

## **The Lester B. Pearson Building**

If it be true that "the style is the whole man", the architectural presentation of the new External Affairs headquarters on Sussex Drive is an accurate reflection of the functional scope of the department and an appropriate monument to the Canadian statesman whose name it bears.

Avoiding any of the previously used architectural conventions, the design of this cluster of buildings surprises by its unexpected form and original character. It is a whole city-scape, with terraces and landscapes built into it and upon it. This type of architecture takes one back to medieval building whose great stone walls rose like cliffs from the earth mellowing with the passage of time, the rythm of seasons and the evolving shapes of trees and garden plants.

Its new headquarters now make it possible for External Affairs to satisfy the working convenience of its members and to respond as well to the needs of Canadians who visit their capital city, wanting to know what goes on here and how Canada keeps in touch with the rest of the world through the medium of the department.