

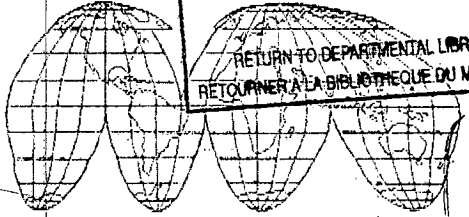
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Canada to Participate in Special Meeting on
Refugees from the Former Yugoslavia

July 28, 1992, No. 159

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced that Ambassador Gerald E. Shannon was to represent Canada at a special meeting of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva. The purpose of this one-day meeting was to examine the immediate humanitarian needs of the victims of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia and to intensify the search for a lasting solution to the plight of the refugees. Ambassador Shannon is Canada's Permanent Representative to the Office of the United Nations in Geneva. "Canadians are appalled by the situation in the former Yugoslavia," said Mrs. McDougall. "We support the aim of the conference, which is to alleviate the human suffering in the short term. But treating the symptoms will not cure the problems at the root of the conflict. We must also do everything in our power to find a political solution."

Co-operative Security Competition
and Scholarship Programs Established

July 27, 1992, No. 158

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced the establishment of the Co-operative Security Competition Program, with an annual budget of \$2.1 million. The program will provide financial assistance for projects that advance understanding, knowledge and public discussion of co-operative security issues. Mrs. McDougall also announced the establishment of a Co-operative Security Scholarship Program of \$200,000 per year. "The Government of Canada firmly believes that international peace and security is dependent on fostering bilateral and multilateral dialogue and co-operation across the entire range of interstate relations," said Mrs. McDougall. "These programs will allow us to assist scholarship and projects that increase Canadian and international understanding of co-operative security and promote its practical implementation." Establishment of the programs follows through on the Government's February budget commitment to reduce expenditure.

Canada Responds in Kind to U.S. Retaliation on Ontario Beer

July 24, 1992, No. 157

The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced that Canada will impose a matching duty of 50 per cent on some imports of U.S. beer into Ontario. Mr. Wilson was responding to the U.S. decision announced to impose duties on Ontario beer exports. The Canadian duty will apply only on beer from Heileman and Stroh, and will result in an increase of at least 65 cents for a six-pack of beer at current prices. Other U.S. beer imports in Ontario will not be affected. In addition, the duty will not apply in other provinces. "We regret that the U.S. has chosen a course that penalizes Ontario's beer trade," Mr. Wilson said. "It is unilateral, it is completely unwarranted and leaves us no choice but to respond accordingly. We would have preferred a negotiated settlement of this matter." At the monthly General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) Council meeting last week, the GATT did not approve a request by the U.S. for authority to retaliate. In spite of this, the U.S. is proceeding to retaliate unilaterally against Ontario beer.