

REORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT

"During the past year," the Minister said, "plans for the complete reorganization of the Department were completed and about a quarter of these plans have been put into effect. New immigration offices have been opened in France and the Philippines, and others are in the planning stage. Our promotional and recruiting activities abroad will be stepped up even further. But it will not be until completion of the reorganization in 1965 that the full impact of these innovations will be fully effective. They should increase the intake of immigrants over that recorded in 1964. The Department's programmes will be geared to Canada's manpower requirements. The Immigration Service will be better organized and better equipped with staff and funds. Because of this, and despite increasing competition from other countries of the world, we are looking forward to further significant rises in immigration figures in 1965."

MISS JAPAN-CANADA FRIENDSHIP

To call public attention in both countries to the growing bonds of trade and friendship between Canada and Japan and, as part of Canada's participation in the international trade fair to be held in Tokyo from April 16 to May 6, the Department of Trade and Commerce will sponsor a nation-wide search in Japan for a young woman who will be named Miss Japan-Canada Friendship.

Mr. Mitchell Sharp, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, made the announcement in Ottawa, and Mr. R.P. Bower, Canadian Ambassador to Japan, gave details of the programme during a press conference held simultaneously in Tokyo.

Miss Japan-Canada Friendship will be selected in Tokyo on March 10 by a board of judges comprising seven distinguished Japanese, the Canadian Ambassador and Canada's Minister (Commercial), R.G.C. Smith.

VISIT TO CANADA

Miss Japan-Canada Friendship will visit Canada in March and April, accompanied by Japanese journalists and television cameramen. Canada's major air lines, railways and related hotel systems are co-operating in the project, as are the Japanese-Canadian Cultural Centre, the Canada-Japan Trade Council and many Canadian companies now doing extensive business with Japan.

"Trade between Canada and Japan has been growing steadily in recent years," Mr. Sharp said in his announcement. "Last year, new records were established almost every month. When final figures have been processed, total trade between our two countries in 1964 is expected to exceed \$500 million. Many close personal and corporate friendships have developed from this increased mutual trade. The forthcoming Tokyo International Trade Fair, in which Canada will participate, seems an appropriate occasion on which to symbolize, in this personal way, the deepening goodwill and understanding that exist between our two countries."

Plans for the competition have been developed in consultation with the Japanese Embassy. His

Excellency Hisanaga Shimadzu, Japan's Ambassador to Canada, expressed his country's interest in the project in these words:

"I feel sure that Canada's participation in the Tokyo International Trade Fair on such a scale as planned, along with the unique and thoughtful idea of Miss Japan-Canada Friendship, will greatly strengthen the growing bonds of trade and cultural relations between our two countries. I am whole-heartedly in support of the plan."

CANADIAN EXHIBIT IN TOKYO

Canada will have an imaginative exhibit in the Tokyo fair, housed in a 6,000-square-foot pavilion built entirely of rough-hewn Douglas fir from British Columbia. The building, assembled without nails, will bear a strong resemblance to the "Azekurat-sukuri" (old Japanese temples) built 1,000 years ago.

A feature of the pavilion will be a large pool in the centre, spanned by a timber bridge on which fur fashion shows will be held daily throughout the fair.

The fashion show, arranged with the co-operation of the Fur Fashion Council of Canada and the Canadians Fur Trade Association, will feature a collection of specially designed fur jackets, stoles and coats. Miss Japan-Canada Friendship will receive the garments from association officials while she is in Canada and will escort them to Tokyo. During the trade fair, she will be an honoured guest in the Canadian pavilion.

RESEARCH TEAM TO MEXICO

A research team from the University of Montreal travels to Mexico this spring to get under way Canada's first archeological expedition to that country. Assisted by a \$12,600 grant from the Canada Council for the first year's work, the expedition will seek new light on the antecedents of civilization in the Valley of Mexico during the pre-classical period (2000-500 B.C.). The group will be headed by Professor Paul Tolstoy, assisted by André Guénette, both from the University of Montreal's Department of Anthropology. The work, which is to take up to three years, is expected not only to contribute to an area of knowledge that is of particular interest and importance to Canada in its North American context but to provide a training ground for Canadian students in archeology. It is planned to have at least one student a season from the university join the expedition as an assistant. Canadian archeologists, like Prof. Tolstoy and Mr. Guénette, have worked in Mexico before, but until now they had done so as individuals or under foreign auspices. The University of Montreal's expedition will mark Canada's first group project in this important area of middle-American studies. The team will seek answers to questions - such as the date and origins of the first permanent settlements in the Valley - that archeologists consider basic in tracing the emergence of the later, more advanced civilizations of the New World. The expedition is to investigate about 15 sites in a 20-mile radius from Mexico City.