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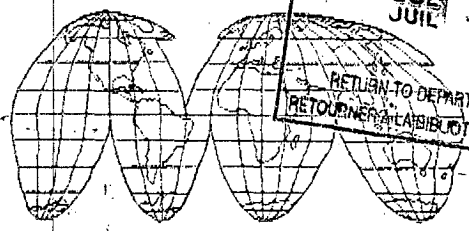
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Flora MacDonald to Represent Canada at South Pacific Conference July 10, 1992, No. 152

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Barbara McDougall, announced that the Honourable Flora MacDonald, Chair of the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), would head the Canadian delegation to a meeting of South Pacific Forum Dialogue Partners in Honiara, Solomon Islands, July 10-11. "Canada is committed to strengthening its relations with the South Pacific," said Mrs. McDougall. "I believe the Forum Dialogue will provide an excellent opportunity to engage the leaders of the South-Pacific in a constructive exchange on areas of common interest such as economic development, the environment and climate change." The South Pacific Forum was established in 1971 to provide an opportunity for independent and self-governing states of the South Pacific to discuss a wide range of common issues and problems, such as the environment, common security and trade.

Canada Appoints New Commissioners to International Joint Commission July 10, 1992, No. 151

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced the appointment of two new commissioners to the International Joint Commission (IJC). James A. Macaulay, Q.C., and Gordon W. Walker, Q.C., began three-year terms with the Commission immediately. "The IJC has played an important role in the transboundary environmental relationship between Canada and the United States for over 80 years," said Mrs. McDougall. "It has proven to be an effective binational organization for addressing water quantity, quality, and air pollution concerns." The International Joint Commission was created by the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. The Commission is made up of three commissioners from Canada and three from the United States. It administers the Boundary Waters Treaty and has an important responsibility in implementing the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement.

Additional Sanctions Against Haiti July 10, 1992, No. 150

The Honourable Barbara McDougall announced new Canadian regulations prohibiting ships registered in Haiti, or ships violating the embargo against Haiti, from entering Canadian ports. The regulations also prohibit any ship registered in Canada from docking in Haiti to load or unload goods. "These new regulations strengthen the international embargo against Haiti's illegal regime. Canada will continue to seek broad international support, as we did at the recent G-7 Summit in Munich, for restoring democracy in Haiti," said Mrs. McDougall. The Minister said that the regulations, adopted pursuant to the newly passed Special Economic Measures Act, were designed to reinforce the Organization of American States-led embargo against Haiti.

Canadian Credit For Kazakhstan Trade July 10, 1992, No. 149

ALMA ATA, Kazakhstan -- The Honourable Michael Wilson, Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade, announced that Canada has reserved a \$20-million credit for trade with Kazakhstan. The credit, made available under Section 31 of the Export Development Act, will be used for mutually agreed-upon projects in the oil/gas and agri-business sectors. "Kazakhstan holds impressive economic potential due to its large reserves of oil, gas and a variety of other minerals," said Mr. Wilson. "The 42 companies which have joined me in Alma Ata are clear evidence of the strong interest held by proven firms from the Canadian private sector," he added. Canada believes that support for viable projects involving the Canadian private sector is an effective and essential complement to the West's governmental assistance to economic renewal in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

McDougall in France for Bilateral Talks July 9, 1992, No. 148

The Honourable Barbara McDougall will visit France July 13-14. "The meeting takes place at a time when Europe is preparing to become even more close-knit. Canada intends to pursue close co-operation and continuous dialogue with France, a leading European partner," said Mrs. McDougall. "Our two countries have been especially active in regard to Yugoslavia in recent weeks, and we are continuing our efforts toward reaching a peaceful settlement of the crisis," she added. The Minister will talk with Mr. Roland Dumas, her French counterpart, about various aspects of France-Canada relations.