

## Food aid to Portugal

Canada has completed its \$15-million food aid program for Portugal, Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald has announced.

The program, financed by Canadian International Development Agency grants, is Canada's contribution to the balance-of-payments support organized for Portugal by Western countries.

This year's shipment of 14,500 tons of wheat worth \$3.5 million, which was shipped to Portugal in September, together with 56,000 tons of wheat worth \$7.5 million sent in November 1977, and 25,000 tons worth \$4 million sent in November 1978, fulfils Canada's commitment.

## Economic prospects and energy discussed at Canada/EC meetings

Economic prospects for 1980, including possible trends in world trade and prospects for growth in Canada and Europe, were discussed by Canadian officials and representatives of the Commission of the European Communities (EC), in Ottawa, October 16 and 17.

The extent to which energy would influence patterns of economic growth and world trade was emphasized at the meeting. Canadian and EC officials also outlined the steps they would follow in implementing the agreements reached in the recent multilateral trade negotiations (MTN).

Both groups agreed that attaining satisfactory levels of economic growth with less growth in energy demand was a priority. They stressed a more rational use of energy by increased emphasis on ways to conserve energy throughout the economy, incorporating the results of research into new technology and rapid commercialization of alternative sources of energy.

Developments in the coal, oil, gas and uranium industries were assessed by Canadian officials and EC representatives spoke of the expanded role envisaged for coal and gas, and the work being done to encourage solar and geothermal energy. They emphasized the importance of nuclear energy in reducing their dependence on oil.

The Industrial Subcommittee reported on the progress in industrial co-operation

## Canada/Yugoslavia move towards increased trade



*At the initialing ceremony (from left to right), were: R.K. Rendall (rear), Deputy Chief Underwriter, Foreign Investment Guarantees; Nikola Jelic, Chief of Yugoslavian delegation, Senior Counsellor and Deputy Assistant, Federal Secretary of Finance; Mitko Calovski, Yugoslavian Ambassador to Canada; John A. MacDonald, EDC Chairman and President; B.A. Culham, Vice-President, Underwriting and Assessment.*

Canada and Yugoslavia recently initialled an agreement in principle that would foster increased trade and investment between the two countries.

The agreement in principle to conclude a bilateral agreement was initialled by Export Development Corporation (EDC) Chairman and President John A. MacDonald, on behalf of the Canadian Government and Nikola Jelic, Chief of Delegation, Senior Counsellor and Deputy Assistant, Federal Secretary of Finance, on behalf of the Yugoslavian Government. The initialing follows a visit to Yugoslavia by

between Canada and the EC. Representatives discussed a joint research project on greater energy efficiency in blast furnaces used in the production of steel. The project, announced last January, involved 26 blast furnaces in Europe and Canada.

The Canadian Government also indicated that it would train technical staff in the use of the "Energy Bus", which is designed and equipped to test the energy efficiency of industrial plants and suggest methods of energy conservation. Some EC member states have shown interest in installing their own version in Europe.

The delegation examined new developments in the non-ferrous metals and industrial processes and the implementation

Mr. MacDonald in May 1979.

Mr. MacDonald explained that the Yugoslavian Parliament must approve the text of the agreement before it is signed finally.

Bilateral agreements facilitate insurance of investments under EDC's foreign investment program which insures Canadian investors against loss of their overseas investments by reason of political action in the host country. The agreements are tied directly to the Canadian Foreign Investment Insurance Program administered by EDC.

of a comprehensive program established in 1978 for co-operation in the asbestos sector.

Separate meetings were held October 18 with provincial representatives to review the conditions under which alcoholic beverages exported from Europe to Canada are marketed and sold.

Another European mission at present visiting Canada until November 14, is meeting with Canadian businessmen to examine Canadian computer technology. The mission, which is travelling to Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto, could lead to marketing arrangements or joint ventures. A similar Canadian mission visited Europe in 1978.