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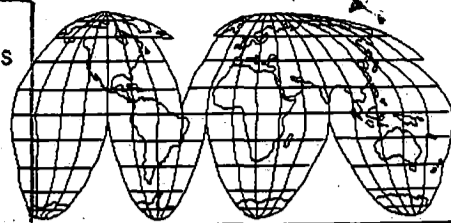
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PRESS RELEASES:**

Quellet to Attend 25th General Assembly of the OAS

June 1, 1995, no. 101

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that he will attend the 25th General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Montrouis, Haiti, on June 4 and 5. The Minister will be accompanied by Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) Christine Stewart. "The results of this year's General Assembly will be particularly important in shaping the future direction and goals of the OAS," said Mr. Ouellet. "There will be two key challenges facing member countries — defining a new vision for the OAS and implementing the recommendations of the Summit of the Americas. How these challenges are met will have a decisive impact on the shape of future hemispheric co-operation." While in Haiti, Mr. Ouellet will participate in a gathering of foreign ministers, hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, as a follow-up to the Summit of the Americas held in Miami last December. Mr. Ouellet will also meet with OAS Secretary General César Gaviria Trujillo for a continuation of their discussions which began in February 1995 when the Secretary General visited Canada. The Minister will meet separately with Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to discuss, among other issues, Canada's support for the legislative elections in Haiti scheduled for June 25.

MacLaren Leads Trade and Investment Mission to the Czech Republic

May 29, 1995, no. 100

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, visited the Czech Republic for discussions with ministers and representatives of the private sector. He was accompanied by a large delegation of Canadian businesses actively pursuing trade and investment opportunities.... Mr. MacLaren announced that Canada will provide a senior advisor, financed by the Canadian International Development Agency, to the Czech Agency for Foreign Investment (CzechInvest) to help design and implement a foreign investment matchmaking service. The advisor will also assist in identifying potential Czech-Canadian commercial links and investments in key sectors.

MacLaren Leads Canadian Trade and Investment Mission to Poland

May 26, 1995, no. 99

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, visited Poland today for discussions with Polish ministers and business representatives. He was accompanied by a large Canadian business delegation pursuing trade and investment opportunities.... "I was impressed with Poland's accomplishments in its economic transition towards a market economy. I am confident that further trade and economic liberalization will take place in Poland, creating new opportunities for Canadian and Polish businesspeople," Mr. MacLaren said.... On behalf of Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, André Ouellet, Mr. MacLaren signed with Mr. Kolodko a Memorandum of Understanding setting up the Canada-Poland Entrepreneurs Fund (CPEF). The CPEF is a seven-year, \$32-million fund, financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and designed to provide financial and technical support to Poland's rapidly growing small and medium-sized enterprises. It will support firms through loans, equity investments and advice, and it will be administered by a Polish foundation in partnership with a Polish bank. It is to begin operations on January 1, 1996. The CPEF will be the cornerstone of the Canadian Technical Co-operation Program in Poland.

Secretary of State Chan to Travel to Sri Lanka

May 26, 1995, no. 98

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet announced that Secretary of State (Asia-Pacific) Raymond Chan will visit Sri Lanka from May 31 to June 2, 1995. Mr. Chan's visit comes in the wake of the unilateral resumption of hostilities by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on April 19, which ended 14 weeks of peace in that country. "The renewal of civil conflict in Sri Lanka is deeply disappointing. During my visit I will underline Canada's support for peace and explore possibilities for getting the peace process back on track," said Mr. Chan.

Ouellet Condemns Bosnian Serb Actions

May 26, 1995, no. 97

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet condemned the shelling of safe areas by Bosnian Serb forces in Bosnia which has led to the deaths of innocent civilians. He also expressed grave concern about the holding, by Serb forces, of United Nations Military Observers, including Canadians. "I speak for all Canadians in expressing outrage at the detention of UN personnel in Bosnia and deep concern about their safety. I call upon Bosnian Serb forces to release these people, whose only reason for being there is to seek a peaceful solution to the tragic conflict," said Mr. Ouellet.