

ence by Turkish Ambassador Ozdemir Benler to the Canadian Governor General, Mr. Schreyer expressed the shock and outrage of Canadians following two recent attacks on Turkish diplomats in Ottawa. The September 7 speech by Mr. Schreyer followed the August 27 assassination of Turkish Colonel Altikat. (See this issue, MULTILATERAL.)

## **USSR**

### **Visit by Canadian Delegation**

A group of three Canadian Members of Parliament and two representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress visited the Soviet Union from September 7 to 15. The purpose of the visit was to meet with Soviet officials to discuss Canadian-Soviet relations, and primarily to discuss the question of the emigration of Soviet Jews in accordance with the Helsinki Final Act. The Canadian MPs were: David Smith (Lib., Don Valley East); Flora MacDonald (PC, Kingston and the Islands); and Ian Deans (NDP, Hamilton Mountain) (House of Commons press release, September 14).

Upon their return, the MPs told reporters that Soviet officials had been non-committal regarding the requests to ease emigration restrictions for an estimated ten to twenty thousand Soviet Jews who want to go to Israel. The Canadian delegation had told the Soviet officials that one way to make progress in East-West relations would be to loosen the emigration restrictions. The officials "heard us out in great detail," Mr. Smith said. Miss MacDonald said the current tough restrictions on emigration apparently stems from the "overall resumption of the Cold War" (*The Citizen*, September 16). Only about 150 Soviet Jews a month are granted exit visas, while in 1979, about 50,000 Jews were allowed to emigrate, Mr. Deans said.

The two members of the Canadian Jewish Congress with the delegation were assaulted as they went to visit a Jewish man in Leningrad. The two were beaten-up and robbed of lists of names of Soviet Jews they were to visit. A complaint was filed through the US consulate in Leningrad,

and it was reported that the Canadian Embassy in Moscow was also planning to file a complaint with Soviet authorities (*The Citizen*, September 17).

### **Foreign Ministers Meet**

External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen met with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on September 30 in New York during the United Nations General Assembly. Following the meeting, Mr. MacEachen told reporters that the talks dealt mainly with the deterioration of East-West relations. Reasons for the deterioration were the deployment of the Soviet SS-20 nuclear missiles directed at Western Europe, the failure in a sense by the Soviets to live up to the spirit of the Helsinki Accords, the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the military rule of Poland, Mr. MacEachen reportedly told the Soviet Foreign Minister (*The Citizen*, October 1).

## **WEST GERMANY**

### **Visit to Canada of Economics Minister**

West German Economics Minister Otto Count Lambsdorff visited Canada in early August. During a two-day stay in Ottawa, Count Lambsdorff met with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and various Cabinet Ministers to exchange views on the world economy and to discuss closer cooperation between Canada and Germany (Federal Republic of Germany press release, July 30). Count Lambsdorff also addressed the inaugural luncheon of the Canadian German Conference in Ottawa. The newly-formed Canadian German Conference had been established to promote a better understanding between the two countries with a special emphasis on economic, cultural, educational, academic and scientific matters (Canadian German Conference press release, August 4). During Count Lambsdorff's visit, the Department of External Affairs announced a decision to open a new Consulate General in Munich, which will be devoted almost entirely to trade and commercial activities (External Affairs press release, August 6).