

cedures for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of money judgments in civil and commercial matters between Canada and the United Kingdom." The Act is also designed to minimize possible consequences for Canadian assets within the United Kingdom, which will soon accede to the European Convention on the enforcement of judgments (to come into effect in January 1985). Once passed, the terms of the Convention apply to judgments rendered by the Federal Court of Canada, and a registry system is to be established for United Kingdom judgments that are "executable in Canada."

In tabling the legislation in the House of Commons June 29, then-Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan stressed the necessity of the Convention to protect Canadian interests in light of the imminence of the European Convention. Mr. MacGuigan noted that some judgments which might previously not have been recognized in United Kingdom courts because "they were based on challengeable, frequently qualified as exorbitant bases of jurisdiction," would, in future, be upheld. The Convention would provide increased protection for Canadian interests. The bill was reported, read the third time and passed on June 29.

## USSR

### **Fishing Incident**

A Soviet fishing vessel, the *Anatoliy Bredov*, was escorted by a Canadian fisheries patrol vessel into Halifax harbor following an incident roughly 200 nautical miles off the Nova Scotian coast. The captain of the Soviet vessel

was charged July 11 with bringing his ship too close to fixed fishing gear, after a federal fisheries investigation determined that stationary crab fishing gear had been destroyed June 24. According to Scotian Shelf Crab Fishermen's Association spokesman John Risely, several Soviet and one Cuban vessel had pulled nets through Canadian crab traps. Under Canadian regulations, foreign fishing vessels must remain a half nautical mile from fixed fishing gear. Fisheries Department spokesman Carl Goodwin stated that an ongoing investigation might result in further charges being laid against other foreign vessels operating in the region at the time of the incident. Damage was estimated at approximately \$100,000 (*The Citizen*, July 10).

### **Over-the-side Fish Sales**

A continuing debate about the advisability of selling unprocessed fish to Soviet factory trawlers "over-the-side," re-emerged in mid-July as Soviet vessels arrived off the Nova Scotian coast for the purchase of herring catches. While Canadian processors have criticized the scheme, they are unable to match both the quantity desired and prices paid by the Soviet fleet. The Fisheries Department allows sales of 25,000 tonnes of unprocessed fish, and inshore fishermen contend that economic necessity demands a continuation of the sales. Eastern Fishermen's Federation executive director Allan Billard stated that while undesirable, the over-the-side program was necessitated by an inadequately developed domestic market. Mr. Billard stressed that Canada "should be able to manage our own resource," and he cited "reckless management" as responsible for a surplus herring catch. The Soviet over-the-side contract represents an annual investment of four million dollars (*Globe and Mail*, July 18).

# Multilateral Relations

## ASEAN

### **Ministerial Visit**

Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs Jean Chrétien represented Canada at the annual Post-Ministerial Meeting of ASEAN Foreign Ministers with Dialogue Partners July 12 and 13 in Jakarta, Indonesia. ASEAN, a Pacific regional organization comprised of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Brunei, maintains formal relations — "dialogues" — with six industrialized partners of which Canada is one. During the annual meeting in Jakarta, ASEAN

foreign ministers met with their dialogue partners both collectively and individually. Mr. Chrétien had indicated that his attendance at the meeting was an expression of the growing importance which Canada attaches to increasing its links across the Pacific. Mr. Chrétien had an opportunity to meet not only with the ASEAN foreign ministers, but also with those of Canada's two largest trading partners, the US and Japan. Included on the Minister's agenda was a discussion with New Zealand's defence minister (External Affairs communiqué, July 5).