

mouth Harbour, where sailing craft in the six classes open to Olympic competition will be housed – including for the first time the *Tornado* class catamaran. Races will be held at a course five miles offshore, chosen for its good sailing conditions.

Kingston is at the heart of a holiday region visited annually by thousands of tourists from the United States and other countries. It adjoins the famous 1,000 Islands district and the Rideau Lakes resort country.

News briefs

■ At press time, the possibility of the Olympic Games being decertified was under discussion between Canada and the International Olympic Committee because of Taiwan athletes' wish to represent China. Canada, which recognizes the People's Republic of China, has not had diplomatic relations with Taiwan since 1971. IOC President, Lord Killanin, who arrived in Montreal July 5, said he would meet with other members of the Committee as they arrived, but a settlement would probably take a few days. He denied Ottawa's contention that the IOC had been aware of Canada's position over a year ago. A Government spokesman said Canada would allow Taiwan athletes to compete "but not as representatives of the People's Republic of China".

■ Prime Minister Trudeau, Secretary of State for External Affairs MacEachen and Finance Minister Macdonald attended the two-day economic summit in Puerto Rico June 27 and 28, with heads of government from Britain, France, Italy West Germany, Japan and the United States. Control of world inflation and relations with the develop-

Capital celebrates 150th birthday

Canada's capital, Ottawa (once called Bytown) celebrates its one-hundred and fiftieth birthday this year.

It all began in 1800 when timber interests discovered the frontier area bounded by three rivers, the Ottawa, Gatineau and Rideau.

But it was not until autumn 1826 that a name was given to the new community – Bytown, after Lieutenant-Colonel John By from England, who supervised construction of a new waterway, the Rideau Canal.

In 1855, the name was changed to Ottawa, and in January 1858, Queen Victoria chose the city as the new

capital of Canada.

Today, By's masterwork, the Rideau Canal, contributes greatly to the enjoyment of life in the national capital region. In winter it becomes what is believed to be the longest man-made skating rink in the world and, in summer, boaters re-live history as they travel the 47 hand-operated locks.

Summer events this year in Ottawa include Festival Canada July 1, the Central Canada Exhibition in August, the Colonel By Exhibition, the re-enactment of a pioneer council meeting in period costume and the dedication of Colonel By Valley between Parliament Hill and the Chateau Laurier Hotel, all in September.

ing countries were the main topics of discussion. A supplementary assistance program, in association with the International Monetary Fund, to give special aid to industrial countries in dire economic straits was one of the proposals made by the U.S. at the meeting. Any such aid would be subject to stringent conditions to ensure that the recipient country took action to restore its economic strength.

■ Federal Environment Minister Jean Marchand resigned from the Cabinet June 30 stating he did not support the Government's agreement with pilots and air-traffic controllers to appoint a third judge to what had been a two-member inquiry commission into safety aspects of air-traffic control in Quebec. The agreement also allows pilots and controllers approval rights to the commission report and a Parliamentary free vote on its acceptance or rejection. Mr. Marchand will remain as a private member for the Quebec city riding of Langelier.

■ The Manitoba provincial government signed an eight-year loan agreement last month for 75 million Swiss francs (just over \$29 million in Canadian funds) at an annual interest rate of 7-and-three-eighths per cent.

■ The 75-member London Youth Orchestra (of London, Ontario) will represent Canada at the 1976 International Festival of Youth Orchestras and Performing Arts in Aberdeen, Scotland, August 7 to 19, and in London, England, August 20 to 22.

■ Former Under-Secretary for External Affairs, Albert Edgar Ritchie has been named Canada's Ambassador to Ireland. Mr. Ritchie, who was also a former Ambassador to Washington, has not held a foreign posting since autumn 1974, when he suffered a stroke.

■ Canada will contribute another \$150,000 for humanitarian relief in Lebanon, announced Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen, June 24. A donation of the same amount had been given previously by Canada to assist the International Red Cross in distributing food, medical supplies and services to victims of the civil strife in Lebanon.

■ A new proposal by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation to provide patrol aircraft for the Canadian Forces was discussed by Cabinet on June 29. National Defence Minister James Richardson stated that the proposal had several variations from the plan to buy 18 *Orion* planes in May, which fell through owing to financing problems. Lockheed, said Mr. Richardson, had now overcome the financing difficulty but he gave no indication when a Cabinet decision would be made on the new plan.

■ Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will visit Canada in the autumn at the invitation of Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan MacEachen, who on his Middle East tour in January, invited the Foreign Ministers of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq and Israel to visit Canada.

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