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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NEW HOME

*Aerial view of the Department of External Affairs headquarters building, a brand-new three-dimensional cluster that stretches nearly 300 yards along Sussex Drive,*

*Ottawa, where in the new year all personnel now dispersed throughout the city will be housed. At upper left is the City Hall; in the background is the Rideau River.*

#### TRUDEAU TALKS TRADE IN LONDON

Prime Minister Trudeau returned to Ottawa on December 5 from a three-day official visit to Britain, during which he spent a day and a half talking about trade problems with British Prime Minister Edward Heath.

With Britain's entry into the European Common Market on January 1, some \$700-million worth of Canadian exports will be subject to higher tariffs. During a news conference on December 4, Mr. Trudeau stated that, although Mr. Heath had made no promises, the British Prime Minister had given him some "very strong theoretical assurances" that Britain would promote outward-looking trade policies after entry into the Common Market.

Mr. Trudeau went on to say that, during a five-year transitional period following Britain's joining

the ECM, "special arrangements" beneficial to both Canada and Britain might be worked out between Canada and the EEC negotiators. He added that forthcoming discussions on a new round of tariff deductions may result in the lowering of European "barriers" to Canadian exports. British prosperity as a member of the EEC, he suggested, might make Britain an even better market for Canadian goods than it was at present.

#### INVITATION TO THE QUEEN

While he was in London, Prime Minister Trudeau asked Queen Elizabeth to open the Commonwealth Conference that is to be held in Ottawa next August. Her Majesty has accepted the invitation in principle.

The Queen, who will be in Canada with Prince Philip from June 25 to July 5 to take part in the July 1 celebration of the centennial of Prince Edward