

The scholarship program with the Federal Republic of Germany, Belgium, Finland, France, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Switzerland, the U.S.S.R. and China, as well as with a number of Commonwealth countries, was continued and in some cases expanded. More than 300 citizens of these countries were granted Canadian scholarships. A number of Canadians were able to benefit from the scholarship programs of other countries. A new program was initiated with China for two Canadian professors to spend three months in China while two Chinese professors visited Canada for a similar period. A group of Canadian university presidents also visited China in July. The student exchange program with China was also continued.

Some 30 Canadian academics gave courses in foreign universities assisted by travel grants from the Department. Another program of grants made it possible for 46 professors from other countries, renowned experts in their fields, to give special courses in Canada. The Department also helped some 30 English-speaking Canadians to travel to France to teach English as part of an exchange program which brought an equal number of French-speaking assistants to Canada.

In association with the Council of Ministers of Education and other Canadian organizations concerned with education, the Department ensured Canadian representation in various educational activities carried out under auspices of international organizations such as the OECD, UNESCO and the Commonwealth. Particular mention should be made of the Sixth Commonwealth Conference on Education held in June in Kingston, Jamaica, and the OECD Conference in Paris in November.

For the tenth consecutive year six graduates of France's Ecole Nationale d'Administration were given the opportunity to travel across Canada.

Youth exchanges are increasingly

establishing themselves as important means for making international cultural contacts. The Department provided liaison services with foreign governments for the "Contact Canada" program, administered by the Department of the Secretary of State. During the summer 20 Belgian socio-cultural counsellors spent two weeks in Canada, returning the visit of Canadian counterparts to Belgium in 1971. The summer exchange program between the Federal Republic of Germany and Canada has once again allowed some 50 young people from each country to spend part of their summer holidays working in the host country. The exchange program for young technicians and specialists between Mexico and Canada was continued, providing an opportunity for some 15 Canadians and an equal number of Mexicans, from 18 to 30 years of age, to gain practical experience in their chosen professions in the other country.

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At the 18th General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, held in Paris from October 17 to November 23, Canada made a determined effort to gain election to the European Regional Group. The objective, which was attained, was to enable Canada to participate more fully in UNESCO activities and give meaning and substance to the ties that have linked Canada and Europe for more than 400 years.

The Canadian delegation to the conference was led by the Secretary of State, Hugh Faulkner. Napoléon LeBlanc, who was then Canada's representative on the Executive Board, served as deputy chairman. The delegation included representatives of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO, provincial departments of education, the academic community, and federal agencies interested in aspects of UNESCO's activities.

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