

Italy, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, Japan and Britain. In addition, a group of professors from Scandinavian countries announced their intention to form a Nordic Association for Canadian Studies.

The membership of these associations, which totals 1 800-2 000, reflects a continuing growth of interest abroad in university-level teaching and research about Canada. A 1983 profile by the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States indicated that about 1 100 courses wholly or partially on Canada are offered annually at some 40 institutions with an enrollment of about 18 000 students. The Department plans to extend modestly the range of countries covered by this program.

### **Government of Canada Awards**

The Government of Canada Awards program for foreign nationals of 17 countries at the graduate and post-graduate level had a full participation rate. Initial steps were taken to add several more countries. Similar awards are offered to Canadians by other countries in this reciprocal program.

### **Historical affairs**

The Historical Division is the custodian of the keys to documents conveying the history of the Department and Canada's past foreign policy.

The collection, organization and dissemination of primary source material on the development of the Department and of Canada's external relations continued to be its primary responsibility, and at least 800 inquiries for information and access to files were handled during the past year. In order to make available as much material as possible, thousands of files less than 30 years old were screened to identify information to which access by researchers could be granted. When documents could not be declassified for release, the Division arranged instead for interviews with appropriate officials.

Another means of assisting researchers is through publication of *Documents on Canadian External Relations*. During the past year the second special volume on the political negotiations which led to Newfoundland's entry into Confederation was published. Two volumes in the regular series, covering 1944 and 1945, were nearing publication and documents were also selected for future volumes on 1948 and 1949. Editing began for the 1950-1955 period.

Work was resumed on an official history of the Department from its origins in 1909 up to 1968, under the guidance of an editorial board comprising present and former departmental officials, as well as representatives from universities, the press and Parliament. This work resulted in many invitations to speak to university and other audiences across the country. Under the Division's oral history program, there has been a renewed effort to record the recollections of those who have served within the Department and abroad.

Managing the archives of the recently-expanded Department of External Affairs created new challenges, since both the volume and the variety of records increased markedly in the past two years.

### **International sports**

The Department was involved in assisting the organizers of the World University Games, held in Edmonton in July 1983,

in which athletes from 70 countries participated.

The Department worked with the Canadian Olympic Association and the Calgary Olympic Organizing Committee in preparing for the 1984 Winter Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. In co-operation with the province of Alberta, the city of Calgary and the organizing committee, the Department participated in operating a Calgary Canada 1988 Display Centre in Sarajevo, where more than 100 000 Yugoslav and foreign visitors attended the Games.

During the year Canada entered into or renewed sports exchange arrangements with Cuba, Yugoslavia and the German Democratic Republic, and commenced negotiations to renew arrangements with the USSR. Canada and the Olympic Organizing Committee entered into commercial arrangements with the GDR for consulting services on the construction of Olympic facilities for 1988.