

Columbia and Montreal. In 1976 a senior officer was seconded to Trinity College of the University of Toronto.

Departmental speakers' program

Under a departmental program, foreign-service officers speak to university audiences and other groups, attend conferences on foreign policy and participate in international-affairs seminars. In 1976, over 63 officers accepted invitations to visit 42 universities and 27 other groups. This program has been successful not only in spreading information about Canadian foreign policy but also in exposing departmental officers to unfamiliar perspectives and ideas, and to informed questioning and criticism.

Conferences and seminars within the Department

In order that Government might benefit from their analysis of foreign-policy problems, the Department invited academics to Ottawa to give talks and to take part in seminars. The subjects they considered ranged from current foreign-policy issues to theories on various aspects of international relations. One of the main topics in 1976 was the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe.

Professors and journalists were also invited to the Department to speak on such matters as the effects of the Angolan situation on Portugal, the Lebanese conflict in a regional context, and the Commonwealth in the modern world. In 1976, 20 such lectures were delivered, in English or French.

To maintain its ties with the academic community and obtain the services of experts, the Department from time to time engaged professors on a temporary basis. In addition, research contracts were awarded for the preparation of special studies; one of these focused on a survey of what Canadians thought of the Common Market, and was carried out in conjunction with the Centre d'études et de documentation européennes of the University of Montreal.

Outside seminars and conferences

The Department organizes seminars and conferences in various parts of Canada and also helps universities and centres of international affairs to organize them. Departmental officers often take part in these meetings. For example, a series of seminars on Canadian themes was inaugurated late in the year by the Canadian Embassy in Bonn in co-operation with various German academics and research organizations. Both Canadian and German contributors took part.

Canadian studies abroad

The Department extended its program of Canadian studies abroad to expand the nucleus of professors and students familiar with Canada, to develop an awareness of the distinctive quality of Canadian scholarship, particularly in the social sciences and the humanities, and to provide a stimulus and network for productive exchanges between Canada and foreign academics. In this way, the program serves to strengthen Canada's bilateral relations with the countries involved.

The principal areas of concentration in 1976 were the United States, Britain, France, Japan, Belgium, Italy and Germany. Canadian studies were developed by awarding visiting professorships, the funding of joint research projects, the encouragement of inter-university contacts, the donation of Canadian books and learned journals, the organization of conferences and seminars, and grants to national associations for Canadian studies and to newsletters and journals devoted to this subject.

United States

In 1976 major budgetary support was provided to 20 American universities interested in Canadian studies, mainly by funding conferences, speakers and seminars. Additional funding and support were extended to faculty members at 250 other institutions. In September, as part of Canada's Bicentennial salute to the United States, Professor John Meisel of Queens' University became the first visiting professor of Canadian studies to be sent to the United States under the program, taking up