

Expanded trade possibility with Soviet Union

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson, who headed a trade mission to the Soviet Union from October 23 to 30, was optimistic about expanded trade possibilities between that country and Canada. Mr. Jamieson said he expected a large increase in trade both in exports from Canada and in imports from the Soviet Union, especially in oil products.

Canadian exports to the U.S.S.R. totalled \$409 million, with 85 per cent in grain sales. Imports from the Soviet Union were valued at \$28.5 million.

Mr. Jamieson, who was accompanied by Len Marchand, Minister of State to the Minister of Trade and Commerce (Small Business), three Members of Parliament and senior executives of Canadian firms and trade associations

and other officials, went to Moscow to chair the first meeting of the Canada/U.S.S.R. Mixed Commission under the long-term economic agreement and to lead a business mission aimed at improving trade.

Canadian businessmen secured from \$70 to \$80 million in new export trade during the visit, the principal sales including oil and gas valves, boilers, compressors and transport machinery.

In addition to attending meetings of the Commission, Mr. Jamieson held very cordial discussions on bilateral and multilateral matters with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

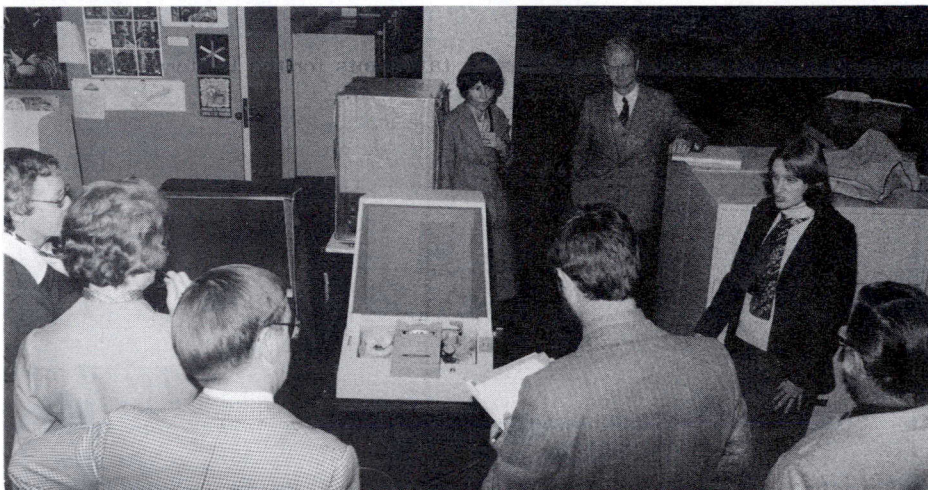
Following his trip to the Soviet Union, Mr. Jamieson went to Paris for a two-day official visit. Details will appear next week.

Parliamentary librarians visit External Affairs

The Association of Parliamentary Librarians in Canada/l'Association des bibliothécaires parlementaires du Canada, meeting in Ottawa recently, visited the headquarters building of the External Affairs Department, showing keen interest in the Department's library.

Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Director of Library Services, and her staff, showed

the 15 librarians (headed by Association president Erik J. Spicer, Parliamentary Librarian), the Guelph Documents coding system used for the coding of documents. Described to the visitors also was the UNICAT/TELECAT system for the cataloguing of books. (UNICAT/TELECAT, commonly known as the CATTs system, is a shared cataloguing group situated in



Judy Deavy of the External Affairs library staff describes the open reel microfilm reader used for newspapers, which is a subject index in the documents collection, to a group from the Association of Parliamentary Libra-

rians in Canada. Association president Erik Spicer, who is Parliamentary Librarian of the Library of Parliament, and Mrs. Ruth Thompson, Director of External Affairs Library Services, stand behind the machine.

Congratulations to Mr. Carter

Prime Minister Trudeau sent the following message to U.S. President-Elect Carter on November 3:

The closely contested presidential campaign has been followed with great interest by Canadians from coast to coast. On their behalf, personally, and on behalf of my colleagues in Government I offer you warm congratulations on your achievement, and every good wish for your term in office.

The broad identity of values, purposes and goals which our two countries share, and the deep sense of respect and affection which Canadians hold for Americans, reinforce my own friendly good wishes as you prepare to assume the heavy responsibilities of the presidency. I have no doubt that the active and neighbourly relationship which has long existed between successive Canadian and American governments will continue to be nurtured by your administration.

I look forward to an early meeting with you following your inauguration.

Toronto but fed by university librarians in Ontario and Quebec and by the Department of External Affairs.) Also of interest to the visitors was the newspaper clipping service and the storage of the clippings on microfiche.

Although the Association was founded in June 1975 in Toronto, two informal meetings had been held in April 1971 and May 1972 in Ottawa. Mr. Spicer was elected at the founding meeting, along with Miss Clementine Combaz, Manitoba Legislative Librarian, vice-president, and Miss Jocelyne LeBel, New Brunswick Legislative Librarian, secretary.

The Association's aims are: "to improve parliamentary library service in Canada; to foster communication among members concerning matters of mutual interest; to identify issues, points of view and areas requiring research; to improve relations with parliamentary information and research officers and all other parliamentary officers; and to foster co-operation with associations having related interests".

The Speakers of Parliament and the provincial legislatures are honorary patrons of the Association.