
CBC president Laurent Picard visited Moscow in November and signed a new protocol for co-operation between the CBC and the Soviet State Committee for Broadcasting and Television.

Fisheries problems, which continued in 1974, were the subject of special bilateral talks held in Ottawa in November. These focused particularly on arrangements for settling claims regarding damage to Canadian lobster-fishing gear by Soviet trawlers.

As the year ended both governments were giving consideration to ways of maintaining the momentum in Canadian-Soviet relations in preparation for a number of important negotiations expected in 1975.

Poland

During 1974 numerous political, trade and economic exchanges continued to further the development of our relations with Poland. The planned visit to that country by the Secretary of State for External Affairs in June was deferred—probably until 1975—because of the Canadian general election.

In October a Polish delegation led by the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romuald Spasowski, visited Ottawa. Privately-arranged exchanges included a visit to Poland by a Toronto Board of Trade mission and the Second Canada-Poland Round Table, sponsored by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

Czechoslovakia

Political and commercial consultations took place in Prague during the May visit of the Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, J.G.H. Halstead, and the June visit of T. M. Burns, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. Sports exchanges included the Canada-Czechoslovakia hockey game. The Lemieux exhibition was a major cultural event.

Hungary

Canada-Hungary trade consultations were held in Ottawa in June, and a Toronto Board of Trade mission visited Hungary in the autumn. Academic relations were strengthened by the signing of an agreement between Carleton University and the Hungarian Institute of Cultural Relations, and in October the first Canada-Hungary Round Table took place.

Romania

In July, V. Gliga, Romanian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, visited Ottawa and held discussions with senior officials of the Departments of External Affairs and Industry, Trade and Commerce. In October Canadian-Romanian trade consultations were held in Ottawa.

On December 20, the Canadian Government announced that Atomic Energy of Canada Limited was authorized to negotiate certain specific nuclear agreements with Romania.

In 1974 commercial missions from both Ontario and Quebec visited Romania.

Bulgaria

In October Canadian-Bulgarian trade consultations took place in Ottawa. In November a Bulgarian technological delegation visited officials of various departments of the Canadian Government and of private companies.

Canada and Bulgaria agreed in 1974 to establish a Bulgarian consulate-general in Toronto.

A Parliamentary delegation from the National Assembly of Bulgaria led by its president, Dr. V. Bonev, visited Canada in October and was received by Prime Minister Trudeau, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the President of the Privy Council, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, and other leading Government and Parliamentary officials.