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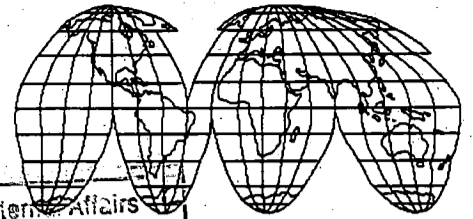
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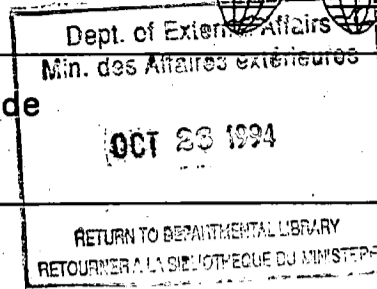
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Canada to Participate in the Venice Biennial of Visual Arts and Architecture

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet is pleased to announce that Canada will participate in the Venice Biennial of Visual Arts and Architecture, from June 11 to October 15, 1995. Canada will be represented at the Visual Arts Biennial by Edward Poitras, an Aboriginal artist from Regina, Saskatchewan. At the Architectural Biennial, Canadian exhibitions will be staged by John and Patricia Patkau of Vancouver, along with some promising new architects who will be selected by competition.

Ouellet Denounces This Morning's Terrorist Attack in Tel Aviv

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet expressed his indignation over the savage attack this morning against the passengers on a bus in Tel Aviv, and his sympathy for the victims' families. "Canadians are mourning these innocent victims who were attacked in a cowardly manner by the enemies of peace. With peace having just been concluded between Israel and Jordan, and with the announcement of the resumption of Israeli-Palestinian talks, this attack bears witness to the fury of those who continue to traffic in hatred. The contempt provoked by their disgusting cowardice should rally people of good will everywhere. When violence breaks out we are all victims, and we must respond together against its perpetrators," said Mr. Ouellet. The Minister expressed his solidarity with the political officials who are steering the peace negotiations through enormous obstacles. "Their dedication to peace honours the memory of the victims, and it alone can lead to a new Middle East where such tragedies no longer occur," he said.

Canada Welcomes Nuclear Agreement Between the United States and North Korea

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Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet welcomed the announcement made in Geneva on October 17 of an agreement between the United States and North Korea on the nuclear question. "The Canadian government is very pleased with this agreement. It holds out hope for a positive security climate in the North Pacific region. We would like to see this agreement followed by an early resumption of the dialogue between South and North Korea, which is a prerequisite for peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula," said Mr. Ouellet. Canada has been invited to participate in an international consortium that would be established to replace North Korea's nuclear facilities. "The consortium proposal interests us and we look forward to receiving more details soon. It is in our interest to help find a lasting solution to the North Korean nuclear problem," added Mr. Ouellet.

Canada Congratulates Israel and Jordan on Draft Peace Treaty

October 17, 1994, no. 205

Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet congratulated the governments and people of Israel and Jordan on the draft peace treaty initialled today by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordanian Prime Minister Abdel Salam Majali in the presence of King Hussein, at the Al-Hachemiyet Royal Palace near Amman. "This is the first treaty negotiated under the Middle East Peace Process that began in Madrid in 1991. It proves once and for all that the process is irreversible. Canadians greatly admire Jordan's King Hussein and Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose leadership and vision have made this breakthrough possible," said Mr. Ouellet.

Canadian Culture on Display in Mexico Festival

October 14, 1994, no. 204

A major Canadian cultural festival marking the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Mexico, and featuring some of Canada's top film-makers and performing artists, opens October 17 in Mexico City. The Montreal Symphony Orchestra will inaugurate the event with a performance at Mexico City's Palacio de Bellas Artes. Festival Canada is organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in collaboration with other Canadian and Mexican organizations. It runs until November 13. "This is an ideal way to celebrate our 50 years of diplomatic relations," said Foreign Affairs Minister André Ouellet. "The trade and political links between our two countries have been growing enormously in recent years and appreciation of each other's culture is an important part of this deepening relationship."

MacLaren Announces Strong Canadian Participation at SIAL

October 14, 1994, no. 203

The Honourable Roy MacLaren, Minister for International Trade, announced that more than 100 Canadian agri-food companies will be represented at the Salon international de l'alimentation (SIAL) in Paris, October 23-27, 1994.