



The Governor General visits the acropolis in Athens accompanied by Greek Minister of Culture Melina Mercouri. They are followed by Mrs. Schreyer (centre).

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couple went to the island of Crete where they toured the Knossos Palace. Mr. and Mrs. Schreyer also visited Lindos to view the acropolis and on the island of Santorini they saw an archaeological dig at Akrotiri and toured an Orthodox monastery.

Governor General Schreyer was greeted in Athens by President Karamanlis and later attended a wreath-laying ceremony and held talks with the President. In addition, the Governor General met with Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu and Foreign Minister Ioannis Haralambopoulos.

In a speech at a state dinner given by

the Greek president, Governor General Schreyer referred to the "healthy" bilateral relations between the two countries and spoke of the "valuable contribution" made by the Greek community in Canada.

During their stay in Athens the viceregal couple toured the acropolis where the Mayor of Athens presented the Governor General with the Gold Medal of the city.

The Schreyers later attended a reception given by Canadian Ambassador James Barker for the Greek-Canadian community and concluded their trip to Greece by hosting a dinner and concert.

Delegation to United Nations world meeting on aging

Canada has accepted the United Nations' invitation to send a delegation to the World Assembly on Aging in Vienna, July 26 to August 6.

Health and Welfare Canada will concentrate on ensuring governmental and non-governmental participation in the assembly and will submit background reports to show how the needs of Canada's elderly are being met and how an aging population will affect social, economic and political decisions in the future.

Since the main issues for discussion at the assembly bear on both federal and

provincial responsibilities, representatives from the provinces and two territories are working with Health and Welfare Canada in preparing the Canadian report. Some 15 federal departments and agencies will also contribute to the report.

To encourage the non-governmental participation desired by the United Nations, the Health and Welfare Minister has asked the National Advisory Council on Aging to co-ordinate that aspect of the Canadian contribution. The council is a citizens' advisory body to the Minister of Health and Welfare with members drawn from the provinces and territories.

Canada-Italy pilot program

Canada and Italy have signed an agreement under which Canada will provide a limited program of basic pilot training in Canada to members of the Italian Air Force.

The diplomatic notes constituting the agreement were signed and exchanged by Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and by Italian Ambassador to Canada Francesco Paolo Fulci.

Equipment for space venture

Under a co-operative agreement signed between the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and the Swedish Board for Space Activity, Canada will supply an important piece of space equipment for the Swedish VIKING scientific satellite.

VIKING has been designed to take precise measurements in space in the complex magnetic fields and plasma waves of the earth's ionosphere.

A Canadian-built ultraviolet imager, will be aboard VIKING to scan the entire high latitude auroral region above earth at two ultraviolet wavelengths. (Visible effects such as the aurora borealis or northern lights originate in the auroral oval.) The images will allow scientists to relate the phenomena observed at the satellite with processes taking place at the foot of the magnetic field lines.

Under the terms of the agreement, the \$3.4-million instrument will be supplied to the Swedish Space Corporation by the Canada Centre for Space Science, a branch of NRC. The imager is being developed and built by Canadian Astronautics Limited of Ottawa with a target delivery date towards the end of this year.

Launch of the VIKING satellite is scheduled for mid-1984 from a European ARIANE launcher. From an initial polar circular orbit about 800-kilometres high, an on-board booster motor will thrust VIKING into an elliptical orbit reaching 15 000 kilometres from earth at its farthest point. Several Canadian researchers will take part in the tests. Principal experimenter is Dr. C.D. Anger from the University of Calgary. Co-investigators include researchers from NRC's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics and the Universities of York, Saskatchewan and Calgary working with colleagues from the Kiruna Geophysical Institute and University of Stockholm in Sweden and the University of Southern California in the U.S.