

During his official visit to Canada from May 27 to 29, the Prime Minister of Senegal, His Excellency Abdou Diouf, had talks on Friday morning with the Acting Prime Minister, the Honourable Mitchell Sharp, and the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie.

This is the Senegalese Prime Minister's first official visit abroad since he took office in February 1970. He is accompanied by the Minister of International Co-operation, Mr. Emile Badiane, the Secretary of State for Planning, Mr. Ousmane Seck, the Senegalese Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Cheikh Fall, and a group of senior officials.

During his visit to Ottawa, the Senegalese Prime Minister was received by Mr. Sharp, Acting Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Jean-Luc Pépin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Mr. Paul Gérin-Lajoie, President of the Canadian International Development Agency.

During his meeting with Mr. Sharp, the Senegalese Prime Minister and the Acting Prime Minister congratulated each other on the new ties that have developed between the two countries as a result of their membership in the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation between French-speaking Countries, in the establishment of which the President of Senegal, His Excellency Léopold Senghor, was so prominent.

The main subjects of the meeting between Mr. Diouf and Mr. Pépin were the investment possibilities in Senegal for Canadian industry, and the expansion of trade between the two countries.

However, the chief purpose of Mr. Diouf's visit was discussion of co-operation between the two countries. The Prime Minister of Senegal accordingly had two meetings with the President of the Canadian International Development Agency, Mr. Gérin-Lajoie.