

date, I wish to inform the House that agreement has been reached on the first phase of the deployment of the Canadian contingent. A signals unit which will provide communications for the United Nations Emergency Force will begin its departure from Canada within the next few days. We understand the Poles will be dispatching an engineer unit as the first element in their contribution. In the meantime, the Secretary-General is awaiting the final

reports of the evaluation teams and continuing his discussions with Canadian and Polish representatives to determine the next stages of the logistics deployment.

As Canada will shortly be dispatching a signals unit to the Middle East, I propose to bring forward in the House on Tuesday, November 12, the resolution seeking the approval of Parliament for the Government's decision to participate in the UNEF.

Polish mining and minerals mission visits Canada

A 12-man delegation of Polish Government officials and mining experts spent two weeks in Canada last month, led by Poland's Deputy Prime Minister, Jan Mitrega.

The visit was the first of its kind to Canada by a group of high-ranking Polish officials. Their itinerary included discussions with federal and provincial government officials and a tour of important mines and mineral industrial centres.

This mission to Canada was at the invitation of Donald Macdonald, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. A similar mission to Poland, headed by Jack Austin, Deputy Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, visited the Polish mineral industry last spring.

The objects of the Polish mining mission to Canada were to familiarize its members with the current state of activity in the mining industry, to develop an atmosphere of co-operation between the industries of both countries, and to exchange views in the matter of trends and development in coal and non-ferrous metal-mining processing and utilization. The itinerary ranged from visits to Rouyn-Noranda in Quebec, to Thompson in Manitoba, the Athabaska Tar Sands in Alberta and mines in British Columbia and Alberta.

Discussions were held with Prime Minister Trudeau and Secretary of State for External Affairs Mitchell Sharp regarding the importance of giving greater emphasis to general co-operation between Poland and Canada in all fields of commercial, scientific and cultural activity.

Mr. Mitrega and Mr. Macdonald agreed that opportunities existed for expansion of already established relations and

contracts, and said that they would study further ways of making their co-operation more effective.

Trade discussions

Discussions with senior government officials included a review of the actual state of co-operation in various fields. The development of trade between the two countries, especially during the last three years, was reviewed. Both sides expressed a desire to see an expansion and diversification of commercial exchanges, particularly in the field of manufactured goods. It was noted that manufactured goods represent at present a relatively small proportion of Canadian exports to Poland. In the course of discussions the Polish delegation stressed Poland's interest in obtaining from Canada machinery and equipment, particularly for the pulp and paper industry and also expressed its interest in a new long-term contract for the supply of grain by Canada to Poland. It was noted that useful discussions had taken place recently between Polish and Canadian officials on fishing questions of mutual interest. The development of air services was also reviewed.

Both sides expressed their mutual understanding that the annual trade consultations to be held in Ottawa in December should further examine a number of questions arising from discussions held during the visit of the mission, including opportunities for participation by Polish industry in Canada and by Canadian industry in Poland, as well as their co-operation in the development of new projects in other countries; and the possibilities for co-operation in the industrial application of science and technology.

Indo-Canadian economic consultation in New Delhi

Eleven Canadian officials of the Federal Government took part during the week of November 7 in an Indo-Canadian Economic Consultation in New Delhi. The meeting was held in response to an invitation issued by Prime Minister Gandhi of India to Prime Minister Trudeau during Mrs. Gandhi's visit to Canada in June. A review of bilateral economic, commercial and development assistance relations took place at the meeting.

The Canadian delegation, led by Mr. R.E. Collins, Assistant Under-Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, included Mr. C. Charland, Assistant Deputy Minister (Export Development), Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and Mr. J. Gérin, Vice President (Bilateral Relations) of the Canadian International Development Agency.

McGill enrolment sets new record

Student registrations at McGill University, Montreal, for the 1973-74 session are the highest in history. Total full-time students in degree and diploma programs have risen from 14,299 in 1972-73 to 15,070 — 8,577 men and 6,493 women.

Including part-time students (up from 1,422 to 1,693) and interns and residents in the Faculty of Medicine (down to 958 as against 1,093), total registrations for the regular 1973-74 session are 17,721 compared to 16,814 in 1972-73. In addition, summer school registrations this year were 2,707 compared to 2,328 in 1972.

The total number of students registered for the academic year from June 1, 1973 is 19,479, compared to 18,049 a year ago. The number of men has increased from 10,294 to 10,639, whereas women students now number 8,840 compared to 7,755 in 1972-73.

The only faculties showing a decline in registrations are Engineering (1,088 from 1,269), Religious Studies (49 from 50), Science (3,342 from 3,426) and Graduate Studies (3,117 from 3,287).

There are 162 students registered in first year medicine; 39, or 24 per cent, of them are women, which is a record figure.