

CANADA-FRANCE FISHERIES

A draft fisheries pact between Canada and France was agreed on last month when French and Canadian representatives met in Ottawa. The French delegation, led by Mr. Christian Girard, Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, included representatives of the General Secretariat of the Merchant Marine and of the Ministry of State responsible for overseas departments and territories. The Canadian delegation, headed by Mr. J.A. Beesley, legal adviser in the Department of External Affairs, included Department of Fisheries and Forestry officials as well as other representatives of External Affairs.

At the end of the discussions, the two delegations worked out a draft agreement, subject to approval by their Governments, which takes into account the evolution of fishing in Canada and the traditional activities of French fishermen in the waters of the Atlantic coast, including those of St. Pierre and Miquelon.

The delegations also agreed upon a proposed delimitation of the territorial waters and fishing zones between St. Pierre and Miquelon and Newfoundland.

FORCES RECRUITS DOWN NORTH

Recruiting officers of the Armed Forces will visit Arctic communities this month to interest young northerners in a career with the Forces.

The object of the program is to enrol young men and women who have special knowledge of the North.

Although recruiters have been north of the 60th Parallel in the past, the establishment of a Northern Region Headquarters at Yellowknife in the Yukon and increased Forces' activity in the Arctic, have created a requirement for people who have an intimate familiarity with local working and living conditions.

About 100 young men and women, who will be recruited in the initial drive, will be chosen for training in administration, transportation, supply, food services and communications.

When they complete their training, they will be qualified to serve at any Armed Forces unit - though particular emphasis will be placed on locating them in the North.

Recruiters from Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal will visit Yellowknife, Inuvik, Whitehorse, Hay River, Fort Smith, Churchill and Frobisher Bay.

Basic training at Canadian Forces Base Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, will begin in September.

MR. TRUDEAU VISITS THE SOVIET UNION

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emigrate to Israel or to other countries of their choice. I was assured by Mr. Kosygin that these allegations were not well-founded and that, in particular, his Government had permitted the exit to Israel for many months of significant numbers of Soviet Jews. I might add...that Mr. Kosygin's statement has been corroborated by the Canadian Government from other, independent sources.

I seized the opportunity to urge Mr. Kosygin to permit persons of all ethnic origins with relatives in Canada to come here and thus reunify the many families which have been split tragically for many years.

He assured me that his Government would not place unjustifiable barriers in the way of those persons and he promised that he would give personal attention to the list of names of such persons which I took with me to Moscow.

FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS

In another area entirely, I was able to discuss with Mr. Kosygin the concern and fear expressed by our East Coast fishermen over the practices of the Soviet Atlantic fisheries convention and had a profound interest in a long-lasting and healthy fish stock. We agreed that this issue was deserving of further talks.

Only time will tell...whether the warm welcome which was accorded me in the U.S.S.R. reflects the commencement of an era in Canadian-Soviet relations as advantageous as we all hope will be the case. I prefer to be optimistic and I am urging all government departments to exploit these new openings. I urge Canadian businessmen to accept the new challenge. For our part as Canadians, I assured the Soviet leaders that there was no impediment in our desire for better and more mutually beneficial relations.

MR. KOSYGIN TO VISIT CANADA

As the House is aware...I invited Premier Kosygin to visit Canada at a time convenient to each of us, and he accepted with pleasure. I am certain that on that occasion Canadians will respond to the Soviet leader with the same warmth and congeniality as was shown to me by persons in every city I visited. I am particularly grateful to Mr. Kosygin, who spent some 20 hours with me and whose daughter acted throughout the visit as a hostess for my wife.

I am happy...that I was given the opportunity to make the trip. I am happy to be back. I am happy at what appears to be favourable results of the visit.