

## Mr. Clark Announces \$3 Million Dollar Refugee Relief Programme

for ASEAN efforts for Vietnamese withdrawal, and said that until that came about Canada would continue to deny development aid to Vietnam.

On the subject of the international economic situation, the Secretary of State for External Affairs said Canada believes it essential for the international community to enter into a new round of multilateral trade negotiations in the near future. He also stated his intention to send a trade policy mission to Southeast Asia in October to discuss in detail the issues currently before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), and the preparations for a new round.

In relation to the trade in narcotics, Mr. Clark said there was "an urgent need to act together to combat the menace of international narcotics trafficking . . . . Like terrorism, international narcotics trafficking is an evil of global dimensions — and it is an evil which can only be combatted if we work together". Canada, he affirmed, wholeheartedly commended ASEAN for formulating a draft resolution addressing the problem, and would provide further funding for such initiatives as crop substitution and income replacement to combat drug production.

Mr. Clark ended his speech with a strong indictment of international terrorism, citing the recent airline tragedies in Frankfurt, Beirut and Tokyo and those involving Air India. He noted the



*The Secretary of State for External Affairs with ASEAN PMC host, Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir.*

efforts Canada has made in combatting terrorism, including a series of proposals recently made by the Canadian Minister of Transport to the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Mr. Clark's speech was delivered at the opening of the "Six-plus-Six" session, which included delegations from the six ASEAN countries and ASEAN's six Dialogue Partners.

## Asia-Pacific Festival

The Asia-Pacific Festival, held in Vancouver from June 8 to 14, celebrated the cultures of over 20 Pacific Rim nations in tribute to Canada's growing involvement in the Pacific. The Festival featured performances of music, dance, theatre and story-telling by international and local performers, as well as demonstrations of cooking, crafts and sports.

The Festival hosted Asian performers of international stature from Indonesia, Thailand, Philippines, China, Hong Kong and Korea. The Indonesian entry, Wija Shadow Theatre, is an internationally known Balinese group, which uses shadow puppets, an art form central to the Indonesian way of life.

From Thailand came the Royal Thai Classical Dance Company, a troupe of 15 dancers and musicians that performed two complete programmes of classical and folk dance, drama and sword fighting. The players were magnificently dressed in traditional glittering costumes.



Mr Gilbert indicated that the tour was an excellent opportunity for Canada's leading players to see and play against major Asian teams prior to the Commonwealth Games in 1986 and to the Olympic games in 1988. As East and Southeast Asia has traditionally provided many of the strongest teams in badminton, the experience gained by the tour will further strengthen the technical abilities of the Canadian players as they face other international competition.

## Canadian Badminton Team Plays In Regional Tournaments



*Canadian Men's champion Mike Butler.*

A four-member Canadian badminton team recently completed a tour of ASEAN countries where the players participated in a number of open championships and friendly games. The team comprised the current Canadian Men's Singles and Mixed Doubles Champion, Michael Butler; Canadian Ladies' Singles Champion, Linda Cloutier; the Canadian Men's Doubles Champion, Ken Poole; and Denyse Julien, tenth ranked in Kennex Grand Prix. They were accompanied by a national coach and one of Canada's leading badminton clinicians, John Gilbert.

The team competed in the Thailand Open Badminton Championships, July 9-14, the Malaysian Open Badminton Championships, July 16-21 and the Yonnex Indonesian Open Badminton Championships, July 24-28. They completed their tour of the region with a friendly game against select Singapore team members on July 30. The players had also participated in a friendly competition in Hong Kong.