

with this work, over 300 former and present employees of the Department have been interviewed as part of the oral history program. Preparations were also made for publication of Volume 2 of the Documents on Relations between Canada and Newfoundland and a final selection made of documents originating in 1948-49 for subsequent publication in the Documents on Canadian External Relations series. Work is also under way to reproduce the Department's historical documents on microfiche.

In addition, arrangements were made to facilitate several scholarly research projects and 534 professors and researchers were given controlled access to departmental files.

World exhibitions program

The World Exhibitions Program is responsible for managing Canadian participation in world expositions, sometimes referred to as world fairs. Canada accepted an invitation to participate in Energy Expo 82 in Knoxville, Tennessee and, for the first time, will create with the provinces a joint exhibition for the Canadian pavilion. Events of a similar scale were registered by the International Bureau of Expositions for New Orleans in 1984 on the theme of river cultures and for Tsukuba, Japan in 1985 on science and technology for man at home. During 1981 the Bureau took notice of plans for universal world expositions in Paris in 1989 and Chicago or Seville in 1992. Registration proceedings for these expositions are expected to be completed by 1982.

The international government-to-government promotion and co-ordination of the 1986 World Exposition, Expo 86, to be held in Vancouver on the theme of transportation and communications, is the responsibility of the World Exhibitions Program. In the spring of 1981, diplomatic invitations were issued to over 100 nations and it is expected that at least 25 will agree to participate as exhibitors. The exposition, which runs from May 2 to October 13, 1986, will be located on 50 hectares of waterfront property in the heart of Vancouver.

As part of the Department's public affairs activities, the World Exhibitions Program manages a collection of travelling exhibitions which are used to increase foreign audiences' knowledge of Canadian society. The exhibits range from photographic collections, to displays to "hands-on" presentations. The exhibitions are circulated through the posts and installed in such locations as universities, museums and commercial centres.

Press service

The main function of the Department's press office is to disseminate information on Canada's foreign policy to the media and to secure for the Secretary of State for External Affairs the services required to carry out his or her relations with the press. The press office director serves as the Department's official spokesman, answers questions from journalists, arranges briefings, makes verbal and written statements on