

VISITS AND VISITORS

MR. TRUDEAU TO WASHINGTON

Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau will visit Washington this month at the invitation of President Nixon.

In a statement to the House of Commons on February 21, he said that Mr. Nixon had suggested he go to Washington shortly after the President returned from Europe "to permit him to share with me his impressions of the current situation there".

The Prime Minister will be in the United States capital on March 24 and 25.

AUSTRALIAN PM TO OTTAWA

The Prime Minister has announced that Prime Minister J.G. Gorton, of Australia, has accepted an invitation to visit Ottawa next month. Mr. Gorton will come to Ottawa on April 2 from Washington, following an official visit in the course of which he will call on President Nixon.

U.S. ENVOY TO AECL

The United States Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Harold F. Linder, visited the Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited last month, accompanied by Mrs. Linder, Rufus Z. Smith, Minister at the U.S. Embassy, and Mrs. Smith. They were joined by Colonel and Mrs. M.H. Vinzant. Colonel Vinzant is Deputy Commander, 41st NORAD Division, North Bay, Ontario.

The group met with L.R. Haywood, Vice-President of CRNL, and other senior officials at the laboratories. They also met with R.W. Ramsey, Jr., Scientific Representative, U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Chalk River office. Mr. Ramsey is a scientific liaison officer for atomic energy and Mr. Linder's visit afforded him an opportunity to familiarize himself with the work of the USAEC in Canada.

STAMP PROGRAMME REVISED

Revisions in the Canada Post Office 1969 stamp programme, announced recently by Postmaster-General Eric Kierans, include the addition of a Canada Games issue that will go on sale on August 15.

The release of the Canada Games stamp will coincide with that of an issue commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Charlottetown as the capital of Prince Edward Island; the Charlottetown issue has been rescheduled from the previously announced date of August 19. A further revision will defer from May 21 until June 13, the release of a stamp marking the first non-stop transatlantic flight.

This stamp will celebrate the conception of the Canada Games rather than any specific event associated with them. Quebec City was the site of the First Canadian Winter Games in February 1967; the First Canadian Summer Games, to be held from August 15

to 25 at Halifax and Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, completes a cycle which will be repeated at similar intervals in the future. The Games, which encourage inter-provincial amateur participation in a wide range of sports, are sponsored by the Fitness and Amateur Sport Programme of the Department of National Health and Welfare.

HISTORIC PORTRAIT UNVEILED

A second version of the famous painting by Robert Harris, entitled "Fathers of Confederation", has been placed on permanent display at the National Library and Archives. A Toronto artist, Rex Woods, was commissioned to re-create the first painting, which was destroyed in the fire that ravaged the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings 53 years ago.

Although it is essentially faithful to the original, the new painting includes four new figures, three of whom - Sir William P. Howland, John W. Richie and Robert D. Wilmot - did not appear in the Harris picture, since they were not recognized officially until 1927, 11 years after the first painting was destroyed. The fourth figure not included in the original is that of the artist, Harris, who is shown in the new work seated at his easel overlooking the Fathers at the edge of the portrait.

The new portrait, which is 14 feet by 8 feet, was transferred to the National Library and Archives after an unveiling ceremony in the Parliament Buildings presided over by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

CARIBBEAN SEASONAL WORKERS

Mr. Allan J. MacEachen, Minister of Manpower and Immigration, has announced that seasonal workers from the Caribbean will be admitted to Canada again this summer to help Ontario farmers grow harvest and can their fruits and vegetables.

The decision to admit Caribbean workers again was made after consultation with provincial departments of agriculture at a recent meeting of the Canada Agricultural Manpower Committee. There will be a need for about the same number of seasonal workers as last year, when 1,258 Caribbean workers came to Ontario under the programme from May to October.

The terms and conditions of work will be the same as last year. In line with the increased wages now paid to Canadian workers, the minimum wage rate for Caribbean workers this year will be \$1.56, 11 cents, or 7.7 percent above last year's level.

The maximum period for which any one worker may stay in Canada will be four months, and the minimum six weeks. The employer pays the return fare, Jamaica to Toronto, provides adequate accommodation, and pays the prevailing hourly or piece-work rate if higher than the \$1.56 an hour minimum.