

### President of Indonesia visits

President of Indonesia and Mrs. Soeharto will pay a state visit to Canada from July 2 to 5 as guests of Governor-General and Mrs. Léger at Government House.

The President's program in Ottawa will include discussions with the Prime Minister and members of the Government on various aspects of Canada/Indonesia relations and international affairs. This visit will provide President Soeharto and Mr. Trudeau with an opportunity to renew their acquaintance made during the Prime Minister's visit to Indonesia in 1971.

### Canadian participation continues in Cyprus Emergency Force

Following a request from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Canada has agreed to continue to participate in the United Nations Emergency Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) for a further period of six months from June 15. The Secretary of State for External Affairs, who made the announcement, noted that the Force was playing an important role in Cyprus in maintaining stability, bringing humanitarian relief to the needy and facilitating conditions under which the necessary political negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the island's problems can take place.

The United Nations Force in Cyprus is made up of personnel from Australia, Austria, Britain, Denmark, Finland, Ireland and Sweden, as well as Canada. The present Canadian contingent, is the 2nd Battalion, Royal 22<sup>e</sup> Regiment, usually stationed at the Citadel in Quebec City.

### Retail sales booming

During April, sales in department stores rose in Canada by 12.4 per cent over those in the corresponding month last year. Sales were up 18.0 per cent in the Atlantic Provinces; 6.0 per cent in Quebec; 11.0 per cent in Ontario; 13.4 per cent in Manitoba; 24.7 per cent in Saskatchewan; 15.0 per cent in Alberta and 17.0 per cent in British Columbia.

### Grain substitute sought for feeding beef cattle



*Agriculture Canada is looking for more economical ways of feeding beef cattle. Cattle are ruminants and can thrive on coarse, fibrous plant material and agricultural by-products. Even*

*wood by-products can be used as cattle feed, replacing costly grains. These beef cattle, grazing in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains, can thrive on coarse grasses and fibrous materials.*

### Amended Farm Credit Act encourages young farmers

Changes in the Farm Credit Act are making it easier for young men and women to become farmers.

"Increased costs of land and of all other farm inputs made it necessary for us to reconsider the credit needs of farmers," says Baldur Kristjanson, chairman of the Farm Credit Corporation (FCC).

"Inflation was also making it next to impossible for young people to get into farming."

Under the amended Farm Credit Act, a person under 35 years of age can borrow up to \$150,000 to set up or to improve a farm.

A farmer under 35 now needs less capital of his own to get started in farming. A young borrower previously had to demonstrate above-average efficiency to borrow up to 90 per cent of the productive value of land, equipment and livestock. The new requirements stress competent management and repayment ability. And loans can now also be made in excess of the 90 percent level.

Young persons wishing to farm will

get the chance to phase into that occupation gradually. One of the amendments allows a person under 35 to take up to five years to set up his or her farm. Previously, the corporation could only lend to people who were principally occupied in farming.

"But this provision is not to be mistaken for an open-door policy for anyone wishing to live in the country and enjoy the fresh air," Dr. Kristjanson says.

"The intention is to permit young persons to earn off-farm income while they develop a sound commercial farm business which will be their main source of livelihood within five years,"

Applicants under this new amendment will have to provide a detailed plan for developing and operating their farms. They will have to explain what crops and what livestock they will have. And the plan must show how the farm will gradually provide the income needed by the farmer and his family.

This implies reasonable knowledge and experience in the type of farming proposed.