

### Women's Year ethno-cultural seminar

Thirty women from across the country took part in the first Government-sponsored national conference on women from Canada's minority ethno-cultural groups, held in Ottawa, September 8 to 10. This seminar was the sixth in a series sponsored by the women's program of the Department of the Secretary of State as part of the special projects of International Women's Year.

The seminar focused on issues affecting: the woman's function within the minority family; the visible minority woman and the inherent problems in adapting to new roles and values; the working woman, as well as the exploitation of the immigrant woman; existing and non-existing services to immigrant women; and the stereotype-image of the minority woman.

### Cast shipping acquires interest in Furness Withy

The Canadian-owned Cast shipping group has acquired a 28.55 percent interest in Furness Withy and Co. Ltd of London, one of the world's largest shipping companies, for more than \$40 million.

Klaus Gluesing, president of Cast North America Ltd of Montreal, said that Cast was now the largest single shareholder in Furness Withy, and "to our knowledge, no other shareholder holds more than 10 per cent".

Last year Cast acquired a 37.6 percent interest in Manchester Liners Ltd, a Furness Withy subsidiary that operates a container-ship service between Montreal and Manchester, and connecting feeder services. The addition of the Furness Withy shares gives Cast a beneficial holding in Manchester Liners of 55 per cent.

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### New commander in Middle East

Brigadier-General J.P.R. LaRose, of Kapuskasing, Ontario, has been appointed commander of the Canadian contingent of the United Nations Emergency Force, Middle East (CCUNEFME), Ismailia, Egypt, effective October 1.

He replaces Brigadier-General Donald E. Holmes, of Hamilton, Ontario, who is retiring after 34 years' service, and who served in the Middle East since January 1974.

### Recent diplomatic appointments

Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen has announced the following appointments which will take effect over the course of the next few weeks.

James C. Langley, Ambassador to the European Communities, to be Ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. Langley replaces Maurice Schwarzmann, whose appointment as Ambassador to Venezuela was announced earlier.

Albert F. Hart, Director General of the Bureau of Security and Intelligence Liaison in the Department of External Affairs, to be Ambassador to Poland.

Mr. Hart replaces John A. McCordick, who returns to duty at departmental headquarters.

Pierre Garceau, to be Ambassador to Colombia. Mr. Garceau was Director of the Francophone Africa Division and, during the past year he has been on educational leave at the London Graduate School of Business Studies in England.

He replaces Sidney Freifeld, who is retiring from the Department.

William Thomas Delworth, Ambassador and head of the Canadian delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, to be Ambassador to Hungary. Mr. Delworth becomes the first Canadian Ambassador to be resident in Budapest and will continue to monitor events pertaining and subsequent to Stage III of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Claude Châtillon, Director of the Consular Policy Division, to be Ambassador to Cameroon.

Mr. Châtillon replaces Pierre Asselin, who retired earlier this year.

### Change in visa requirements

Persons temporarily in the United States, who would require visas if coming to Canada directly from their countries of origin, must, as of October 1, obtain Canadian non-immigrant visas if they plan to enter this country from the U.S., Manpower and Immigration Minister Robert Andras announced recently.

This measure, which will affect a very small proportion of persons visiting Canada each year, was taken "to assist in maintaining effective (non-immigrant) visitor control and enforcement in view of the 1976 Olympics and at the same time to help rationalize our non-immigrant entry system", the Minister said.

Each year, Canada welcomes some 40 million visitors from abroad, and has been a consistent supporter of efforts to facilitate international travel. Mr. Andras emphasized that the more than 38 million U.S. citizens and residents who visit Canada annually would not be subject to the amendment, nor would people coming from countries which are exempt from the non-immigrant visa requirements, such as Britain and France.

Persons who need non-immigrant visas to enter Canada while visiting the United States can apply at any one of 12 Canadian consulates located in Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York City, San Francisco and Seattle. Persons affected may also apply for visas at Canadian embassies and consulates before departure from their home countries.

### Gross national product

Canada's gross national product (at market prices) grew by 2.6 per cent in the second quarter of 1975 to reach a level of \$150.3 billion, seasonally adjusted at annual rates.

After allowing for the effect of price increases, GNP in volume terms grew by 0.3 per cent, an extremely modest rise but nevertheless sufficient to make this the first quarter of perceptible real growth in over a year.