

Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. The Japanese Ministers expressed their appreciation for the support extended by the Canadian Government to Japan's accession to the OECD. The Ministers of the two countries expressed the hope that co-operation between Japan and Canada would be strengthened through their joint participation in this Organization.

The Committee recognized the importance of continued international efforts to assist the economic development of less-developed countries, and Ministers of the two countries described their own programmes of assistance. They emphasized the importance of increased trading opportunities for the developing countries.

#### TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

The Committee had full discussions on the present trade and economic relations between the two countries. The Committee noted the importance of their mutual trade and agreed that there were good prospects for the further expansion of mutually advantageous trade in both directions. It noted that the opportunities for Japan to expand its sales to Canada would further be improved by diversification of commodities particularly in products which would not compete with Canadian production. It also noted the progress which had been made in Japan's import liberalization programme, and looked forward for Canadian sales as the liberalization programme went forward. The Committee also recognized the contribution to closer trade relations that could result from joint ventures in business investment.

#### OTHER TOPICS

The Committee agreed that the methods of negotiation concerning the restraint of some Japanese exports to Canada should be further improved so as to reduce the time required for the negotiations.

The Ministers of the two countries outlined the economic situation and prospects in their countries. They explained the policies which each Government was pursuing in order to promote economic growth.

The Ministers of the two countries exchanged views on fisheries problems, and became better acquainted with the basic positions of their respective governments on the conservation and development of fishery resources.

The Committee welcomed the forthcoming talks in Ottawa on an agreement for the avoidance of double taxation between Japan and Canada, and expressed the hope that an early conclusion would be reached and that the agreement would strengthen economic relations between the two countries.

The Ministers of the two countries expressed their satisfaction with the contribution of meetings of the Committee towards better understanding Japan and Canada.

The Committee accepted the invitation of the Japanese Government to hold the next meeting in Tokyo.

#### STRATFORD PLAYERS TO CHICHESTER

The Board of Governors of the Stratford Shakespearean Festival recently accepted an invitation from England's Chichester Festival Theatre to present three plays in Chichester next April during the British celebration of the birth of William Shakespeare. Michael Langham, artistic director of the Festival, recommended that the plays to be presented should be "Timon of Athens", which was staged at Stratford during the past season, a revival of "Love's Labour's Lost," staged during the Festival of 1961, and a new production of Molière's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme".

The Chichester engagement is scheduled to begin on April 6 and conclude on April 25. Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, will be celebrated with a performance of "Love's Labour's Lost".

Mr. Langham will himself direct "Timon of Athens", a modern-dress production designed by Brian Jackson with music by Duke Ellington, and "Love's Labour's Lost", designed by Tanya Moiseiwitsch, with music by John Cook. Jean Gascon, who was responsible for the staging of this season's "Comedy of Errors", will direct "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme", with designs by Robert Prévost.

This will be the Festival Company's second trip to Britain. In 1956 it presented "Henry V" and "Oedipus Rex" at the Edinburgh Festival.

#### A LOGICAL MOVE

"It is now a very logical move that we should present our plays on the Chichester Festival theatre stage," Mr. Langham said, "since the Chichester theatre is a direct outgrowth of Stratford. We will therefore be playing on a stage very similar to our own and in an auditorium much the same as ours. Indeed we hope it will not be long before the Chichester Theatre (now part of the National Theatre under the direction of Sir Laurence Olivier) returns our visit and plays on our stage. We also feel that during these 400th anniversary celebrations it is altogether fitting that a Shakespearean company from a Commonwealth country should be represented in the land of Shakespeare's birth."

To accept the Chichester invitation, the Stratford Festival Board of Governors was forced to decline another invitation for the Shakespeare celebrations at the Aldwych theatre in London.

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#### PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS

The Minister of External Affairs of Pakistan, Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who had been attending the General Assembly in New York as leader of the Pakistan Delegation, paid a courtesy visit to Ottawa from September 30 to October 2.

While in Ottawa, Mr. Bhutto met Prime Minister L.B. Pearson and the Minister of Industry and Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. C.M. Drury. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, had previously had discussions with Mr. Bhutto in New York.

Mr. Bhutto held a press conference on his final day in Ottawa.