Assistance for Cyclone Victims

Canada will contribute \$50,000 for assistance to the victims of the cyclone in Orissa, it was announced on November 12. The donation will be made to the Indian Red Cross through the Canadian Red Cross.

Visit of Premier Kosygin

Mr. Aleksei N. Kosygin, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR, visited Canada from October 17 to 26 as the guest of the Canadian Government. In the communique issued at the end of the visit the following reference was made to the situation in Pakistan:

It was noted that the situation in East Pakistan, the presence of many million Pakistani refugees in India and the resulting tension in that area continued to be a source of concern. It was agreed that to maintain peace and to prevent a further deterioration of the situation in that region it was necessary to achieve an urgent political settlement in East Pakistan that would take into account the legitimate rights and interests of its population and would facilitate a speedy and secure return of the refugees. This would be facilitated if the interested parties exercised restraint.

The President of CIDA, Mr. Paul Gerin-Lajoie with the Minister of Labour and Rehabilitation, Mr. R. K. Khadilkar (1), the Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Swaran Singh and Mr. James George (2) and the Minister of Finance, Mr. Y. B. Chavan (3).







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