

Canadians mourn Moro's death

Shortly after the announcement of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro's assassination, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau cabled Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti on Canada's behalf, expressing sympathy to the Moro family and people of Italy. He condemned the killing, calling it a "senseless act of terrorism" and referred to the "fine humanism and the qualities of a great statesman" exhibited by Mr. Moro.

External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson also issued a message to the Italian Government, stating that Italy had "lost a staunch defender of the values of democracy and liberty, ideals which he served to the very end".

Secretary of State John Roberts represented Canada at the state memorial service in Rome on May 13.

Job search project successful

Minister of Employment and Immigration Bud Cullen recently announced that the Job Experience Training Program (JET) of the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission had proved to be a successful model for the Employment Tax Credit Program, a hiring incentive plan administered by the Commission.

"Originally, the Commission hoped that the JET program would place about 6,000 youths in jobs for nine weeks this winter," Mr. Cullen said. "At the current placement rate, between 19,000 and 20,000 young people will have found work through JET by May 31 when the program ends."

JET, which was a pilot project for two years, was expanded last October to provide unemployed young people with up

to 26 weeks of subsidized employment until the Employment Tax Credit Program could be put into operation. JET provides a subsidy of 50 per cent of wages paid with a maximum federal contribution of \$1.50 an hour. The program is for people between the ages of 15 and 24 who have been out of school between three and 24 months.

The new Employment Tax Credit Program, announced in January and introduced on March 8, is designed to provide jobs by offering tax advantage to employers who hire the unemployed to fill newly created jobs.

Mr. Cullen, referring to the success of the JET Program, praised "employers for helping young people gain essential work experience and the...Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade and similar community organizations [for] administering the program...."

"Energy buses" for Saskatchewan

Federal Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie and Saskatchewan Minister of Mineral Resources John R. Messer have signed an agreement to share the costs of an "energy bus" program.

The plan offers unique and diverse on-site audits done by computer designed to reduce energy costs to industry, business and public institutions (such as hospitals and schools) by identifying energy conservation opportunities.

Specially equipped vehicles for which provincial personnel will require several weeks' training, are scheduled for delivery during the summer. The federal-provincial

program, which was developed by the Office of Energy Conservation, a branch of the federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, should be fully operational in the latter half of 1978.

The energy-audit vehicles are modelled after the successful bus project created and operated by the province of Ontario. In the two years it has been operating in Ontario, some 600 companies have requested and received an audit. The bus is estimated to have identified potential savings worth more than \$31 million.

The vehicles, costing about \$125,000 each, will be paid for by the Federal Government and, during the first two years of the agreement, the federal and provincial

governments will share the operating costs. In the third year the province will pay. After that if the province so requests, ownership of the buses will be transferred to the province for work related to energy conservation.

Four buses have been operating in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island since late last summer, as part of federal-provincial energy conservation programs.

As a result of the programs in Ontario, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, it is estimated that savings of 20-50 per cent in heating, cooling and lighting can be achieved. For most plants, at least half the savings can be achieved with no capital expenditure.

