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CANADA DAYS
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The Department of External Affairs has announced that, in response to an invitation from UNESCO, a series of Canadian cultural events, Canada Days, will take place at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris from May 11 to 23, 1979. Co-ordinated by the Department with provincial government participation, these two weeks of Canadian events will feature visual arts exhibitions, film presentations, concerts and folk arts performances.

Canada Days will be opened by the Speaker of the Senate, the Honourable Renaude Lapointe, who will present UNESCO with a mural carved by the K'San group of Indian artists from British Columbia. Pianist André Laplante, silver medallist at the 1978 Moscow International Tchaikowsky Music Competition will give a recital following the opening ceremonies.

Canada Days mark the fifth year of UNESCO's policy to familiarize the general public with its work by inviting each year one of its member states to present a series of cultural events at its Paris Headquarters.

The <u>Canada Days</u> schedule of events at UNESCO in Paris is attached.

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A detailed programme of the various activities for "Canada Days" can be obtained from the Press Office (613) 995-1874.