

### Aviation, education agreements signed in Ottawa by Canada and Morocco

At the invitation of the Secretary of State for External Affairs, Allan J. MacEachen, a delegation of the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco visited Ottawa from February 11 to February 14. Led by Mr. Salah M'Zily, Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, the group comprised officials from several departments, including Agriculture, Planning, Education, Co-operation, Labour, and Trade and Commerce.

The discussions with Canadian officials centred mainly on bilateral matters. Political, economic, commercial and technical relations between the two countries were reviewed.

An air agreement between Canada and Morocco, signed by Mr. M'Zily for the Moroccan side and by the Minister of Transport, Jean Marchand, for the Canadian Government, provides for the opening of the route Casablanca-New York-Montreal and return.

An important project in education, which was also signed, provides for the setting up of regional education

centres to train science teachers. This will be implemented in close co-operation with the government of the province of Quebec.

Other programs, particularly in agriculture, rural development and training of managerial personnel have also been examined and some agreements have been reached.

In commercial co-operation, the possibilities for increasing trade between the two countries have been studied and the two Governments agreed to continue the discussions. In this regard, it was agreed that a group of Canadian businessmen would visit Morocco soon, accompanied by a senior official in the Canadian Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce.

From Ottawa, the Moroccan delegation left for Edmonton, where they were the guests of the government of Alberta, and Manitoba where they met with the Canadian Wheat Board. They were also scheduled to visit Quebec City at the invitation of the government of the province of Quebec.

### Circumpolar exhibit in Ottawa

Cutting a sealskin thong with a traditional Eskimo knife, Judd Buchanan, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, with Allan MacEachen, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, opened a circumpolar exhibit in Ottawa recently.

With Inuit acting as escorts and Arctic char among the *hors d'oeuvres*, the exhibit had a definite northern flavour.

The exhibition, which is at the Museum of Man, shows the evolvement of the northern native people and their cultures in the world's polar communities. These include Canada, the Scandinavian countries, Greenland, the United States and the U.S.S.R. The ambassadors of each of these countries, and those of the Netherlands, West Germany and Japan, were present for the opening.

Mr. Buchanan identified the exhibit as a tribute to the people of the Arctic community in the U.S.S.R., Scandinavia, Greenland, Canada and Alaska, and expressed the hope that it would play a part in fostering further co-operation and communications amongst them.

External Affairs Minister MacEachen referred to the importance to Canada of international co-operation in the development of the North. His Department is arranging for the exhibit to visit a number of other countries. It opens in Amsterdam in March at the International Anthropological Conference. Later it is expected to be shown in Britain, West Germany, Japan and countries on the Arctic rim.

### Women join UN peacekeeping force in Middle East

The first two female members of the Canadian Armed Forces to be assigned to peace-keeping in the Middle East left Canada on February 27 to join the United Nations Emergency Force in Ismailia, Egypt.

Captain Violet Connor, 37 of Kingston, Ontario, and Sergeant Maire Timoney, 50, of Glasgow, Scotland, the first of about 50 women Canada is assigning to the force, will serve there on a six-month tour, the same as their male counterparts.



Captain Violet Connor (left) and Sergeant Maire Timoney, Canada's first women assigned to UN peace-

keeping duties in Ismailia, Egypt, prepare for what they call their "challenging change" overseas.