

Israeli leaders confer in Toronto

During a six-day visit to Canada, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin summoned his Defence Minister, Ezer Weizman, and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan to Toronto on November 10 to discuss the latest Egyptian peace proposals after a setback had slowed negotiations in Washington. Right, Mr. Begin answers questions at a press conference in Ottawa on November 7, as Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau stands beside him. At Ottawa International Airport the previous day Mr. Trudeau welcomed Mr. and Mrs. Begin on their first official visit to Canada. Besides holding discussions with Mr. Trudeau and other ministers, the Israeli Prime Minister was received by Governor-General Jules Léger and visited the House of Commons. Other activities included interviews on national television, meetings with provincial and municipal government officials and with members of the Jewish community in Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.



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Canada condemns Ugandan invasion of Tanzania

"The Canadian Government views with deep concern the invasion of Northern Tanzania by Uganda and President Amin's declared intention of annexing the area his troops have occupied," stated a press release issued by Prime Minister Trudeau's office on November 5.

In a message to President Nyerere of Tanzania, Prime Minister Trudeau expressed the shock felt by all Canadians at the attack by one Commonwealth African country on another.

Canada condemns Uganda's act of aggression and calls for the immediate withdrawal of the invading forces.

Heritage Canada chairman honoured

The first presentation of a new national award, the Gabrielle Léger Award, honouring the Canadian who made the greatest contribution to the promotion of conservation during the year, was made recently by Gabrielle Léger, wife of Governor-General Jules Léger.

Hartland MacDougall, first and only chairman of Heritage Canada, received

the award.

Four new governors were also named, including Robert Phillips of Cantley, Quebec, who is retiring as executive director of Heritage Canada.

Phillips, Ottawa Mayor Lorry Greenberg (since retired) and Ottawa Alderman Georges Bedard were honoured recently for their contributions to the cause of heritage conservation. Phillips is also past president of Heritage Ottawa.

MacDougall, executive vice-president of the Bank of Montreal, was selected by a jury of Heritage Canada officials.

The presentation, which took place at Government House, launched Heritage Canada's sixth year as an organization devoted to the preservation of historic sites and architectural relics.

The 11-member organization also appointed author Pierre Berton as the new chairman of the board.

Middle East — Canadian peacekeeping participation extended

Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson recently announced that Canada would continue its participation in the United Nations Emergency Force

in the Middle East (UNEF) until July 24, in response to a request from UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

"The presence of peacekeeping forces in the area constitutes a vital element of stability while efforts to find a political solution are pursued. Canada's contribution to the Emergency Force is important for its effectiveness," Mr. Jamieson said.

Some 1,000 Canadian personnel are serving in the Canadian peacekeeping contingent in the Middle East. About 840 serve with UNEF in the Sinai and the remaining 160 are with UNDOF on the Golan Heights.

Dominica independence

Canadian High Commissioner in Trinidad and Tobago Paul E. Laberge acted as special representative of the Canadian Government at the independence celebrations of Dominica on November 3. He was accompanied by acting Canadian Commissioner T. Pinnacle.

A collection of Canadian books and films, the Canadian Government's independence gift to the nation, was presented to Premier of Dominica Patrick R. John.