

NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS PACT

The Canadian Permanent Representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Canadian Ambassador to Austria, Mr. N.F.H. Berlis, signed on February 2, on behalf of the Government of Canada, an agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency providing for the application of safeguards to Canada's nuclear program. Signing on behalf of the IAEA was the Agency's Director-General, Dr. Sigvard Eklund. This agreement discharges Canada's obligations under Article III.1 of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), which requires adherents to the Treaty to accept safeguards set forth in an agreement with the IAEA for the exclusive purpose of verifying that there has been no diversion of nuclear energy from peaceful uses to nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.

Canada is among the first countries to conclude a safeguards agreement with the IAEA and the first major non-nuclear weapon state advanced in the technology of atomic energy to sign such an agreement with the IAEA.

Over 60 non-nuclear weapons states have ratified the NPT, and those with nuclear programs have either concluded or are expected to conclude similar safeguards agreements with the IAEA. Another 30 have signed the NPT and are expected to ratify the Treaty later this year, among them Japan and the countries of the European Economic Community. Both Britain and the United States, although as nuclear weapons states not required to accept safeguards under the terms of the NPT, have offered to place their peaceful nuclear activities under IAEA inspection.

Later this year, IAEA inspectors, who will work closely with officers of the Atomic Energy Control Board of Canada, will carry out safeguards inspections in Canada.

EXTERNAL RECORDS NOW PUBLIC

The Department of External Affairs is transferring to the Public Archives of Canada the bulk of its records from 1909, the date of its foundation, to January 1, 1940. Records from 1940 to 1942 will follow in a few weeks. Subsequent transfers are being planned in accordance with Government policy. These records, which have been hitherto available to departmental researchers, will be made public in the National Archives and will complement the special collections of departmental papers which have been deposited there from time to time.

The decision to transfer these historical records to the Public Archives is in keeping with the Department's desire to be of service to historians, researchers, and the Canadian public generally, who are interested in Canada's external relations and foreign policy.

In keeping with the Prime Minister's statement regarding access to governmental records in the House of Commons on May 1, 1969, External Affairs will continue to make its wartime records between 1942 and 1946 available for research.

The Department will maintain the practice of permitting controlled access to its records from 1946 so as to help to provide the public, whenever possible, authoritative historical accounts of important aspects of Canada's external policy.

The Department will also continue to arrange for scholars, when possible, oral background briefings on policies and events having a bearing on Canada's external relations.

BOOST FOR BOOK EXPORTS

Among the plans being considered as a means of increasing exports of books, said Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, recently, are exhibits in seven international trade fairs and the establishment of book centres in three countries.

"The Government has set aside \$500,000 a year for three years for export assistance to the book industry as part of the six-point program announced by State Secretary Pelletier on February 11," Mr. Pepin stated. "We are preparing plans to develop, in co-operation with Canadian publishers, a comprehensive export marketing program. This will include exhibits in seven exhibitions in the United States and Europe and establishment of book centres in the United States, Britain and Continental Europe."

The Department will provide financial assistance to set up and operate the book centres to promote the sale and distribution of Canadian books abroad.

It is unlikely that the Canadian industry could underwrite without assistance the costs of establishing and running such centres.

Funds for the general export-development program have been assigned by the Treasury Board to the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce for this specific project. Annual expenditures will include \$100,000 for trade promotion and \$400,000 for support of the book centres for three years.

Book fairs under consideration in connection with the Department's plans include: the eleventh European Educational Materials Fair (every two years), Hanover, Germany, March 14 to 18; the fourth International Book Fair, Brussels, March 11 to 19; the fourth International Book Festival, Nice, France, May 19 to 25; the American Booksellers' Association Exhibition, Washington, D.C., June 4 to 7; the thirteenth International Book Production Exhibition, London, autumn; the seventeenth U.S.A. International Book Exhibition, Chicago, June 25 to July 1; the twenty-fourth International Book Fair, Frankfurt, Germany, September 27 to October 4.