



Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs A. E. Ritchie (left) and Gordon Hawkins, executive director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University, are seen at meeting of consultation with academics.
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departmental division. On a longer-term basis, this idea is already being implemented. In the 1972-73 academic year, for example, the Department retained the services of a political scientist from the Montreal campus of the University of Quebec for a special assignment in its Policy Analysis Group, and a law professor was similarly attached to the Legal Bureau. A specialist in East Asian affairs, Professor William Saywell of the University of Toronto, joined the Canadian Embassy in Peking for one year, and another Sinologist, Dr. Brian Evans of the University of Alberta, will succeed him in 1973 as resident academic in Peking. Other professors in various disciplines may eventually be invited to stay for suitable periods of time at headquarters in Ottawa or

at overseas missions. A possible formula would provide for exchanging an External Affairs officer with a professor or graduate student for one year at a given university.

Historians and research assistants are also being employed on contract by the Department's Historical Division where they help to edit documents in the Canadian External Relations series. Other research contracts have been awarded for the preparation of special studies. One such contract involved an examination of Soviet policy respecting the proposed Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe; another dealt with the operations of multinational firms and their relation to Canadian foreign policy.

Outside seminars and conferences

The Department helps to organize seminars and conferences in Ottawa and elsewhere in Canada. Meetings of consultation are held in Ottawa, at which academics join senior officers of the Department in the discussion of foreign policy themes. The Department also provides assistance in organizing meetings and conferences held by universities and international affairs centres. This takes the form of co-operating in the preparation of programs and supplying departmental participants, and of defraying some of the administrative expenses incurred by the universities and professors involved. In 1972, for example, assistance of this type was given to the sponsors of an Inter-University Seminar on Canada-U.S. Relations in Ottawa, to the Canadian Institute of International Affairs for a meeting held to examine the state of Canadian studies and research on Canada-U.S. relations, and to the Quebec Centre for International Relations for its public seminar on "The Socialist Countries".

In addition to these various programs, the Department is reviewing the question of possible grants to universities and international studies centres to assist advanced research in the field of international relations. During 1972, the Government approved a \$400,000 special grant towards the creation of a Centre for Asian Studies in Vancouver, as an earnest of the Government's intention to strengthen facilities for Asian and Pacific studies at Canadian universities.