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Governor General visits Romania and Greece

Governor General Edward Schreyer made state visits to Romania and Greece last month at the invitation of the leaders of both those countries.

The Governor General was accompanied on the visits by Mrs. Schreyer and in Romania by Minister of State for Multiculturalism James Fleming and in Greece by Minister of State for External Relations Pierre De Bané.

While in Romania from May 11-15, Mr. and Mrs. Schreyer were the guests of President Nicolae Ceausescu. During his stay in Bucharest the Governor General held talks with the President while the Canadian delegation met with Romanian ministers. Mr. Schreyer also attended a wreath-laying ceremony and toured the Bucharest heavy machinery works while Mrs. Schreyer visited the city's museum of history. The vice-regal couple visited the Iron Gates hydroelectric plant

and later hosted a concert and gave a buffet and reception at the Sala Mica Theatre.

The Canadian delegation travelled to Cernavoda in the Danube valley to inspect the CANDU power station being constructed there. In his bilateral talks with Romanian officials, Minister of State for Multiculturalism James Fleming discussed a number of issues including the purchase of Canadian nuclear technology and in particular the building of the CANDU installation which is the result of an agreement signed by the two countries in 1979.

Following the inspection of the nuclear site, the Schreyers visited Murfatlar where they toured the Institute for Viticol Research and attended a luncheon given by local officials.

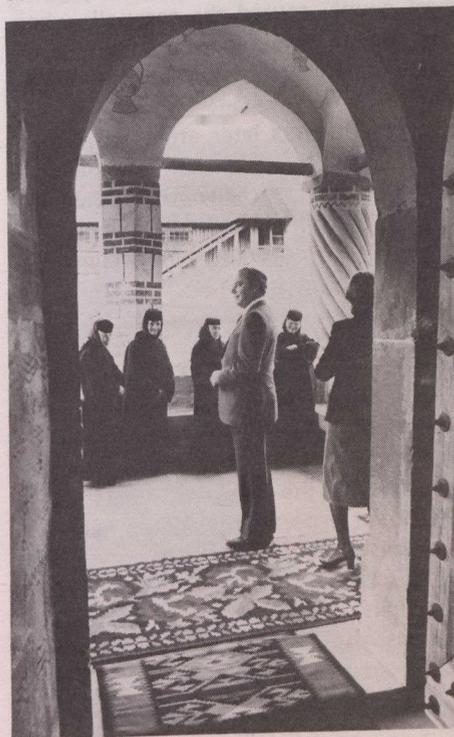
The Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer also travelled to Suceava Region in northern Romania. They viewed the world-famous painted monasteries in Moldovita, the ceramic works in Marginea and a furniture factory in Radauti before returning to Bucharest.

Greece visit

From May 18-20, Governor General Schreyer and Mrs. Schreyer visited Greece at the invitation of President Constantine Karamanlis. Minister of State for External Relations Pierre De Bané, who accompanied the Governor General to Greece, met with government officials for bilateral talks. In May, Canada and Greece signed a reciprocal social security agreement.

Relations between the two countries have been close and the presence of a large Greek community in Canada numbering about 350 000 has encouraged the continuation of this relationship. Canada and Greece share membership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the United Nations and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Before travelling to Athens for the start of their official visit the vice-regal



Governor General Edward Schreyer views one of the famous painted monasteries during his visit to Romania.

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