

various sports exchanges, notably in ice hockey. During 1969, Montreal and Vancouver were in the process of preparing their formal bids to obtain the 1976 Summer Olympics and the 1976 Winter Olympics respectively, and the Division assisted them in liaison with member countries of the International Olympic Association.

Academic Relations

The Academic Relations Section is responsible for maintaining contact with university specialists in international relations, Canadian foreign policy and area studies.

In the academic year 1969-70, for the first time, the Department assigned two senior officers to Laval University and the University of Toronto as foreign service visitors. They will use this one-year assignment to do research and to write on subjects of particular interest to them within the general field of Canadian external relations, to develop contacts with members of the academic community and to make appropriate contributions to the study of international affairs.

The Department has also invited a number of academics from Canadian universities to lecture and lead discussions on foreign policy themes at meetings with groups in the Department in Ottawa.

In the early part of 1969, the Department and the Canadian Institute of International Affairs co-operated in organizing a series of three seminars concerned with a policy review of Canadian interests in Europe, the United Nations and Latin America. Plans are being made for meetings of this type in the academic year 1969-70 sponsored jointly by private associations and by the Department.

The Academic Relations Section, which was established in 1967 in order to develop closer relations with the academic community in the fields indicated, continued to carry out liaison visits to universities, to co-ordinate the departmental response to invitations to seminars and speaking engagements, to advise other branches of the Department on some aspects of university relations, to assist in contract research and to deal with various requests for assistance from academics. Copies of a report entitled *Resources for the Study of International Relations in Canadian Universities*, prepared for the Department by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs as background to its academic relations program, were also made available to a number of professors and private associations concerned with external affairs.

These activities have been carried out in accordance with the wishes expressed on various occasions by the present Secretary of State for External Affairs and by his predecessor that there should be close contacts between public servants and interested groups in Canada, such as the academic community, in matters of the advancement of Canadian interests in the world.