

sacrifice of those different cultures or traditions which together make up the strength and colour and variety of the Canadian mosaic.

If we are to accomplish this, there must be a full recognition by all Canadians that the culture, language and traditions of the French-speaking minority are an essential, a distinctive and a equal element in our national life. Only then will French-speaking Canadians feel that they are completely part of Canada, working with all other Canadians in the realization of a national destiny.

OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE SPURNED

In this spirit, we shall maintain a single state in which two major European cultures and languages, which have been here from the beginning, can grow and flourish - along with the cultures of men and women of other racial and linguistic backgrounds who have since joined us, to our great advantage. In this spirit, we shall repudiate interference in our affairs by those who may mistakenly believe that we are not Canadians, so much as Canadian Frenchmen, or Canadian Americans, or Canadian Englishmen, or Canadian something else.

It is on this foundation that we shall build the new Canada - the Canada of unity and variety; with authority and strength at the centre but with the provinces administering (and able to administer) their own affairs as they grow in scope and importance.

This is the only way Canadian federalism can work. If it doesn't work this way, there will be no Canada.

Centennial year, with its outpouring of pride, and faith in our country, has convinced me more than ever before that we can achieve the destiny that is ours. But it will mean work and wisdom, and tolerance understanding, and the rejection of the prejudices and the pettiness of those who would weaken and divide us....

WINTER WORKS PROGRAMME

Mr. Jean Marchand, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, recently announced a municipal winter works incentive programme for this winter. The federal contribution to municipalities will be 50 per cent of direct payroll costs, but in designated areas this will be increased to 60 per cent.

The terms of the 1967-68 programme will be the same as last winter's, but with two exceptions: (1) the programme will last five consecutive months instead of six, but each province will have a choice of beginning either on November 1 or December 1; (2) the programme will apply to capital projects only (maintenance activities such as brush-clearing will not be included).

The new terms for the programme were announced by Mr. Marchand following a federal-provincial meeting held on August 21 between himself and provincial ministers of municipal affairs.

ITALIAN PAGEANTRY AT EXPO

Among the brilliant banners unfurled on August 6 at the *Quintana* (annual medieval jousting contest) in Ascoli Picena, Italy, were the flags of Canada, Quebec, Montreal and Expo '67.

The *Quintana* was being held this year in honour of Montreal and Expo because six weeks later, on September 13, the cream of this Italian town's aristocracy, notables, trade corporations, knights, warriors, ensign bearers, musicians, ladies and hand-maidens were to arrive in Montreal, led by the mayor of Ascoli Picena, to repeat the entire show at Expo's Place des Nations, as part of Italy's national day programme.

Present at the jousting contest was Angelo Anfossi, city councillor for the St. Henri district of Montreal, Mayor Jean Drapeau's official representative. Councillor Anfossi's mission was to present the flag of Expo '67 and several others to Ascoli's Mayor, and watch them being hurled, along with the local banners in the traditional flag-tossing ceremony.

The jousters, whose object is to overcome the "Saracens", are divided into six teams from all six wards of the city. The winning team will present its banners to Mayor Drapeau during the September 13 ceremony at Expo'67.

TRADE MISSION TO EAST EUROPE

Executives of five leading Canadian firms left recently on a trade mission to Eastern Europe to study the potential for the sale of Canadian capital equipment and engineering services. The tour will last four weeks and cover six countries - Austria, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria.

The group, accompanied by the chief of the Mechanical Equipment and Engineering Division of the Department of Trade and Commerce, sponsors of the mission, will concentrate on sales potential for equipment and engineering services in the mining, metal processing, pulp-and-paper and sawmill-development programmes planned in Eastern European countries.

The itinerary includes the Zagreb International and the Brno International Trade Fairs.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

Births registered in provincial offices in July rose 1.6 per cent to 31,683 from 31,174 in the same month last year, while registrations in the January-July period declined 3.8 per cent to 221,298 from 230,040 a year ago. Marriages were up 7.2 per cent in July to 20,438 from 19,055 a year ago and 8.3 per cent in the seven months to 80,182 from 74,052. Death registrations rose 4.1 per cent in the month to 12,226 from 11,749, while the January-July total fell 2.0 per cent to 87,410 from 89,230.