

JAPAN-CANADA MEETING

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, has announced that the sixth Japan-Canada Ministerial Committee meeting will be held in Toronto on September 13 and 14. The Canadian delegation will consist of Mr. Sharp as chairman; the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce, Mr. Jean-Luc Pepin; the Minister of Finance, Mr. E.J. Benson; the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, Mr. J.J. Greene; and the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. H.A. Olson. The Japanese Government will be represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Takeo Fukuda; the Minister of International Trade and Industry, Mr. Kakuei Tanaka; the Minister of Finance, Mr. Mikio Mizuta; the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Munenori Akagi; and the Director-General of the Economic Planning Agency, Mr. Toshio Kimura. Also in attendance will be the Ambassador of Canada to Japan, Mr. H.O. Moran, the Ambassador of Japan to Canada, Mr. Shinichi Kondo, and senior officials of the two governments.

A detailed list of agenda for the meeting will be released later. The ministers will, however, be discussing a broad range of subjects of interest to the two countries, including international, political and financial matters, bilateral trade relations, and questions relating to energy and mineral resources.

The forthcoming meeting of the Committee is the first to be held in Canada outside Ottawa. The previous meeting took place in Tokyo on April 17 and 18, 1969. The Japanese ministers and their wives and the official party will arrive from Washington on September 11 and will spend Saturday and Sunday in the Toronto and Niagara Falls areas. Following the meeting on September 13 and 14, the Japanese party will travel to Vancouver, where they will remain overnight on September 15, before leaving for Tokyo on September 16.

PACIFIC MARINE STUDIES

The Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society (WCUMBS) has been awarded a \$500,000 grant by the National Research Council of Canada to assist in the development of research facilities for a marine biological station on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The grant will be paid in equal instalments over the next two years.

The centre will be the first of its kind on the Canadian west coast. Canada operates three marine biology teaching and research centres on the east coast and one in Barbados. The grant provides for close co-operation between WCUMBS and the new federal Department of the Environment.

The new station will be at Bamfield, a fishing village on Barkley Sound, and will make its headquarters in an old federal cable-station that was closed 12 years ago. The cable-station, now owned by WCUMBS, was designed by the architect who

designed the British Columbia Legislature buildings and the Empress Hotel in Victoria. It was designated a historic site and monument in 1930. The building is admirably suited for conversion to a marine research station.

The Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society consists of a consortium of five universities - Alberta, Calgary, British Columbia, Simon Fraser and Victoria. Last year this group bought 190 acres of land at Bamfield, including almost two miles of shoreline.

The Bamfield station will function as a major centre of marine biological research on the west coast. It will, of course, promote the contact between resident and visiting scientists so essential for progress in science, which is at present, through the lack of such a centre, largely absent.

The station will complement existing inner-coast facilities of the Fisheries Research Board at Nanaimo and West Vancouver and those of the University of Washington.

The NRC grant will be used to help finance a system of pipes and holding tanks for both fresh-water and sea fish and other marine life and research equipment, including temperature-control equipment and associated emergency control equipment to prevent interruption of sea-water flow, which could destroy months or years of research.

PRESIDENT NIXON TO VISIT

Prime Minister Trudeau announced on August 30 that President Nixon would visit Canada in the spring of 1972.

It will be recalled that Mr. Trudeau, on the occasion of his visit to Washington in the spring of 1969, invited the President to visit Canada. This invitation was accepted in principle, and it has now been agreed that Mr. Nixon will visit Canada early next year. As soon as a mutually-agreeable date has been determined, an announcement will be made.

OTTAWA-BEIRUT AIR PACT

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, recently announced that delegations from Lebanon and Canada had met in Ottawa on August 19 and 20 to discuss proposals relating to a bilateral air-transport agreement to govern commercial scheduled air-services between Canada and Lebanon.

It was agreed that further discussions would take place at an early date mutually satisfactory to the two governments.

The Lebanese delegation was headed by His Excellency Dr. Alif Gébara, Lebanese Ambassador to Canada; the head of the Canadian delegation was Mr. G. Morisset, chairman of the International Transport Policy Committee of the Canadian Transport Commission.