

to sign the "Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter at Sea" in Mexico City and took part in the First National Congress on Environmental Problems held in the Mexican capital, January 14-19, 1973. Both nations will take an active role in the international Law of the Sea Conference in Caracas, next July.

Mexico, like Canada, is an active member of the Geneva Disarmament Conference and their delegations enjoy a mutually useful working relationship on many arms control issues. The two countries have worked together in Geneva and at the United Nations to achieve progress on an underground nuclear weapons test ban; Canada has consistently supported the Mexican-sponsored Treaty of Tlatelolco which bans nuclear weapons in Latin America, as well as its Protocol in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) which provides for nuclear-weapon states to commit themselves to respect the non-nuclear status of the region. Canada and Mexico have expressed similar views and have cooperated on a number of other matters at the United Nations General Assembly, in United Nations specialized agencies, in Organization of American States' (OAS) institutions and in other international institutions and meetings.

In 1971, Canada joined the Mexico-USA conferences to discuss mutual co-operation in the control of the illicit traffic in narcotics and dangerous drugs in North America. Following the first technical meeting in Washington in October 1971, a meeting at the Ministerial level was held in Mexico City in the spring of 1972. A further Tripartite Narcotics Control Conference, at Deputy Minister level, was held in Ottawa on January 15 and 16, 1973.

"People-to-People" exchanges have increased in recent years. The Canada-Mexico Businessmen's Committee, which was formed in 1970, first met in Mexico City in November of that year, and subsequently held meetings in Toronto in November 1971, and again in Mexico City in May 1973, under the auspices of the Canadian Association for Latin America (CALA). In December 1971, the 5000 book Canadian Library Centre was opened in Mexico City to provide a public source of Canadian reference and reading material. In the fall of 1973 an intensive cultural program "Jornadas de Canada" featured an exhibition of Eskimo prints, one of children's art and another of Canadian books; a Canadian film festival; presentation of the revue "The Apple Tree" and performances by les Séguins, the Quebec chanteurs, and by the Groupe de la Place Royale. The Secretary of State's ongoing "Contact Canada" programme was implemented with Mexico in June 1972; last year eight Mexican young people arrived in Canada for a three-week period and seven Canadians travelled to Mexico for a similar period of time. The Canada-World Youth Program, an exchange of young people involving the two countries, began in January 1973 when 34 Canadian participants arrived in Mexico and a similar number of Mexican youth came here. In addition the number of students from each country studying in the other is yearly on the increase.