

threat of a nuclear holocaust, have taken to the streets to send a message of concern to the great powers of the world. Even if it is limited to the countries of the free world, this new expression of the vigilance of the people cannot help but inspire wisdom and moderation among those who hold the power of life and death over our planet.

A similar strengthening of awareness is becoming apparent, however slowly, in public attitudes toward North-South relations. All countries, whether they be exporters or importers of oil, whether they be wealthy or poor, are becoming more and more aware that we live in an interdependent world. All countries are beginning to realize that, in such a world, self-centred policies are not only immoral, but also self-defeating in the long run.

Here in Canada, no one can deny the growing sense of solidarity which is impelling the people of this country to seek co-operative solutions to our economic problems. The fact that the federal government took the lead with the "6 and 5 program" was enough to trigger, in every region and sector of our society, a new will to put our shoulders to the wheel, in order to promote the recovery of our wavering economy.

Results of restraints

Already, these collective restraint efforts are beginning to produce results. Inflation has gone down from 11.2 per cent to 10 per cent in six months. During this same period, mortgage rates have fallen from 19.25 per cent to 12.5 per cent. Governments, in co-operation with business and labour, are multiplying their efforts to save threatened jobs, to encourage job-sharing schemes, and to strengthen those sectors most capable of taking advantage of economic recovery when it comes.

How can we not be hopeful when we see so many men and women assuming a new sense of responsibility for their own destiny, and joining together to build a better future for all?

How can we not feel justified in exchanging good wishes — even though they may seem unreal or foolish to those who are blinded by the crisis, or jaded by pessimism?

For my part, I firmly believe that the human spirit will cause a new international order to rise out of the present disorders. And because I place my hope in the courage and generosity of the people of this country I am emboldened to wish you all, for 1983, a year of peace, of happiness, and of regained prosperity.

Help for earthquake victims

Canada is donating \$175 000 to the League of Red Cross Societies for assistance to survivors of the earthquake that struck the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) on December 13.

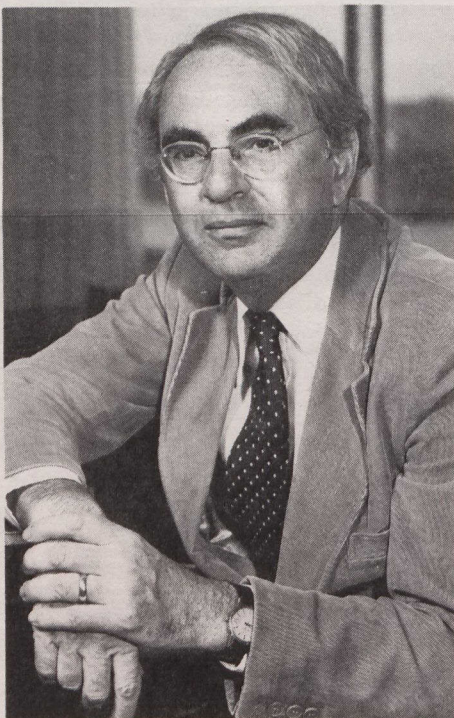
The grant will be provided through the International Humanitarian Assistance program of the Canadian International Development Agency.

The earthquake, unprecedented in North Yemen's history, destroyed many villages in Dhamar province, burying food supplies from the last harvest. Thousands of people were left homeless in the mountainous region where night-time temperatures drop to below freezing.

Medal for Mr. Gotlieb

Canada's Ambassador to Washington Allan Gotlieb is among 63 Canadians named to the Order of Canada by Governor General Edward Schreyer. Mr. Gotlieb was named an Officer of the Order.

Also appointed in the pre-Christmas announcement were Canadian Olympic ski champion Steve Podborski, who became an Officer of the Order, and author-playwright Morley Callaghan of Toronto, who was named Companion, the highest award of the order. The investiture will be held in the spring.



Ambassador Gotlieb, recently named Officer of the Order of Canada.

Canada-Germany computer link

Teleglobe Canada Limited inaugurated the world's first overseas circuit-switching data transfer system linking Canada with West Germany.

The new system will allow computers in Canada hooked to the CNCP Telecommunications Infoswitch system to talk back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean with computers tied into the German Datex-L circuit switching service. Teleglobe has also extended package data communications to France.

Circuit switching permits constant communications between two parties, while package data can be compared to a freight train, carrying separate packages of information destined to different customers. The packages are sorted out once they reach the destination.

Teleglobe said that the new circuit switching system would reduce transmission costs by about 14 per cent for customers now using regular telephone circuits in transfer data.

Teleglobe is a federal Crown corporation.

Cellular mobile telephones

Northern Telecom Limited, the largest manufacturer of telecommunications equipment in Canada, and the General Electric Company recently announced plans to develop, manufacture and market complete cellular mobile telephone systems for the North American market.

The announcement marks the entry for both companies into the cellular radio telephone market which is expected to exceed \$500 million (US) in North America by 1987.

The cellular systems will be composed of digital telecommunications switches and 800-megahertz communication radio equipment similar to equipment produced by both companies.

Cellular mobile telephone is a significant improvement over present mobile telephone service because it uses low-powered transmitters in several locations throughout a city or other service area, creating a number of adjacent "cells". By switching the signal from one cell to another as the mobile telephone moves, cellular radio maintains consistent signal strength. It can also accommodate many more telephones with better service, since the same radio frequencies can be reused in a number of separate cells.