

Canada's relationship with U.S.

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valent commitment to non-proliferation and the acceptance of safeguards on all the importing country's nuclear establishments. In its requirements Canada is ahead of all other nuclear exporters. It is not always easy to be ahead and our requirements have met considerable resistance from certain of our would-be partners in nuclear co-operation. Nevertheless, the goal of preventing the spread of nuclear weapons is a goal which, in my opinion, justifies our taking the steps we have. The full objectives of this policy, however, can only be achieved if other suppliers of uranium, nuclear equipment and technology adopt a position similar to that of Canada. I therefore welcome President Carter's statement of April 7 and support the objectives of non-proliferation that are contained in it.

Canada and the United States co-operate with other countries that supply nuclear items in co-ordinating the requirements they place on transfers of nuclear technology and material. I am also encouraged by the like-minded approach to non-proliferation of Canada, the United States and Australia as major uranium exporters. I place great importance as well in the work of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is responsible for ensuring that satisfactory safeguard arrangements are in place in non-clear weapon states. The contribution of the IAEA is vital in ensuring that goals of non-proliferation are met, and in this the Agency will continue to have Canada's support. I can think of few areas where Canada and the U.S. could co-operate to better effect than in controlling the world-wide proliferation of the non-peaceful use of nuclear technology....

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News briefs

■ Prime Minister Trudeau and leaders of six major industrial nations concluded their two-day summit meeting in London on May 8 with a pledge to fight unemployment and inflation and to seek ways to contain the spread of nuclear war technology.

■ Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services, has been appointed adviser to External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson in the area of international francophone affairs. As part of his responsibilities, Mr. Goyer will be co-chairman, at Mr. Jamieson's request, at the meeting of the Group of Friends of the Sahel in Ottawa, from May 30 to June 1.

■ The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has released the results of a public opinion survey on Quebec independence conducted between February 24 and March 2 which showed that 16 per cent of Quebecers surveyed favoured unconditional independence. (A similar survey in 1970 showed 14 per cent in favour.) In addition, the poll found that 32.4 per cent of Quebecers supported Quebec sovereignty on the condition that economic links could be arranged with the rest of Canada. The findings were based on telephone interviews with 742 people who agreed to be polled out of 1,200 contacted.

■ Canadian Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador William H. Barton, recently presented to Rafael Salas, Executive Director of UN Fund for Population Activities, a \$7-million cheque for Canada's contribution for 1977, a 40 percent increase over the contribution of \$5 million made in 1976. Canada has contributed over \$25 million to the UNFPA since its inception in 1967.

■ The Department of Manpower and Immigration has outlined operational plans for the summer job corps, a \$10-million component of the Student Summer Employment and Activities Program, which will create close to 5,000 jobs or 60,000 weeks of work for young Canadians this summer.

■ The Bank of Canada reduced its lending rate by one-half of a percentage point to 7½ per cent effective May 9. Following the announcement, eight chartered banks, including four of the

five largest in Canada will reduce their prime lending rate to 8.25 per cent from 8.75 per cent, effective June 1.

■ Wholesale prices, generally a reliable indicator of trends at the retail level, surged two per cent higher in March and were 9.1 percent more than they were a year ago, reports Statistics Canada.

■ The Prime Minister has announced the appointment of Harold Renouf as chairman of the Anti-Inflation Board, effective May 1, to replace Jean-Luc Pepin, who has retired.

■ The number of U.S. residents visiting Canada in March rose to 1.6 million, up 4 per cent from the number in March 1976. But the number of Canadians visiting the U.S. during that month increased at a faster rate to 2.9 million. The increase over the figure in March 1976, was 15.4 per cent.

■ Canadian exports in March passed the \$4-billion mark for the first time in history and produced a trade surplus for the month of \$509 million, Statistics Canada reports. The value of March exports was \$4.017 billion, up 16.4 per cent from the February level. The value of imports also rose, but at a much lower rate, to \$3.508 billion. For the first three months of 1977, the trade surplus was \$731 million.

■ Agriculture Canada will provide \$9 million in capital assistance to United Cooperatives of Ontario (UCO) for construction of a grain terminal elevator and dock in Windsor, Ontario. UCO will start elevator construction early this year, with the opening of operations scheduled for autumn 1978.

■ Canadian purebred cattle exports increased in 1976, reflecting a stronger world market for dairy cattle, especially in the United States. More than 31,000 registered cattle were exported last year, compared to about 22,000 head in 1975. The United States was the largest market for both dairy and beef animals, but Canadian cattle were exported to a total of 31 countries.

■ Team Canada took fourth place in the world hockey championship that ended in Vienna on May 8, even though they beat the first-place Czechoslovakian team 8-2 in their final game. Sweden was second and the U.S.S.R. was third.

■ On May 11, press time, Montreal was leading Boston two games to none in the best-of-seven Stanley Cup finals.