

## Investment with Western Samoa

Economic and trade links between Canada and the Pacific island nation of Western Samoa were strengthened with the signature on September 29 of a bilateral investment protection agreement in New York. Tied directly to the Export Development Corporation's Foreign Investment Insurance Program, the agreement, signed by William H. Barton, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, and Vaovasa Manaia R. Phillips, Minister of Finance for the Independent State of Western Samoa, is designed to foster increased trade and investment to the mutual benefit of the two Commonwealth nations.

Western Samoa joins the Asian nations of Indonesia, Malaysia, Fiji and Singapore, plus 19 other nations, which have signed similar agreements. Each recognizes the importance of investment and expanded trade links with Canada.

The pact facilitates insurance of investments under EDC's Investment Guarantee Program, which insures Canadian investors against loss of their overseas investments by reason of political actions in the host country. Increased trade and benefits for both countries should result from this agreement, as it is designed to increase Canadian investor confidence in Western Samoa.

Canada has signed similar agreements with 19 other countries — Antigua; Barbados; Belize; Dominica; Grenada; Jamaica; Montserrat; St. Kitts; St. Lucia; St. Vincent; Trinidad and Tobago; Ghana; the Gambia; Guinea; Liberia; Morocco and, most recently, Malawi. The agreement with Malawi was signed in Blantyre on September 15. Pakistan and Israel round out the group, and negotiations are under way with other nations.

## By-election results

The Progressive Conservatives gained three seats in 15 by-elections held October 16, by winning in ten ridings — six in Ontario, one in British Columbia, one in Manitoba, one in Nova Scotia and one in New Brunswick.

The Liberals won two seats in Quebec, the New Democrats two, one in Ontario, one in Newfoundland, and the Social Credit party won one riding in Quebec.

## Immigration regulations amended

Employment and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen announced on October 2 a number of minor changes to the Immigration Regulations which came into force with proclamation of the new Immigration Act last April.

The amendments — which relate to passport requirements, visitor's visas and employment authorizations — do not represent any significant departure from established immigration policies. "Rather," said the minister, "they are refinements intended to remove unnecessary obstacles to the free flow of legitimate visitor traffic."

Section 19 (3) (c) has been amended to permit spouses or unmarried children of holders of valid employment authorizations to apply for employment authorizations from within Canada.

Section 20 (5) (b) has been added to permit immigration officers to grant employment authorizations to visitors provided for in a federal-provincial agreement, without the necessity of seeking the opinion of a Canada Employment Centre as to impact on the Canadian labour market.

Section 19 (1) (h) has been amended to exempt sales representatives selling to retail outlets in Canada from employment authorization requirements when seeking entry for less than 90 days.

Section 19 (3) (1) has been added to enable performing artists who come to Canada solely for the presentation of their art to apply for their employment authorizations on arrival in Canada.

Section 19 (3) (m) has been added to enable foreign workers entering to repair equipment on an emergency basis to apply for their employment authorizations on arrival in Canada.

Section 14 (2) has been amended to eliminate the passport requirement for visitors who are: American citizens coming to Canada from any country; U.S. permanent residents returning to the United States *via* Canada from visits to St. Pierre and Miquelon, and residents of Greenland.

This amendment also clarifies the exemption relating to members of visiting armed forces.

### Visitor's visas

Schedule II to Section 13 has been amended to eliminate the visitor's visa re-

quirement for: American permanent residents entering Canada from St. Pierre and Miquelon; visiting armed forces; holders of valid student or employment authorizations returning to Canada from casual visits to adjacent territory, and foreign diplomats and consular officers travelling in and out of Canada during their official posting here.

The amendment requires citizens of Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana and Uganda to obtain visitor's visas abroad before coming to Canada as visitors.

## Mr. Jamieson in South Africa for Namibia conference

As this issue went to press, Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson was in southern Africa for talks with parties involved in the future of Namibia.

Mr. Jamieson joined foreign ministers of the four other Western nations on the United Nations Security Council — the U.S.A., France, Britain and the Federal Republic of Germany — for discussions in Pretoria with the Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of the Republic of South Africa, beginning October 16.

The group was seeking to persuade South Africa to agree to adopt a United Nations plan for withdrawing its troops and allowing a UN force, including civilians, to oversee national elections in conjunction with a South African civil administration.

The formal discussions in Pretoria were arranged in response to a deadline of October 23, set by the UN Security Council to obtain South Africa's agreement to the UN proposals. South Africa has set a date of December 4 for its own elections.

## Job training in Saskatchewan

The Federal Government will contribute over \$15 million in the 1978-79 fiscal year to help upgrade the skills of the labour force in Saskatchewan under a three-year adult occupational training agreement.

The agreement, replacing one that expired in March, also guarantees a minimum federal contribution of \$9,208,000 for each of the last two years of the agreement. The exact amounts will depend upon a variety of economic factors.