

NEW CANADIAN CHANCERIES ABROAD

Diplomacy

There are seven Canadian chanceries abroad that are either under construction or in the design stage. Considering that all of them serve the same purpose and that all are designed by Canadian architects, it is amazing to see the variety in their structures.

Yet, if you think about it, there must be great differences because each is designed to meet the needs of the Canadians living there, plus to blend into the environment of the host country. Consequently, the proposed embassy in China looks nothing at all like the new high commission planned for Barbados.

Currently there are two chanceries

under construction — one in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, scheduled for completion in June 1984 and one in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for completion in the fall of 1984. In addition, a new official residence is under construction in Rome. The building, Porta Latina, is being renovated and restored and will be completed by this fall.

Those in the design stage include: Beijing (Peking), Bridgetown, Lagos, Washington, Moscow and London (renovations to MacDonald House).

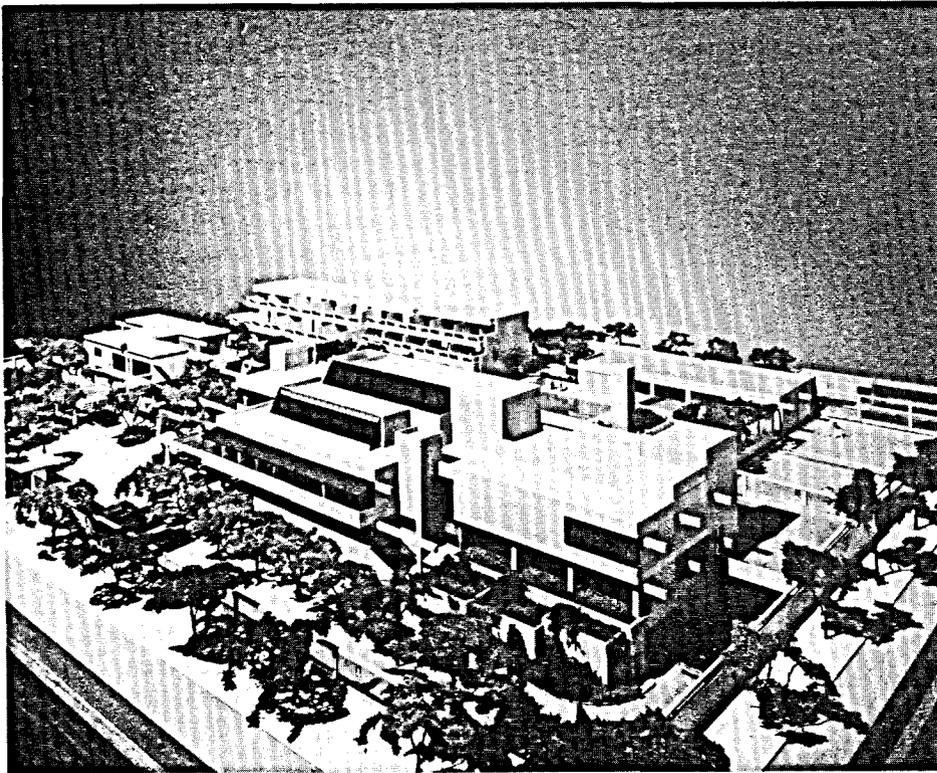
In each issue, we will be highlighting a new Canadian chancery, starting here with Beijing, China.

George Clemenceau, "the Tiger of France", was riding to the Versailles peace conference, and his young secretary was complaining about all the diplomatic baloney.

"It's nothing but a lot of hot air," grumbled the assistant as their car rolled along the Paris streets.

"All etiquette is hot air," answered the premier, "but that's what's in our automobile tires and see how it eases the bumps."

—John Taylor in *Catholic Digest*,
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Our new Embassy in Beijing, which is scheduled to be started in the fall of 85 and completed by the fall of 87, will be an impressive complex complete with an outdoor swimming pool, two tennis courts, a squash court, exercise room and greenhouse. Encircling these will be the official residence, the chancery and ten four-storey townhouses, each with three or four bedrooms and two balconies. As seen in the photo it will be an attractive complex when completed.

A FAMOUS CANADIAN BABY

Ben Soave, an attaché at the Canadian Embassy in Rome, and his wife Carol have just had an experience they will never forget. On January 8, 1984, their son, Marc Andrew, became the first Canadian child ever to be baptized by a pope.

The Soaves had heard that the Pope personally baptizes a small number of

babies during the Jubilee of Children in January. As their baby was due about then, they decided to apply. It was during their return to Ottawa for the birth that they heard their application had been accepted.

Years from now, should it all seem unreal, the Soaves will have lots of photos and newspaper articles to prove it.

SPOUSES,

THIS POEM

IS FOR YOU...

for all the inventories you've taken, packing and unpacking you've done, dinner parties you've given, cocktail parties you've hosted, international organizations you've been involved with, charitable organizations you've supported, children you've raised, houses you've cleaned and so on and so on...

Volunteers

*Many will be shocked to find,
When the day of judgement nears,
That there's a special place in Heaven
Set aside for volunteers...
Furnished with big recliners,
Satin couches and footstools,
Where there's no committee chairman,
No group leaders or car pools,
No eager team that needs a coach,
No bazaar or no bake sale.
There will be nothing to staple;
Not one thing to fold or mail.
Telephone lists will be outlawed...
But a finger snap will bring
Cool drinks and gourmet dinners
And rare treats fit for a king...
You ask, who'll serve this privileged few
And work for all they're worth?
Why, all those who reaped the benefits
And not once volunteered on Earth.*

Anonymous