

tight fiscal policy, is highlighted in the report. Without minimizing the task of reconciling the many competing demands of Canadians on public resources, the Committee urges the Government to take immediate steps to prevent any further decline and to begin moving once more toward the 0.7% of GNP target.

Public understanding and support is identified as the indispensable ingredient for any real progress in North-South relations. The Committee calls upon all Canadians, and in particular parliamentarians, government leaders and leaders in all walks of life to engage in study, discussion and debate of the issues involved. It sets itself "no more important job...than to demonstrate in concrete and practical ways that our interests as people are bound up in the 1980's with the well-being of the developing countries, and that this is so whether one speaks of our own children's security, economic prosperity or plain moral obligations."

In promoting greater public awareness, emphasis should be given to the positive and mutually beneficial aspects of North-South relations. The Committee is convinced of the futility of approaching these issues and public education in a negative way by stressing fears and threats. In particular, the major adjustments which will be required to meet the industrialization of developing countries "must spring from a clear determination in Canada to strengthen and guarantee our own economic future."

#### VIDEOTECH 81 IN TORONTO NEXT YEAR

North America's first major International Videotex Conference and Exhibition will be held in Toronto from May 20-22, 1981. Videotex 81 will provide a showcase of two-way television systems that have generated intense interest around the world in the last year. More than 10,000 visitors are expected.

The Conference will review Videotex developments in Europe, the USA, Canada, Japan and South America. An international panel of more than 60 of the world's leading experts will report on and discuss the current business and consumer applications of Videotex and its potential as a new mass market medium.

The associated exhibition will show Britain's Prestel and Ceefax, France's Teletel and Antiope, Canada's Telidon, private videotex and teletext systems, interactive cable TV, and related new equipment such as video disk and micro-computer-based terminals.

A call for papers now is being issued by the organizers. For further details contact Infomart, 122 St. Patrick Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, Ontario Canada M5T 2X8 (telephone 416-598-4000) or Online Conference Limited, Argyle House, Northwood Hills, HA6 ITS, Middlesex, UK (telephone 92-742-8211, or telex 923948).

#### LA TELEMATIQUE CANADIENNE SORT DE L'OMBRE

Le Canada a mis au point un système vidéotex, baptisé Télidon, qui a plusieurs avantages sur les autres systèmes vidéotex actuellement disponibles. En particulier, il projette sur l'écran une image plus claire et plus nette, il est plus souple et plus compatible avec les banques de données qui utilisent des terminaux