses. This will ensure that the views of management and organized labour, and of the public at large, are made known to the Task Force. I will report to the House later on the precise arrangements we envisage.

The task-force approach was selected over a number of other methods open to the Government because of the nature of the problems to be considered.

We think that by this method there will be the maximum of flexibility. The problems can be more quickly identified, and the necessary studies and recommendations completed in the quickest possible time.

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### ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK POST

Mr. Paul Martin, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, announced recently that, at the inaugural meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank held in Tokyo in November, Mr. W.K. Wardroper of the Department of External Affairs was elected a director of the Bank for a two-year term. Mr. Wardroper, as one of the three directors elected from non-regional charter members of the Bank, will represent Canada, Britain, Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden. Seven directors were elected from among the regional members of the Bank.

The Canadian Governor and Alternate Governor for the Bank are Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Minister of Finance and Mr. Maurice F. Strong, Director-General of the External Aid Office. In his statement to the Governors, Mr. Strong, representing Canada, said that Canada welcomed the opportunity to join with Asian countries in a major new endeavour to promote economic development in Asia, and hoped to increase the effectiveness of the financial resources being made