

FOR 57 YEARS IT HAS SERVED US WELL, NOW WHAT?

Even then, by 1978 it was realized that new quarters to house the entire staff would soon be needed and consequently the property on Pennsylvania Ave. was purchased — thus giving Canada the unique status of being the only foreign embassy given a spot on the otherwise all-American two-kilometer grand route linking the Capitol and the White House.

Since then, scores of articles have been written, speeches given and awards presented concerning the proposed new chancery. Quotes from some of these articles include:

"I haven't ceased to be amazed at our great good fortune in obtaining such a site".

Allan Gottlieb
Washington Post
May 9, 1984

"We will be at the axis of two of the most important streets in the world".

Allan Gottlieb
New York Times
May 9, 1984

"In a way it is symbolic and appropriate that your friends, your neighbours, your cousins and your most constant ally, as well as your most important trading partner, should be closest to the centre of Washington's political and cultural heart".

Allan Gottlieb
Toronto Star
May 9, 1984

"The people represented by this structure regard themselves as like and yet unlike the people of the United States as reflected in the similarities and yet dissimilarities of this building and those around it".

Ed. Ritchie
Ambassador (1966-1970)
Consultant Selection Process
External Affairs, April 27, 1981

"What we tried to do was to present a building that was a good citizen of Washington, but welcoming, — symbolic of the security we feel as Canadians in your country".

Arthur Erickson
Architect for the Chancery
Toronto Star, May 9, 1984

"The Rotunda of the Provinces (front left corner) symbolizes Canadian unity. Each of the ten columns representing one of the provinces".

Arthur Erickson,
Washington Post, May 12

"I think it is an excellent building, monumental but not intrusive".

George White
Architect of the Capitol
Toronto Star
May 9, 1984

"I wish he (President Kennedy) had lived to see the best site of all, at the foot of the Hill, chosen by Canada for its new chancery".

Washington Post
letter by Senator Moynihan
January 21, 1985

"The building Erickson has designed is everything a chancery should be. The response to this most difficult site is brilliant in its simplicity...from the beautiful formal garden in the middle... to the penthouse resembling a Greek temple at the top".

The Canadian Architect
June 1984

"The building is a fitting and beautiful addition to the city".

Henry Berliner
Chairman of the Pennsylvania Ave.
Development Corporation
Toronto Star, May 9, 1984

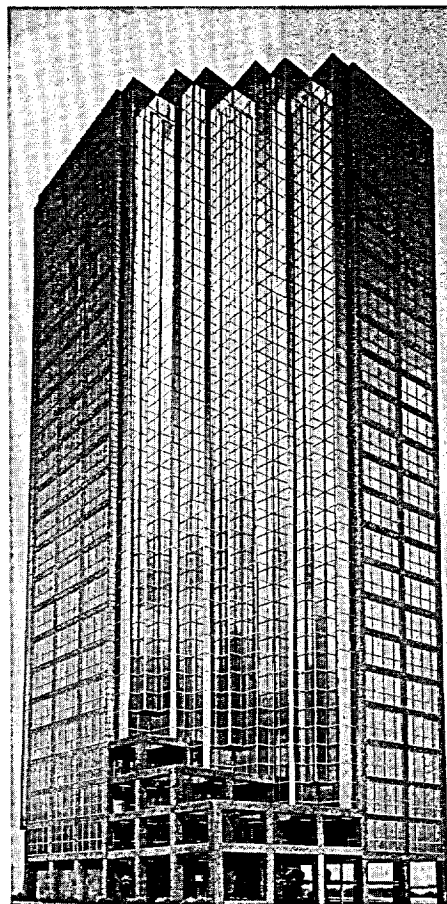
Last December, the design for the new Canadian Chancery in Washington D.C. was one of eight selected from 168 entries to receive the 1984 Award of Excellence.

NOW WHAT?

So what is going to happen to 1746 Massachusetts Ave. when the new chancery is ready? There is great speculation but unfortunately, at this time, no definitive answer.

One thing we do know is that as it has been designated a heritage property, it cannot be destroyed. The questions then are: Who will buy it, for what price and what use will it serve? All those who have served in Washington over the years will no doubt be curious to know.

OTHER PROJECTS IN THE UNITED STATES



St. Paul Tower in Dallas, Texas. Our chancery, as of January 1984, is on the 17th floor.

The major activity in the United States is the proposed new chancery in Washington, D.C. Numerous other lesser-known projects are also, however, in the planning stages, underway or have just been completed. These include:

Dallas — in January 1984 the chancery was relocated onto the 17th floor of St. Paul Tower, a commercial building in the downtown core. In **Boston** we are in the process of moving into Copley Place (a large Rideau Centre like complex) located in the heart of Boston. At the present time the area is being sectioned into office space to accommodate the 13 Canada based and the 26 locally engaged staff. The "fittings" should be completed by the end of the summer and the chancery functional shortly thereafter. In **New York**, the Consulate General is being renovated to occupy two floors rather than one and the Canada Room is being refurbished.

In terms of residences there is activity in five cities. In **Cleveland**, a new official residence has been purchased; in **New York**, a second apartment upstairs was joined to the existing official residence by means of a circular staircase; in **Philadelphia** an adjacent apartment has been leased and the walls removed between the two; in **Washington** a new residence for our Ambassador to the OAS has been identified and in **Buffalo** an offer has been made on an official residence, contingent upon Treasury Board approval.