

provinces in the interest of Canada-EC relations. In turn, provincial representatives joined Canadian businessmen in a mission to Brussels in November; they later participated in subcommittee meetings of the JCC.

In the international field, active liaison with the provinces was carried on during 1977 concerning: environmental matters such as the Garrison Diversion, Skagit-Ross Dam and Poplar River projects; energy matters such as the Alcan Pipeline and uranium development; and trade and economic matters such as the convention tax issue with the U.S.A., U.S. agricultural and petrochemical tariffs and the nationalization of the potash industry in Saskatchewan. In addition, much attention was devoted to the provincial interest in the maritime boundary negotiations.

## Visits

The Department assisted in making arrangements for a number of provincial leaders who were going abroad, including: Premier Davis of Ontario, who led an investment mission to Japan and Hong Kong; Premier Hatfield of Nova Scotia, who went to Japan to negotiate a bond issue; Premier Lougheed of Alberta, who visited the U.S.S.R., Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Israel and Geneva for trade discussions; and Premier Bennett of British Columbia, who visited London, Brussels and the European Community, Bonn, Geneva and Paris in the interest of trade and investment.

The Department also helped make arrangements for visits by foreign leaders to various Canadian provinces, including West German Chancellor Schmidt, Dr B. Vogel, First Vice-President of the West German *Bundesrat* and Premier of the Rhineland Palatinate of the FRG, Prime Minister Andreotti of Italy, and Prime Minister Forbes Burnham of Guyana. Arrangements were also made for over 100 visits by heads of mission in Ottawa to provincial capitals.

## National unity

In response to the interest in matters of national unity, the Department assumed responsibility for co-ordinating the international aspects of this question. It provided special briefing material for use by Canadian missions and for visiting international celebrities. In co-operation with the Federal-Provincial Relations Office, it provided analyses and speech materials for the federal authorities on the international aspects of national unity issues.