

are: Maxwell Cohen, chairman of the International Joint Commission; Isabel Dunbar, geographer; Pierre Grenier, dean of the science faculty, Laval University; Karen Kain, ballet dancer; and Maurice Strong, head of Petro Canada.

Toller Cranston, former champion ice skater, now professional, was among recipients of the Member of the Order of Canada, as well as businessman and philanthropist Jean-Louis Lévesque and author/conservationist Andy Russell.

Canada/Romania fisheries

Canadian and Romanian representatives met in Ottawa on June 8 and 9 to discuss future co-operation in fisheries matters.

Both delegations put forward proposals as the possible basis for an agreement on the terms and conditions that would govern continued fishing by Romanian vessels in areas under Canadian jurisdiction.

On the basis of the proposals, they agreed on the terms of an agreement which, if approved by both governments, would permit Romanian vessels to fish in the area concerned, under Canadian authority and control, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements. The agreement also recognizes the special interests of Canada, including the needs of Canadian coastal communities, in fisheries resources in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the the Canadian 200-mile zone.

The proposed agreement will now be submitted for the approval of the two governments. Since the extension of Canadian jurisdiction over fisheries on January 1, it is the second such agreement to be negotiated following the conclusion in May of an agreement with Cuba.

France honours UVic professor

The French Government has named Dr. Michael Ashwood-Smith, professor of biology at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, as one of only six foreign visitors granted the title of professor in French universities for 1977-78.

Ashwood-Smith is taking his year's

study leave at the University of Dijon, where, as a professor there, he will give a series of lectures.

The main purpose of his stay is to work on the basic aspects of the biology of freeze-drying bacteria with professor Denise Simatos, of the Dijon faculty.

Ashwood-Smith is a specialist in a number of fields in biology, and in recent years has been carrying out research on finding a way to freeze white blood cells, which would aid in the treatment of cancer patients.

He is also in the process of doing preliminary research in marine microbiology, and in this regard he has recently received a \$15,000-grant from Environment Canada (Fisheries and Marine Branch) to study the recycling of nutrients in the sediment of local sea water.

This grant will enable him to work with Dr. Ralph Brinkhurst, head of the Ocean Ecology Laboratory at the institute of Ocean Sciences at Pat Bay.

Ashwood-Smith's stay in France will be funded in part under a NATO senior research fellowship.

Grant assists Western French-language teachers to improve skills

For the second consecutive year the Department of the Secretary of State is making a contribution to enable French-language teachers in the four Western provinces, whose mother tongue is French, to improve their skills.

A federal contribution of 50 per cent of the project, amounting to \$16,233, will help defray administrative costs and salaries of specialists who will instruct the group of 75 Western teachers during a month-long course this summer in a community college in Cap Rouge, near Quebec City.

The 75 teachers have also received bursaries of \$800 each from the Department under a federal-provincial program of bursaries for language instructors.

Last year, the Department contributed \$19,212 to help a similar number of teachers.

The project is funded under the terms of the Federal-Provincial Agreement on Bilingualism in Education. Projects under this agreement are initiated at the provincial level and 50 per cent of

the admissible costs are then provided by the Department of the Secretary of State. There are 130 language-oriented projects being funded under the same agreement by the Department across Canada.

Canada/U.S. issue Peace Bridge commemorative stamps

Both the Canadian and United States postal authorities are issuing stamps to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the completion of the Peace Bridge between Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, New York.

Canadian Postmaster-General Jean-Jacques Blais and his U.S. counterpart, Benjamin Franklin Bailar, will meet near the bridge to formally "launch" the new stamps on August 4.



The Canadian 12-cent stamp, designed by Rolf Harder of Montreal, is a faithful rendition of the bridge structure. The sweeping lines are broken only by the three flags that adorn the bridge — Canadian, U.S. and the United Nations.

Peace Bridge

When the bridge was officially opened, August 7, 1927, Canada was represented by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King; the United States by Vice-President Charles Dawes; and Britain by Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and two future kings, Prince Edward (King Edward VIII) and Prince George (King George VI).

The structure was envisaged by its promoters as a monument to the peaceful years since the War of 1812. Planning was well advanced by 1914 but the First World War intervened and it was not until 1927 that the project was completed. The bridge was regarded also as an emblem of the new spirit in Canada/U.S. relations following the War of 1812, the Fenian Raids and the fear of invasion after the Civil War.