

continents. . . Our Canada is similarly expanding, indeed reaching now to its vast northern regions previously scarcely more than touched by the explorer . . .

And your Brazil, Mr. President, whose vast hinterland has resources which have as yet only in part been surveyed. As I flew over it, I was struck by its immensity, by its luxurious beauty I could picture from up above, but at the same time by the stupendous amount of human energy its development must require What better symbol can I find of it, Mr. President, than this new capital city which your countrymen had dreamed of for decades but which you, Mr. President, with your moving belief in your country's potential, are striving so hard to give them. What a symbol it is for the New World, this Brasilia surging from the jungle to become the most modern, the most beautiful capital of this dynamic and inspiring country. Such a grandiose realization is typical of what can take place in the New World. I hope, Mr. President, you will give me your permission to visit Brasilia next Monday with my wife.

To facilitate the journey, the President put his own Viscount aircraft at the disposal of the Minister to go to Brasilia and, from there, to Sao Paulo.

Brasilia is the realization of a dream long cherished by the Brazilians that the capital should be removed from Rio de Janeiro and established on the central plateau in order to promote the development of the hinterland. From the air, one is struck by the size of this future capital and the length and width of boulevards which, for the time being, have to contend with hardly any traffic. At this stage, few buildings have been completed but several more are already partly built. The presidential palace, where the present incumbent frequently goes, is an architectural gem in a delightful setting. The Minister and Mrs. Smith took a helicopter ride over the rising city.

In Sao Paulo often described as the fastest-growing city in the Americas, the Minister and his party called on the State Governor, Mr. Janio Quadros, and the Mayor, Mr. Adhemar de Barros. They also visited the Cubatao hydroelectric installations built by the Brazilian Traction Corporation, a Canadian organization. In Sao Paulo, as in Rio de Janeiro, the Minister had opportunities to meet the many Canadians living and working in these two cities.

Mexico

The Minister then flew to Mexico City, where he arrived on November 30. It was the Minister's pleasant task, as Special Ambassador, to represent Canada at the inaugural ceremonies marking the beginning of the presidential term of H. E. Sr. Adolfo Lopez Mateos. As Head of the Canadian Special Mission which included, in addition to officials from Ottawa, all officers of the resident mission and an RCAF Officer, the Minister brought to the new President the expression of the Canadian Government's warmest wishes for a prosperous term in office.

In a television interview at Mexico City on December 3, Mr. Smith spoke of the political, commercial and cultural relations between Mexico and Canada. In this connection, he said that exchange visits of symphony orchestras and ballet companies have enhanced cultural relations between the two countries and in recent years the increase in the number of Mexican students studying in Canada and Canadian students studying in Mexico had been very gratifying.