

Pakistan power project negotiated during visit of Mr. Bhutto

During a visit to Canada of Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Begum Nusrat Bhutto, February 23 to 26, a protocol was signed between Canada and Pakistan under which a loan agreement for \$50 million will be negotiated for a power project in Pakistan.

The money will be used to finance a 500-KV transmission line from the Tarbela Dam, the largest earth-filled dam in the world, to Lyallpur in the industrial and agricultural heartland of Pakistan. The line will be the first link in the Pakistan national power grid, extending from Tarbela to Karachi,

enabling distribution of economical hydro-electric power throughout Pakistan. This contribution, the largest Canada has ever made to a single development project in Asia, will include engineering services, transmission-line equipment and materials and training.

The visitors were warmly welcomed in Ottawa and Toronto. They were received in Ottawa by the Governor General and Madame Léger and, in Toronto, accompanied by Finance Minister Donald Macdonald, they met Premier William Davis of Ontario and Lieutenant-Governor Pauline McGibbon. In Ottawa, Prime Minister Bhutto and

Prime Minister Trudeau discussed current international and bilateral issues and participated in a meeting of Ministers and senior officials chaired by Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen.

The two Prime Ministers discussed bilateral trade and expressed a mutual desire to expand it. To facilitate development of trade and to encourage investment, they signed a convention between the two countries for the avoidance of double taxation and an agreement regarding investment insurance. While in Toronto, Canadian business leaders met with officials of the Pakistani delegation to discuss various interests regarding trade.

Ontario hospital closings cause election rumblings

Leaders of the provincial opposition parties have been making a number of ill-considered and inconsistent statements about government attempts to save money by reducing the number of hospitals in Ontario, says Premier William Davis.

Davis was reacting to statements by Opposition Leader Stephen Lewis of the New Democratic Party and Liberal

leader Dr. Stuart Smith that the issue of hospital closings may result in an early election.

Ontario Health Minister Frank Miller has been touring the province announcing the closing of local hospitals, aimed at cutting \$50 million from the province's \$3-billion health budget. The government claims that the province has 6,000 excess hospital beds.

The small fry and the big fish

Children at the Burns Avenue School in Hicksville, New York, who are studying Canada, recently saw a film-strip about the problems of overfishing being encountered by the fishermen of Canada's East Coast.

With the permission of their teacher, Mrs. Jane Spiselman and the class, some of their solutions are reprinted below:

"I think it might be helped if part of the fishing area was only for the large industries and the other part for the small groups of men."

"I think it can be helped by having Nova Scotia fishermen and the men who run the big ships take turns fishing and let the Nova Scotia fisherman go first and the big ships go next putting back *all* small fish."

"I think it might be helpful if they made a rule that if any foreign ship comes within 30 miles of the coast they could be siezed and fined money."

"I think that the fishermen should make a borderline between themselves. This way they would each have their own fishing banks."

"It might be helped if the fishermen from other countries are only allowed a certain amount of fish to each boat."

"I think it might be helped if we got a 200 mile range so the trallers won't take any more fish."

"I think it would help if Canadians passed a law that would prohibit fishing around the Novia Scotia banks."



Children of the Burns Avenue School in Hicksville, New York.