

development. A cancellation would also register support for Britain, which was fighting Argentine forces on and near the Falkland Islands.

The government position was that if Canada breached the nuclear power contract, Argentina would not be bound by its obligation to use Canadian nuclear technology and fuel only for peaceful purposes. The government also argued that such a move would jeopardize any future contracts between Canada and Argentina, and make other prospective buyers of Candu reactors skeptical of Canada's reliability.

In the House of Commons May 26, Mark Rose (NDP, Mission-Port Moody) reported that the Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a Washington-based human rights research group, had a day earlier condemned Canada's decision to continue supplying Argentina with nuclear fuel, calling the decision "cynical economic opportunism" and "irresponsible and reckless."

External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan announced May 28 that Canada would insist upon tougher safeguard rules in any future sales of nuclear material to Argentina. He told reporters that the new rules will include a ban against using any uranium — even non-Canadian uranium — for weapons, according to the *Citizen* May 29. The announcement does not affect the current contract.

On May 31 Donald Munro (P.C., Esquimalt-Saanich) told the House of Commons that Saint John dockworkers had refused that day to load nuclear bundles which were to have been shipped to Argentina. His motion to commend the dockworkers failed to get the required unanimous consent.

## AUSTRALIA

### *Visit of Australian Prime Minister*

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser visited Ottawa May 19 to talk with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau about the economic concerns to be presented at the Versailles Economic Summit in June. During their talks, the two Prime Ministers focussed on broad multilateral, economic and political problems.

## BELGIUM

### *Visit to Belgium*

External Affairs Minister Mark MacGuigan visited Belgium May 18 and 19 to talk with the Belgian Ministers of Foreign and Economic Affairs. The Belgian Minister of Foreign Relations, Mr. Léo Tindemans, is also the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Economic Community. Mr. MacGuigan and Mr. Tindemans discussed

bilateral and foreign policy issues, including Canada's relationship with the European Community.

## CAMEROON

### *Canada-Cameroon Mixed Commission*

The First Joint Session of the Canada-Cameroon Mixed Commission was held in Yaoundé, Cameroon, between April 28 and 30. Canada's interests were represented by an official delegation headed by Minister of State Serge Joyal. An official trade mission of sixteen Canadian businessmen accompanied the delegation.

The Commission was co-chaired by Mr. Joyal and Cameroonian Minister of Economy and Planning, Mr. Bello Bouba Maigari. Official discussions focussed on the assessment of recent commercial and cultural exchanges between the two countries. Both delegations were reported pleased with the results. Further identification of priority sectors took place, resulting in a mutual commitment to future cooperation. Four agreements, totalling six million dollars, were signed during the visit.

An invitation to Cameroonian President H.E. Ahmadou Ahidjo to visit Canada was extended and accepted during the Canadian visit. Mr. Ahidjo was in Ottawa between May 25 and 29 on an official visit.

## CHINA

### *Trade*

Trade between Canada and China was the subject of bilateral talks during the last week of April. China's National People's Congress member Xu Dixin was in Canada during that week to talk to Canadian government officials, exporters and importers. China, Canada's seventh largest trading partner, would like to increase sales of textiles, machinery and processed foods to Canada, according to a May 1 *Citizen* article.

A three-year wheat sale agreement with China worth \$2.25 billion was reported May 6 in the *Globe and Mail*. The agreement replaces a previous three-year agreement which expires July 31.

## EGYPT

### *Nuclear Agreement*

An agreement which "allows the initiative of cooperation" between Canada and Egypt in the development of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes was signed in Ottawa May 17. Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde signed on behalf of Canada and Egyptian