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THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PARTICIPATES AT "TRAVEL SHOW" - LONDON, ONTARIO

The Department of External Affairs announced today that it will participate for the first time in the "Travel Show" in London, Ontario, sponsored by the London Free Press. The show is scheduled for September 23, 24 and 25, 1983, in the Progress Building, Western Fair Grounds.

This participation by both the Passport Office and Consular Division is an acknowledgement that travel beyond the North American continent is again becoming attractive to an increasing number of Canadians as evidenced by the growth in passport volume. It is expected that the number of passports issued this year will be 20% over last year, and indeed the highest ever at about 780,000. This is largely attributed to the strength of the Canadian dollar vis-à-vis European currencies.

The Travel Show will give Passport and Consular staff an opportunity to discuss with potential travellers in the London area passport requirements, as well as answer questions about consular services. Passport application forms and information booklets designed to assist Canadians travelling abroad will be distributed to members of the public.

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