

Helmets for headquarters



Donning construction helmets, External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp and Under-Secretary of State A. E. Ritchie tour a section of the new Department of External Affairs headquarters building under construction on Sussex Drive in Ottawa. They received a progress report on the structure from William Rankin (right), project manager for the Department of Public Works. The headquarters complex is made of four towers of varying height, the highest of which, Block A, rises ten stories. This main office tower will contain a conference centre and two

smaller conference rooms, an auditorium and a ninth floor area for official entertaining with an unobstructed view of the sweep of the Ottawa River. The four-element complex will be ready to accommodate the entire 1,500 headquarters staff by the end of 1972 or early 1973, but parts of Blocks A and B are expected to be completed by July. The Departmental staff will move into the completed sections in phases, starting in mid-summer of 1972. Pictures of the building, nearing its final form, can be found on Page 38.