



**From the
Foreign Service
Community Association**

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As a reassurance to FSCA members in other climes, it must be noted that spring has suddenly burst into Ottawa; the trees are in leaf, lilacs are about to explode into bloom and glorious scent, and violets tremble in the corners of gardens in preparation for invading the lawns that surround them. Even after a relatively mild winter, the prospect of new growth in Ottawa still comes as a delightful surprise.

The Association continues to deal with issues that affect its members. There were 322 citizenship questionnaires returned from foreign-born spouses; the statistics have been compiled and the report is almost completed. Within the next month, it will be presented to the Secretary of State, the Honourable David Crombie, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs. At the same time, Bob Pennock, Progressive Conservative M.P., is in the process of presenting a Private Member's Bill to the House of Commons on the subject of citizenship for foreign-born spouses of government employees, particularly those of the foreign service and the military. We have been invited to meet with him.

Our concerns with the current Trien-

nal Review of the Foreign Service Directives have been discussed with Departmental representatives, and those of the Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers. A copy of them has been sent to the Public Service Alliance of Canada. Lloyd Pochopsky, Head, FSD Benefits and Allowances Section, addressed FSCA members and their guests on the FSD's in April, alerting them to quirks in the directives, and impressing on them their individual responsibility to become familiar with the directives that so clearly affect their overseas lives. Those present included people who are preparing for a first posting as well as those who have a number of overseas assignments behind them; each one learned something new!

The issue of pensions for foreign service spouses is still of concern, so a new group is being formed to discuss it with people who will be involved in making decisions.

The fourth annual Arts and Crafts Exhibition took place in the Crush Lobby on April 14 and 15, and had several hundred visitors. The Association is pleased to organize this event to demonstrate the creativity and skill

of so many of our colleagues associated with the Canadian foreign service.

And finally, as the summer approaches, the nominating committee is assembling a slate of nominees interested in serving on next year's executive. If you are returning to Ottawa this year, you may want to consider joining other members of your community to address issues, effect change, or simply have a lot of fun with friends. Keep the FSCA in mind for mutual support □

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**AMBASSADORS AND
HIGH COMMISSIONERS
POSTED ABROAD**

On May 22, 1987, two diplomatic appointments were announced. They are, respectively:

Guatemala: Raymond A.J. Chrétien as Ambassador to Guatemala, while continuing as Ambassador to Mexico as announced in July 1985. Mr. Chrétien joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966. He has served abroad in New York, Beirut, Paris and Kinshasa. From 1982 to 1983, he was Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Manufacturing Industry, Technology and Transport and, from 1983 to 1985, Inspector General.

Honduras: Stanley E. Gooch, as Ambassador to Honduras while continuing as Ambassador to Costa Rica as announced in July 1986. Mr. Gooch joined the Department of External Affairs in 1966. He has served abroad in Buenos Aires, Belgrade, and Vienna. From 1983 to 1986, he was Director, United States Transboundary Division □

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