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human rights, economic and business liberalization, as well as in addressing the general social and economic needs of Filipinos.

While in Ottawa, President Aquino met with Governor-General Sauve and Prime Minister Mulroney. Both reiterated Canada's strong commitment to supporting the democratic government of President Aquino, recognizing its assumption of office through the electoral process.

Following a series of meeting with Canadian cabinet ministers, bilateral agreements were signed between Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and International Trade, Joe Clark, and Monique Landry, Minister for External Relations and International Development. Project agreements, amounting to \$125 million in value, included a commodities provision agreement from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for \$50 million; a CIDA contribution of \$4.9 million for environmental management; a \$30 million CIDA contribution to key Canadian NGOs and their Philippine counterparts to develop and implement projects to help the poor; and \$42.1 million from CIDA and the Canadian Export Development Corporation for telecommunications equipment.

In addition to these agreements, other documents signed were an EDC debt restructuring agreement, a fish products inspection agreement, and an extradition treaty between Canada and the Philippines. Mr Clark noted, "These agreements illustrate the breadth of cooperation between our two countries. They demonstrate that Canada strongly supports the Aquino government's efforts to bring genuine social progress to the Philippines and to restore democratic institutions there."

Mme Landry added, "These long-term arrangements reflect Canada's commitment to strengthening development cooperation with the Philippines, and to stimulate economic growth and regional development."



## NEW CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TO PHILIPPINES PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

■ Andre S. Simard, Canada's new Ambassador to the Philippines, presented his credentials to Philippine President Corazon C. Aquino in a ceremony at Malacanang Palace on September 20, 1989.

Mr Simard, 49, was most recently Canadian Ambassador to Cameroon.

He has had extensive experience working on Asian affairs. In Ottawa, he served in the Far East Division and was Director of the Pacific and Japan Divisions from 1984-87. In addition, Mr Simard has served in Canadian missions throughout Asia, including Tokyo (1969-71), Saigon (1972-73), Vientiane (1973-74) and Bangkok (1981-84).

Prior to joining the Department of External Affairs in 1967, Mr Simard practised law in his hometown of Montreal. He has a degree in law from the University of Montreal and a Certificate in International Law from the Academy of International Law of the Hague.

## CANADIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION IN MANILA

■ On August 20-27, 1989, a six-member Canadian parliamentary delegation led by the Honourable Guy Charbonneau, Speaker of the Senate of Canada, visited the Philippines as official observers of the 10th Working Committee and General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO). This was the largest Canadian delegation ever to attend an AIPO meeting. The other members of the delegation were Senator Gildas Molgat, Deputy Speaker; William Kemppling, MP; Brian Tobin, MP; Stan Hovdebo, MP; and Gabriel Desjardins, MP.

Senator Charbonneau had attended the AIPO's last General Assembly, held in Kuala Lumpur in early 1988. He subsequently undertook a series of meetings with his ASEAN counterparts to explore ways in which the Canadian relationship with ASEAN members could be expanded at the parliamentary level.

This year, during their dialogue sessions with the AIPO, the Canadian delegation focused on strengthening trade and investment ties. Two-way trade between Canada and ASEAN has been booming in the last few years but both sides are convinced that the potential is there for even greater growth.

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of bilateral discussions with Commonwealth leaders, including Malaysian Prime Minister Dato' Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan.

As head of the Committee of Foreign Ministers on South Africa, Canadian Secretary of State for External Affairs and International Trade Joe Clark also attended CHOGM and chaired several meetings of his colleagues in their search for pragmatic strategies to combat human rights abuses under the apartheid regime in South Africa. A significant product of their work was endorsed by the heads of

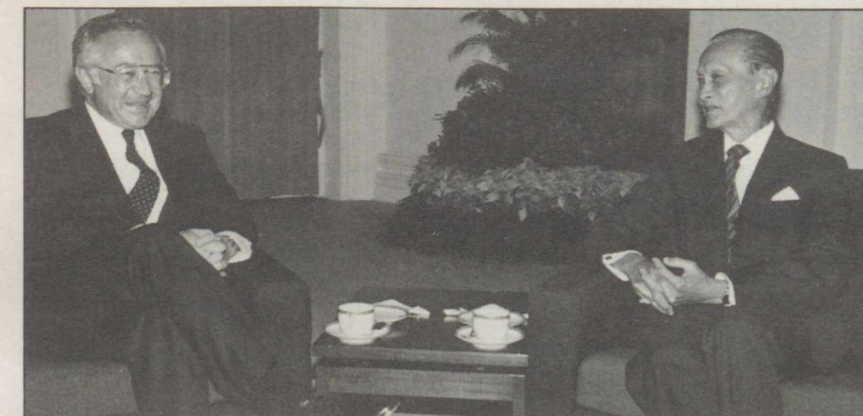
government as the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on South Africa.

Canada's proposals to strengthen structured support for the Commonwealth Games, next scheduled to be held in 1990 in New Zealand and 1994 in Victoria, British Columbia, were endorsed by the heads of government, as was a Canadian initiative to strengthen the role of the Commonwealth in assisting member countries in respect of human rights. To mark the 40th anniversary of this august organization, Canada also donated 40 scholarships for deserving Commonwealth students.



Prime Minister Brian Mulroney with Mrs Mila Mulroney and Canadian High Commissioner Garrett Lambert, during the Commonwealth Summit in Kuala Lumpur

## New Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore and Brunei



High Commissioner Gagosz and President Wee

■ Mr Bernard A. Gagosz has been appointed the new Canadian High Commissioner to Singapore and Brunei. He presented his letters of credence to Singapore President Wee Kim Wee on September 21, 1989, and to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanah Bolkiah of Brunei on November 2.

A native of Quebec, Mr Gagosz has had 25 years' experience in the Canadian diplomatic service. He served in Vienna, Brussels, Detroit, Athens and Minneapolis. In the Asia-Pacific region, he previously served in Manila and as Consul-General in Melbourne.

In Singapore, Mr Gagosz will be responsible for a two-way trade relationship which amounts to over one billion Singapore dollars annually.

Brunei is Canada's dialogue partner within ASEAN. As Canadian High Commissioner to Brunei, Mr Gagosz will be responsible for ensuring that the Canada-ASEAN relationship continues to develop to its full potential.

"The cooperative relationship between Singapore and Brunei and Canada as Pacific Rim countries is of vital and growing importance to all partners," said Mr Gagosz.



Senator Guy Charbonneau discusses the growth of Philippines-Canada trade with Arthur and Augustin Leong of the Don Tim Group of Companies