

CANADA-U.S.S.R. EXCHANGE PACT

Last autumn, when Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier Kosygin signed in Ottawa a General Exchanges Agreement dealing with scientific, educational, cultural and other fields of co-operation, it provided for the establishment of a Mixed Commission, which met for the first time in Moscow from June 7 to 9. The Canadian side, which was headed by Mr. J.G.H. Halstead, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, included representatives of Federal Government departments and agencies, provincial governments and organizations, and members of the academic community.

The Mixed Commission agreed on a program of exchanges between Canada and the U.S.S.R. for the period 1972 to 1973, in which are six major areas of co-operation: science, education, the arts, cinematography, television and radio, and sports. Exchanges between non-governmental bodies and tourism are also mentioned. The guiding principle of all aspects of the program is mutual benefit and reciprocity.

One of the major provisions is the establishment

of regular and long-term co-operation in Arctic science, resources and development. A wide range of academic and educational exchanges has also been agreed upon, involving on the Canadian side an exchange scheme whereby qualified Canadian post-graduate students may further their studies in the Soviet Union in return for an equal number of Soviet students who would study in Canada. Among other provisions, the arts section of the program stipulates that Canada and the U.S.S.R. will exchange at least two major artistic groups and will promote possible additional tours during the period the program is in effect.

Other provisions include co-operation in the commercial and non-commercial distribution of films, as well as co-production arrangements. Co-operation between the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the U.S.S.R. State Committee on Television and Radio Broadcasting is supported. A separate section deals with Canada-U.S.S.R. co-operation in sports, particularly hockey.

DIEPPE COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES

At the invitation of the Mayor of Dieppe and in co-operation with the French authorities, Canada will take part on August 19 in ceremonies marking the thirtieth anniversary of the Dieppe Raid. The ceremonies will commemorate the sacrifice of nearly 1,000 Canadians who died on the beaches of Dieppe on August 19, 1942.

The Canadian delegation, which will be headed by Mr. Arthur Laing, Minister of Veterans Affairs, and the Canadian Ambassador to France, Mr. Léo Cadieux, will include members of the Senate and the House of Commons, as well as representatives of the regiments, corps and services that took part in the raid. Rev. John Foote and Colonel Cecil Merritt, who won the Victoria Cross for valour during the raid, will also be invited to join the official delegation.

Mr. Laing stated that a Canadian Forces band and guard of honour would provide colour to the event. The party will travel to London in a Canadian Armed Forces aircraft and then follow the route of the 1942 assault force from Newhaven, by ferry, across the Channel to the historic French port of Dieppe.

CANADA WEEK IN DIEPPE

The City of Dieppe has proclaimed the week of August 13 to 20 as "Canada Week". The Department of External Affairs will use an exhibition barge moored in Dieppe Harbour during that week for the screening of Canadian films and exhibitions of Canadian photographs and handicrafts.

Several regimental associations of Dieppe veterans have already indicated they will be making

pilgrimages to Dieppe in August to take part in the commemorative services. One unit in particular, the South Saskatchewan Regiment, is planning to unveil its memorial to the members of the regiment who died at nearby Pourville in 1942.

PRIZE PRESENTED TO POST OFFICE

The Canada Post Office recently received the Philatelic Press Club Award for 1971 for outstanding service to and co-operation with professional philatelic journalists around the world. Mr. Jean-Pierre Côté, Postmaster General, accepted the award, which was presented on June 27 by the president of the Philatelic Press Club, Mr. Mark Weiner of Montreal.

The award is given annually to the postal administration considered to have distributed the best news releases and other information about its stamps and its philatelic and postal services. Selection is based upon the quality of news releases about new stamp issues and postal innovations; the technical details of stamp-manufacture and design background information provided; and the efficiency with which these are distributed.

This is the fifth such award. Canada is the first postal administration in North America to have been chosen to receive this internationally-recognized honour.

Among those attending the presentation were Ernest A. Kehr of New York, Executive Chairman of the Philatelic Press Club; G.R. Cobbe, Parliamentary Secretary to the Postmaster General; J.A.H. Mackay, Deputy Postmaster General, and other officials.