

aircraft, usually inactive during the winter, in use the year round. They expand their knowledge and skill, especially in mapping, to meet and overcome new challenges, improving their effectiveness back home. And EMR's Surveys and Mapping Branch, through its inspection and reporting functions for CIDA, has widened its own perspective on the world.

Ottawa files are filled with communications conveying satisfaction with our help in solving surveying and mapping problems in the Third World. Third World government departments refer to the results daily, as Canadian airphotos are used not only for topographical mapping but also for building and improving roads, and building dams and irrigation systems. Forest inventories, mineral and oil exploration, water resource assessment and land use programs all depend on Canadian air surveys.

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General election called

Prime Minister John Turner has called a federal general election to be held September 4, 1984. Because of the election, the visit to Canada of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, previously scheduled for July 14-27, is expected to take place in the fall, following the visit of Pope John Paul in September.

Canada and Japan set import quotas

An understanding between Canada and Japan for the continuation of the orderly development of Japanese motor vehicle exports to Canada until the end of fiscal year 1984-85 was announced recently by the former Minister for International Trade, Gerald Regan.

Mr. Regan said that he had just been informed by the Japanese authorities that the level of Japanese passenger car exports was not expected to exceed 166 000 units in the current fiscal year from April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985 on the basis of an anticipated total Canadian market of 917 000 passenger car units.

This is the fourth such understanding with Japan. The previous understanding, which terminated on March 31, 1984, provided that passenger car exports would not exceed 202 600 units over 15 months.

Mr. Regan noted that, since the conclusion of the last understanding with Japan, domestic sales of passenger cars had increased by over 18 per cent. As the Canadian market trends were continuing to

improve steadily, there was a real possibility that the Canadian market could substantially expand beyond 917 000 units.

For this reason, the new understanding with Japan includes an agreement to review the situation in early January 1985 when information about the actual level of Canadian passenger car sales for calendar year 1984 becomes available. At that time, if it becomes clear that the Canadian market has substantially expanded beyond the 917 000 unit sales, Japanese car exports could moderately increase further, provided that the over-all level of Japanese exports for fiscal year 1984-85 will not exceed 170 400 units.

The export forecast level for fiscal year 1984-85 will probably result in a Japanese share of the Canadian market of approximately 18 per cent. The minister noted, in this context, that under a similar export arrangement for the same 1984-85 period between Japan and the United States, the Japanese share of the US market was also expected to be about 18 per cent.

Prime Minister joins US July fourth celebrations



Prime Minister John Turner (right) greets a young member of the pipe and drum corps from Illinois as Mrs. Martha Robinson, wife of US Ambassador Paul H. Robinson, looks on. The occasion was the ambassador's annual July 4 party held at his residence in Ottawa.

NRC scientists honoured

Four National Research Council (NRC) scientists have been cited by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for their work in mapping the electrical currents in space.

Ronald Burrows, Don Wallis, Margaret Wilson and Terry Hughes of the NRC's Herzberg Institute for Astrophysics formally received NASA's Group Achievement Award at a recent ceremony.

The four scientists analyzed data gathered by MAGSAT, a satellite launched in November 1979 to study the Earth's crust and electric currents in the ionosphere and magnetosphere.

NASA said the MAGSAT data helped scientists to provide accurate measurements 20 times better than anything ever done before of the Earth's magnetic field.