

By removing many inequities and barriers that existed under previous legislation, the new act is expected to encourage the acquisition of citizenship. Such encouragement is a continuation of the Secretary of State's policy of "outreach" which in the past few years has seen the expansion of court facilities and operations, the opening of new offices which operate outside normal office hours and the establishment of mobile teams to register applicants in their own communities and places of work.

Prime Minister overseas – vacation then business

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau left Ottawa August 15 for a three-week holiday in Europe and the Middle East.

Following an Adriatic cruise as guests of the Aga Khan, Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau were to call on Prime Minister Bijedic of Yugoslavia. They then were to fly to Amman to be the guests of King Hussein of Jordan and Queen Alia. A visit to Israel was next on the itinerary, to meet Prime Minister and Mrs. Rabin and tour the Holy Places.

In Rome, Mr. and Mrs. Trudeau were scheduled to call on Prime Minister Andreotti and would return to Ottawa in the early days of September.

Visit to Japan

The Prime Minister will also make an official visit to Japan from October 19 to 26 to promote bilateral trade, in return for a visit made by former Prime Minister Tanaka to Canada in 1974.

Residents report on housing projects

One of the most detailed investigations on housing design ever carried out in Canada was completed recently when Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation released a report based on a study of medium density, low-income multiple family housing.

The 650-page report, which contains residents' evaluations of their housing environments, general findings and recommendations, will be used to develop, improve and assess a number of housing design criteria for future housing developments.

In 1973, CMHC commissioned a team

of consultants, lead by environmental psychologist Robert Beck, and architects Robert Rowan and Pierre Teasdale, all of the University of Montreal, to find out what the residents of five projects in Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City and Sydney, Nova Scotia, thought of their housing environments.

The two-volume report, *Site Design Requirements* and *House Design Requirements*, contains the following significant findings:

•Residents want as many single-family dwelling characteristics as possible built into their project – features such as front doors and back doors, views from two sides of their unit, a street address, space to park a car adjacent to their units so that it is visible from inside, and ground access.

However, residents also recognized and appreciated the special advantages in multiple housing including economic benefits, social and leisure opportunities and facilities and maintenance services.

•One of the main issues affecting parents' choices of a place to live, and a main reason of their satisfaction with their housing, is the suitability of the project for their children's play, safety,

and security.

•The study helped to identify which project facilities would be most used and appreciated by residents. These included a hockey rink, bicycle and tricycle areas, storage facilities and a swimming pool.

•Maintenance is very important to residents. Poor maintenance tends to create a feeling that projects are becoming slums. The final report contains recommendations on maintenance affecting both project design and management.

•The report also contains a number of findings and recommendations about unit design. Many of these confirm established opinions about good design principles, but these design principles are not always put into practice. They include the need for vestibules and "mud" rooms, the importance to families of access to some private outdoor space, preferably on the ground, and the need for storage for outdoor articles such as bicycles and lawn furniture.

Limited copies of the report are available from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Head Office, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.



A Finnish ewe broke all local fertility records this spring by giving birth to sextuplets at Laval University's Agricultural Station at St-Augustin near Quebec City. The arrival of the six lambs was another successful step forward in a program of cross-breeding

carried out by the University's Agronomic Centre. Finnish sheep have been imported into Canada for their remarkable prolific characteristics. Armand Pellerin (centre) and his assistants seem quite happy about their spring lamb sextette.