

## ELECTION CANDIDATE RECORD

A record number of 1,116 candidates will contest 264 parliamentary seats in the October 30 federal election.

When nominations closed, the Liberal Party, led by Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, had filed 263 names of candidates; the Conservatives under Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield, 264; the New Democratic Party led by David Lewis, 251; and the Social Credit Party headed by Real Caouette, 164; the remaining 174 are running as Independents.

Quebec, with 63, has the highest number of Independents running in the election, while 54 names were filed in Ontario.

A total of 69 women filed papers as candidates, a number believed to be a record. Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon were the only areas where women will not be seeking office.

## INCO-INDONESIA-JAPAN NICKEL PACT

A forward step in the realization of P. T. International Nickel Indonesia's nickel project on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi was announced in Toronto this month by the parent company, The International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited. Participation and sales agreements have been signed in Tokyo by Inco Canada, six Japanese companies and Inco Indonesia.

The Japanese participants are Shimura Kako Company, Ltd; Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd; Tokyo Nickel Company, Ltd; Mitsui and Co. Ltd; Nissho-Iwai Company, Ltd and Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha, Ltd. Subject to their Government's approval of their participation, the Japanese partners will initially acquire a 25 percent equity interest in Inco Indonesia.

Indonesians will be eligible to purchase equity in the project under a Contract of Work entered into by Inco Indonesia with the Indonesian Government. As a result the ownership ultimately would be 60 per cent by Inco Canada, 20 per cent by the Japanese firms and 20 per cent by Indonesians.

Inco Indonesia has negotiated long-term sales contracts for the output of the project with Shimura Kako, Sumitomo Metal Mining and Tokyo Nickel, who will further treat nickel to produce products for sale to their customers. Inco Canada is a shareholder in Shimura Kako and Tokyo Nickel.

The mining and processing facilities to be established by Inco Indonesia in the vicinity of Soroako in eastern Sulawesi represent the first stage in a planned development of the lateritic ores in the area under the Contract of Work with the Indonesian Government. The annual production capacity of the initial plant will be 14,000 metric tons of nickel and cobalt in the form of a 75 percent nickel matte product.



**GIFT OF ESKIMO CARVING**

*Canadian Minister of Finance John Turner (right) presents an Eskimo carving of Arctic seals to Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Anthony Barber in London on September 22. The gift, on behalf of the Canadian Government, was made while Mr. Turner was in London attending the conference of 32 Commonwealth finance ministers.*

## CANADA JOINS INTER-AMERICAN BODY

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, announced this month that Canada would become a member of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences on November 4. At a ceremony in Washington on October 4 Mr. A.J. Pick, Ambassador and Permanent Observer of Canada to the Organization of American States (OAS), deposited Canada's instrument of accession to the Institute, which was received by Mr. Galo Plaza, OAS Secretary-General. Dr. Jose Emilio Araujo, Director-General of the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences, normally resident in San José, Costa Rica, where the headquarters of the Institute are situated, was present to welcome Canadian accession. Full membership takes effect one month from the date of deposition.

Since its inception in 1944, the Inter-American Institute of Agricultural Sciences has played an active and important role in the encouragement, development and co-ordination of agricultural research and in the dissemination of this knowledge within the Americas.