participation in the cultural institutions of the Commonwealth and the French-speaking nations; to diversify cultural exchanges towards some countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America.

The new five-year plan also reflects a new approach to cultural relations by Canadian authorities. First, a wider variety of activities are planned for the program of major cultural events, so that more countries can be reached and that Canadian artists and intellectuals can be more effectively assisted

in establishing closer ties with their foreign counterparts.

Secondly, in response to new needs, conventional exchanges will be supplemented by new programs such as inter-faculty exchanges in the academic field and youth exchanges in the socio-cultural field.

Thirdly, the new plan takes into account the findings of recent UNESCO studies in that it will place greater emphasis than in the past on the exchange of people, as opposed to the trading of cultural goods.

The Foundation for Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom

The Foundation for Canadian Studies in the United Kingdom was established in June 1974 under the chairmanship of Canada's High Commissioner in London, Jake Warren; the present High Commissioner and former Secretary of State for External Affairs, Paul Martin, became the chairman on his appointment to London.

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide a vehicle through which financial support can be mobilized to promote Canadian studies at institutions of higher learning in Britain.

The Canadian Government contributed a third of the Foundation's initial endowment of £180,000 (approximately \$360,000); the remaining funds were readily obtained from British and

Canadian private sources, "thanks largely to the efforts of Lord Amory", noted Mr. MacEachen.

Viscount Amory is a former Chancellor of the Exchequer and was Britain's High Commissioner to Ottawa in the early Sixties; he is at present chancellor of Exeter University.

The other original members of the board of directors are Lord Trend, rector of Oxford University's Lincoln College, John Elton, chairman of Alcan (U.K.), H.L. Fawcett (treasurer), assistant general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in London, H.A.R. Powell, board chairman of Massey Ferguson Holdings, and Alastair Down, board chairman of Burmah Oil. The secretary of the Foundation is Clarence Devine.

UN Human Settlements Conference - Commissioners appointed

The Prime Minister has announced the appointments of J.W. MacNeill as Canadian Commissioner-General of Habitat, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements to be held in Vancouver in 1976 and Dr. Hugh Keenleyside as Associate Commissioner-General.

Planning for the Conference, at which the Canadian Government is host, has been under way for the past two years. The Ministry of State for Urban Affairs has had the main responsibility for Canada's participation and Mr. MacNeill, as the Secretary of the Ministry during this period, has been closely involved in all of its planning.

The Department of External Affairs has been responsible for host-country arrangements. Both departments will

continue to provide full support to the new Commissioner-General.

In making the appointments, the Prime Minister stated: "Together, these two appointments provide a focus of leadership for Canada's preparations for Habitat at home and abroad."

Habitat '76 is expected to attract an attendance of more than 2,000 delegates representing more than 100 member countries of the United Nations. It will focus on the different approaches and solutions which are being applied to a wide range of human-settlement problems in various parts of the world. It is intended to provide an important forum for the exchange of information on these issues.

Mr. MacNeill was appointed Assistant Secretary, Policy and Research Branch,

Pay hikes for servicemen

New pay rates for Canadian servicemen will mean an average 13.8 percent increase for officers of the rank of colonel and below, and 14.4 per cent for non-commissioned ranks. The increases, which became effective October 1, are comparable in range to those granted recently to groups in the Public Service of Canada. Pay for the forces, since 1971, has been linked to that of similar occupations in the Public Service.

Increases for officers of general rank in the armed forces are granted at intervals other than those for the armed forces as a whole.

Some examples of monthly pay rates for the regular force are: private (untrained recruit) — \$450; corporal (radar technician with four years' rank) — \$1,166; warrant officer (clerk with two years' rank) — \$1,317; captain (logistics, with six years' rank) — \$1,715; and lieutenant-colonel (infantry, with two years' rank) \$ \$2,265.

Cargo ships to Algeria

The Export Development Corporation and the Bank of Montreal recently signed loan agreements totalling \$30.1 million to support the sale of two 17,000-ton dry cargo vessels built by Marine Industries Limited, of Sorel, Quebec, to Algeria. The buyer is the National Algerian Company of Navigation, which will put a downpayment of 30 per cent of the Canadian sale price. The balance will be financed by an EDC loan of \$21.07 million, corresponding to 49 per cent of the Canadian financing, and a Bank of Montreal loan of \$9.03 million, representing 21 per cent of the Canadian financing. The Bank will also provide financing for the period of construction.

at the Ministry in 1971. He has been Secretary since January 1974. He was a member of the Canadian delegation at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972.

Dr. Keenleyside has been a member of the Habitat National Committee since it was established.