



*A nuclear agreement between the Philippines and Canada was signed in Manila in June by Foreign Affairs Minister Romulo and Secretary of State for External Affairs MacGuigan.*

nuclear technology and CANDU reactors to the Philippines.

The agreement fully meets the requirements of Canada's non-proliferation and safeguards policy. The Philippines is a state party to the Treaty on the Non-proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) and has concluded an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) bringing all nuclear activities under safeguards.

Canada has concluded similar agreements with several other countries (Sweden, Romania, Finland, Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea and the United States) and the European Atomic Energy Community (EURATOM) representing ten additional countries.

The urgency of intensifying and upgrading world food production is underscored in Canada's continuing support for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). Formed in May, 1971 to boost the quantity and quality of meeting food requirements in developing nations, the CGIAR maintains a wide range of experiments on the various aspects of food production not given sufficient attention by existing research agencies. It recently received a \$9.075-million grant from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Thirteen centres affiliated with CGIAR are engaged in studies on the principal food crops and the most common farming methods in the major ecological areas of the Third World. This year CIDA gave separate grants of \$1.4-

million to three of these centres, including the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) at Los Banos in the Philippines for research to increase rice production and aid to the national institutes for rice research. The International Centre for the Improvement of Maize and Wheat (CIIMYT) in Mexico and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria received the other two CIDA grants.

Thirty-three Filipino graduates of Canadian universities met on Commonwealth Day, March 9, to organize the Association of Canadian University Participants of the Philippines (ACUPP).

The aims and objectives of the group are to "promote closer relations and understanding between Canada and the Philippines to the end that these two countries may share mutual benefits while preserving their cultural heritage; provide a framework within which co-operative projects, multi-disciplinary in nature, could be undertaken; foster communications among agencies represented as well as their counterparts in the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines; co-operate with other organizations having complementary interests; and promote cultural, educational and scientific exchange between the two countries."

The first executive officers of ACUPP, among them Dr. Mona D. Valisno, president, and Dr. Ponciano B. Pineda, vice-president, were formally inducted by the Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines E. L. Bobinski. The Director-

General for Cultural Affairs and Information, Philippine Ministry for Foreign Affairs Consuelo Arranz actively encouraged and supported the founding of ACUPP.

Mar Fishing Company, Inc., a joint venture by Marcopper Mining Corporation and British Columbia Packers Ltd. of Canada, recently ordered two new fishing vessels worth \$13 million from Vancouver Shipyards Limited of Vancouver, British Columbia. These vessels, with a capacity of 340 short tons each, were designed specifically to meet the requirements of Philippine waters.

Mar Fishing just completed its tuna processing facility in Zamboanga City with a rated capacity of 50 tonnes of raw tuna per day and is now going to engage directly in tuna fishing to augment its supplies of tuna from its buying operations, a move intended to provide an assured supply of raw fishing for its loining and canning plant. A detailed plan for marketing the tuna in Europe, Canada and Australia has been developed.

Husky Oil of Canada holds the second largest participation (31.16 per cent) in the Cities Service Consortium, which has drilled 15 exploratory wells in offshore Palawan during the past five years.

Tara-1 is the latest oil well discovery in the country and the first struck for 1981. Its oil flow rate has improved to 2,700 barrels per day (BPD) from an initial flow rate of 2,500 BPD of high-grade crude oil.

Located in the cluster of oil-bearing reefal structures in the periphery of an oil province running nearly 50 kilometres, Tara attests to the presence of oil in this area and has raised possibilities of other exploration companies striking oil in other offshore areas, particularly the China Sea and the Sulu Sea. It brings to eight the number of oil strikes made by the Cities Service group.

Husky Oil also puts in a participation of 33.33 per cent in AMOCO explorations in Malajon and Cadlao, offshore drillings similarly located parallel to the coast of Palawan.

Filipino buyers interested in purchasing Canadian goods and services can now take advantage of a financing package to assist them in their ventures. Under a US\$2.5-million line of credit agreement signed by Canada's Export Development Corporation (EDC) with the Philippine Invest-