

## EDUCATION AND CULTURE PACT BETWEEN QUEBEC AND ONTARIO

Mr. J.J. Bertrand, Prime Minister of Quebec, and Mr. John Robarts, Premier of Ontario, recently signed an agreement for co-operation and exchange in educational and cultural affairs between their provinces. Quebec and Ontario will name at least five representatives each to form a Permanent Commission for Ontario and Quebec Co-operation, which will be responsible for implementing the provisions of the agreement. Each government will allocate a minimum of \$150,000 a year to this purpose.

After the signing, which took place in Quebec City on June 4, Mr. Bertrand described this action on the part of Ontario and Quebec – the first of its kind in Canada – as “historic”. Henceforth, he declared, Quebec and Ontario wished to systemize, deepen and further the friendly relations that had sprung up between them over the years.

Mr. Robarts said that the agreement gave recognition to the common past of the two provinces and heralded a future that Ontario wished to build with Quebec.

### PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENT

Included in the agreement are provisions for:

Public services in English and French, and the education of students of the French-speaking and English-speaking minority in the language of the minority;

an exchange of the texts of statutes, regulations and all government publications as they are published;

an exchange of public servants;

an exchange of information in the areas of translation and interpretation; translator-training programs;

the “twinning” of towns and cities.

### EDUCATION

Information will be exchanged on English and French teaching methods, and exchanges of teachers and students at all levels will be encouraged. Exchange programs to develop language teachers will be implemented. Agreements will be encouraged among



*The Premier of Ontario, Mr. John Robarts (left), and the Prime Minister of Quebec, Mr. Jean-Jacques Bertrand, at the signing on June 4 of the Agreement for Co-operation and Exchange in Educational and Cultural Matters between Ontario and Quebec.*

educational institutions to grant recognition of studies in both languages. Summer employment exchanges will be encouraged; and, in educational broadcasting, technical information and programs will be exchanged.

### CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Under the terms of the agreement, co-operation will be promoted in all forms of the arts – literature, music, theatre, dance, visual arts, libraries, archives museums and folk arts – and the exchange of ethnic groups between the two provinces will be encouraged.

## U.S.S.R. AT MAN AND HIS WORLD

Some 1,200 watercolors and crayon drawings and 600 other pieces of art, created by children aged three to 15 years, make up the main display of the Soviet Union’s exhibit at Montreal’s world exhibition Man and His World, this summer.

The U.S.S.R., which returned to Expo’s successor after a one-year absence, occupies the former Humor pavilion on Ile Sainte-Hélène.

“It is the first time such a large display of children’s art has been attempted,” Alexandr Andreev, director of the pavilion, said recently. We

want to show everything that a child sees; everything that interests a child; everything that moves a child.” Because the child’s interests are so varied – from play to village, friends to history, weddings to outer space – it is the Soviet Union itself visitors will see through the works, Mr. Andreev said.

In the cinéma of the pavilion, films dealing with the land, culture, education and children are shown. Other exhibits include sections on books and tourism.

Mr. Andreev said that art schools, kindergartens and other institutions had submitted some 10,000 works for the exhibition.