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sides have it to their advantage to look at international problems in that same light too because we share the main objectives of liberty and justice”.

Agreements signed

During the President's visit, Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig also met for talks and to sign two agreements. They signed an agreement on the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD) and on social security. The defence agreement renewed co-operation in NORAD for a further five years allowing for long-term planning to modernize and modify surveillance systems for the defence of North America.

News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has announced that the new Veterans Affairs Headquarters Building, in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, will be known as the Daniel J. MacDonald Building in honour of the late Minister of Veterans Affairs. Upon completion in July of 1983, the Daniel J. MacDonald Building will serve as an active memorial to the former federal Cabinet minister. To commemorate the occasion, the Prime Minister presented Mrs. MacDonald with a bronze plaque in memory of her late husband.

Fisheries and Oceans Minister Roméo LeBlanc has announced the reinstatement of the salmon vessel buy-back program. Currently there are too many vessels participating in the salmon fishery, and the reinstatement of the buy-back program will help out some fishermen who

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The Canadian government said that following a review of the NORAD Agreement, it was in Canada's interest to cooperate with the United States on the question of North American defence, both as a means of dealing with mutual security problems and as a contribution to the security of the NATO area.

The two external affairs ministers also joined with federal Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin to sign a reciprocal social security agreement. The agreement will allow citizens of either country to claim full social security benefits if they have lived or worked in the other country at some period. The agreement ensures that where possible individuals will be able to contribute to the program of one country only rather than to both at the same time.

are experiencing severe financial problems following the past season of poor fishing and poor economic returns. The program will provide a market for fishermen wishing to sell their vessels and leave the industry at this difficult time.

Manitoba's minimum hourly wage will rise to \$3.55 on September 1, making it the fourth highest provincial minimum in Canada. In a two-stage rise, the minimum wage for employees 18 years and older will increase by 20 cents on March 1, to \$3.35 from the current \$3.15. It then goes up another 20 cents to \$3.55 on September 1.

Two Canadians have been elected to the board of directors of the International Association of Women and Home Page Journalists. May MacLean, a Montreal columnist, and Lily Tasso of *La Presse* in Montreal, were elected at the recent biennial congress of the association held in Bruges, Belgium. Ms. Tasso was also elected secretary general of the association.

Expenditures on mineral exploration in Manitoba in 1980 reached a new record of \$31 million — a record almost double the previous high of \$16.6 million reached in 1979, according to the provincial government. Provincial Energy and Mines Minister Don Craik said that the acreage explored was also up by a substantial 58.2 per cent. This was on top of a 45.2 per cent increase shown in 1979.

Brascan Brazil, the Brazilian division

of Brascan Limited, Toronto, has created a mining technology fund worth \$500,000 with the goal of promoting the transfer of technology in the field of non-ferrous mining from Canada to Brazil. The fund will carry on its activities through scholarships, seminars and courses for Brazilian engineers and technicians, with the participation of Canadian specialists.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of a financing agreement of \$3.8 million (Cdn.) to support the sale of road graders by Champion Road Machinery Limited of Goderich, Ontario to Colombia. The \$4.5-million (Cdn.) sale consists of 70 road graders and related spare parts. The buyer, the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation "Fondo Via Nacional" of Colombia, will use the units for road construction and maintenance.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has authorized the Agricultural Products Board to purchase up to 35,000 tons of surplus British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec cold storage McIntosh apples for processing. Favourable growing and harvesting weather resulted in a 1980 Canadian apple crop of 1.13 billion pounds, about 18 per cent above the 1979 level.

The number of Canadian births totalled 366,064 in 1979, an increase of 1.6 per cent from that reported in the previous year, according to Statistics Canada. The rate *per* 1,000 population was 15.5, an increase of 1.3 per cent from the 15.3 registered for 1978. Among the provinces, Alberta registered the highest birth rate (18.4) followed closely by Saskatchewan and Newfoundland (17.7).

The University of Alberta Golden Bears hockey team won a gold medal at the World University Games held recently in Jaca, Spain. The defending intercollegiate champions took the gold with a 6-1 victory over Finland. The Canadian team entered the final undefeated and ended up 4-0 in the five-team tournament.

Two Canadian Forces officers recently received awards from Queen Elizabeth in a ceremony at Buckingham Palace. Lieutenant-General René Gutknecht became the first member of the Canadian armed forces to receive Canada's top military medal from the Queen at the Palace. Lt.-Gen. Gutknecht became a Commander of the Order of Military Merit, while Major John Easson was made a member of the military division of the Order of the British Empire.