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Prime Minister Trudeau makes visit to Algeria and Italy

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau visited Algeria, May 15-19, for discussions with Algerian officials on bilateral matters and the North-South question.

Mr. Trudeau's visit to Algeria, with a one-day stopover in Italy, May 20, was an extension of last year's tour of Africa and South America.

The Prime Minister held talks with Algerian President Chadli Bendjedid in Algiers on trade and the North-South dialogue, in which Algeria plays a leading part among developing nations.

Prime Minister Trudeau said the Algerians were pivotal forces among developing nations and were "practically the inventors of the idea of the new economic order". Mr. Trudeau said he wanted to hear the views of the Algerians on North-South issues so that they could be discussed at the Economic Summit of the seven Western industrialized nations to be held in Ottawa in July.

The Prime Minister told a news con-

ference that he had a full philosophical discussion with the Algerians on the North-South process concerning economic aid to poor countries. Algeria would like a large global summit whereas Canada is prepared to take a step-by-step approach and has put forward various proposals for negotiation such as an energy affiliate to the World Bank, which would involve the Third World.

During his visit, Mr. Trudeau met with Foreign Affairs Minister Mohamed Benyahia and other Algerian officials. The Prime Minister laid a wreath at the Carré des Martyrs at El Alia Cemetery and later attended a dinner in his honour at the Palais du Peuple.

Trade mission

A Canadian trade mission comprising 18 businessmen also travelled to Algiers for meetings with Mr. Trudeau and Algerian officials. During their meetings, a Montreal consortium signed a \$20-million con-



Prime Minister Trudeau (centre) speaks with Italian Premier Arnaldo Forlani (left) and with Foreign Affairs Minister Emilio Colombo (right).

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