

### Gift of Canadian books to City of Spokane



Marcel Cadieux, Ambassador to the U.S., (left) shows one of the prints from the presentation copy of the *The Salmon* to Albert Culverwell, museum

director, following the book presentation ceremony at Spokane Public Library. Canadian Commissioner General Patrick Reid looks on.

In conjunction with Canada's participation at Expo '74, the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, Marcel Cadieux and Mrs. Cadieux, presented on Canada's behalf, a collection of books and art prints to the Spokane Public Library on August 30.

The ceremony took place at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Cadieux presenting specially chosen books dealing with the environment to library director Betty Bender. The volumes were carried in and handed to Miss Bender by the children of The Vos Family singing group – each one representing a Canadian province.

The Canadian Ambassador gave a presentation copy of *The Salmon – Canada's Plea for a Threatened Species* to Albert H. Culverwell, Director of the Cheney Cowles Museum in Spokane, together with three mounted and 12 unmounted art prints. This beautifully illustrated volume, produced by David Denbigh of Environment Canada, which is one of very few copies in the U.S., has also been presented to heads of state of countries represented at the Law of the Sea Conference in Caracas, Venezuela. Twelve softback circulation copies have also been made available to the library.

Canadian press attaché at Expo '74, Mairuth Hodge, outlined as follows the

reasons for the choice of the "Salmon book" as a gift to Spokane:

"Of all the creatures who share this world with man, few are more important

than fish and, among them, the salmon is perhaps the most important. Salmon, which is not only a luxury of an affluent world, is also a basic life-sustaining food.

"Stone Age men knew them, Romans knew them, Iberians, Gauls, Britons and Vikings knew them. The people of the Baltic knew and still know their value and depend upon them as do both big industries and individual fishermen on all shores of the northern oceans.

The salmon's unique life cycle, which triggers their return to inland waters year after year to spawn, provides a self-propagating harvest which could feed man for generations yet to come.

"The continued existence of many threatened species, the caribou, the wolf and even the whale are by now almost academic, but the salmon with a tenacity that rivals even man's can and may yet be replenished, restocked, and restored to its natural place in our ecological system. Because the salmon is so germane to mankind, Canada has chosen it to symbolize how management of the sea resources can be of benefit to all."

Some 60 books, including Pierre Burton's *A National Dream*, were given to the Spokane Library.



Mrs. Cadieux, wife of the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, says a few words to one of the younger children of the Vos Family singing

group of Alberta, during the book presentation to Spokane Public Library, held in conjunction with Canada Week at Expo '74.