

STUDY OF FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

The following is a recent statement by the Prime Minister:

The Government has for some time been examining the question of foreign investment in our country; the extent of foreign ownership and control of Canadian industry; the operations in Canada and the importance to Canada of subsidiaries of foreign companies.

Last March, the Minister of Trade and Commerce announced a number of guiding principles of good corporate behaviour in Canada, which were communicated to all foreign-owned subsidiary companies operating in Canada.

The response to these guide-lines has provided valuable information and insight into the role and conduct of foreign-owned subsidiary companies in Canada.

MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

As a further measure, a committee of ministers has now been set up to examine the structure of Canadian industry, with special reference to foreign ownership and control.

The initial studies on this subject for the committee will be conducted by a task force to be established for this purpose. An interdepartmental committee of senior officials will consult with the task force from time to time.

The study will include the significance – both political and economic – of foreign investment in the development of our country, as well as ways to encourage greater Canadian ownership of our industrial resources while retaining a climate favourable to the inflow of foreign investment, as required, for Canada's optimum development.

After the report of the task force has been studied by the ministerial committee, it will be referred to the Government for approval. Consideration will then be given to its submission as a White Paper for examination by an appropriate Parliamentary committee.

The committee of ministers will be: the Honourable Walter Gordon, chairman; the Honourable Mitchell Sharp; the Honourable Roger Teillet; the Honourable Jean Marchand and the Honourable John Turner.

CANADA SIGNS SPACE TREATY

The treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies, was open for signature in Washington, London and Moscow on January 27. Following the procedure adopted in August 1963, in signing the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, Canadian diplomatic representatives signed the outer space treaty in all three capitals.

As an active member of the 28-state Committee on Outer Space and of its legal sub-committee, Canada was directly involved in the negotiation of

this major treaty and one of its co-sponsors in the General Assembly. Of particular significance are the provisions prohibiting national appropriations of celestial bodies, bases or fortification in space, and testing of any type of weapons on celestial bodies, and the placing in orbit of nuclear bombs. The treaty emphasizes freedom of scientific investigation in outer space, and declares that states must co-operate in avoiding contamination of outer space and report on conditions that could harm the health and safety of astronauts.

NEW TRADE OFFICE IN U.S.

Canada's sixty-seventh trade office abroad was opened in San Francisco recently by Trade and Commerce Minister Robert H. Winters. It is the latest extension of the services provided by the Department of Trade and Commerce to help Canada achieve its 1967 export goal of \$11.25 billion.

The opening of the office, the tenth operated by the Department in the United States, coincided with "Canada Salutes San Francisco Week", from January 23 to 30.

Two Royal Canadian Navy vessels were displayed at their berths in San Francisco, and Macy's department store presented an in-store promotion called "Expo-Canada '67". United States-Canada goodwill was demonstrated throughout the week by receptions, dinners, meetings and panel discussions.

The San Francisco trade office will promote Canadian export interests in northern California, Nevada (except Clark County), Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Hawaii. In particular, it will improve the Department's facilities for aiding Canadian exporters interested in the buying potential of the San Francisco-Oakland area, the sixth largest metropolitan district in the U.S. With a combined population of 4.4 million and a growth rate of 150,000 each year, the nine counties bordering San Francisco Bay make up an important market, with the second highest wholesale and fourth highest retail sales *per capita* in the United States.

The office will be changing its location about the middle of the year when it moves into new quarters large enough also to accommodate the Canadian Consulate General in San Francisco.

TRANSPORT AID TO TANZANIA

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Paul Martin, announced recently that, under Canada's external aid programme, engineers would be sent to assist in the development of highways in Tanzania.

The Tanzania five-year development plan provides for the improvement of communications between the potentially-rich agricultural area of Mwanza on Lake Victoria, and the central market of