



Outside Holy Trinity Church, Sonsonate, headquarters of El Salvador's SOS Villages, Paul Loofs is flanked by Father Flavian (right) and Don Salvador, a director of the Sonsonate Children's Village.

for myself how well they are coming along; I also met the local officials personally, gaining some insight into the work of SOS International there; and last but not least I got another firsthand view of that part of Central America, meeting lots of ordinary people in the process, the way few travellers (or reporters) do these days.

Above all, I was left with the satisfaction of knowing that HORIZON and SOS Kinderdorf do a tremendous job, well deserving continued or increasing support."

### Trade group gets funding

The federal government will help simplify trade procedures to Canadian industry through a \$1.6-million contribution to the Canadian Organization for the Simplification of Trade Procedures (COSTPRO), Trade Minister Ed Lumley has announced.

The \$1.6 million will be provided to the organization by the Department of External Affairs over a two-year period. In addition, the responsibility for COSTPRO, set up by the federal government in 1972, is being transferred to the private sector under the aegis of the Canadian Export Association. COSTPRO was established to remove impediments in the form of information and procedural requirements in trade and transport.

COSTPRO showed that document preparation costs Canadians millions of dollars every year and causes unnecessary delays in 10-15 per cent of all shipments.

In addition, it was determined that reducing total transaction time by one day could result in savings of \$10 million a year on invested capital. To alleviate these problems the federal government in 1975 set up a secretariat and provided research funds for COSTPRO. Later that year the organization became a not-for-profit corporation of federal and provincial governments, associations and private companies with a voluntary board of directors and executive committee.

Since that time, COSTPRO's achievements have included: a standardized "one-write" export documentation system which saves companies up to 50 per cent in documentation preparation costs; trade message protocols for electronic data exchange; user performance specifications for computer/communications devices; and communications network specifications. Through collaboration with potential users, COSTPRO also researched and developed the hardware and software technology for a low-cost computer/communications device to enable the automated creation, filling, communication, and printing of trade forms and data. Users have indicated savings of 30 per cent in addition to those savings received from implementing COSTPRO's standardized forms.

### Conservation of scallops promoted

The Canadian and United States governments have agreed to a number of regulations to conserve the stock of scallops on Georges Bank on the east coast between the two countries.

Both countries agreed that better conservation methods must be put into practice if scallop stocks on Georges Bank are to be rebuilt.

"This is the first serious step," said Canadian Fisheries and Oceans Minister Roméo LeBlanc, "toward co-operation between the two countries in the east coast fisheries since extension of the fisheries jurisdiction".

Understandings reached include provision for implementation by both countries of a "40-meat per pound" rule. Canada, which has had the 40-meat per pound regulation and other scallop management regulations for many years, has agreed to continue it, and to phase in strict enforcement. The United States plan went into effect on May 15, 1982.

"We're naturally very pleased that the United States has adopted regulations to conserve this stock," said Mr. LeBlanc.

"This is an important step in saving the very lucrative scallop fishery."

Canada exports more than 80 per cent of its scallop catch to the United States and sold 10 454 tonnes with a value of close to \$100 million to that country in 1981.

A Canadian scallop export certification program will also be implemented in which every shipment of scallops for export from Canada will be accompanied by a Canadian government certificate indicating that the scallops were caught subject to Canadian laws and regulations.

The boundary dispute on Georges Bank between the two countries has been referred to the International Court of Justice at the Hague, with a decision expected by 1984.

### Former head of intelligence receives new appointment

Sir William Stephenson has been appointed the first colonel commandant of the intelligence branch of the Canadian Armed Forces and will act as an adviser to the National Defence Headquarters staff on matters of significance to the branch as well as a liaison between regular and intelligence units.

The position of colonel commandant of a branch is an honorary appointment granted to a retired senior officer. The three-year appointment of Sir William, announced by the Chief of Defence Staff, General Ramsey Withers begins on October 1.

Sir William, who is now 86, was born in Winnipeg and began serving in the First World War with the Royal Canadian Engineers. He later joined the Royal Flying Corps and became an ace with 27 victories to his credit and was awarded both the Military Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

During the Second World War he became the personal representative of Prime Minister Winston Churchill to the British Security Co-ordination Committee. Code-named "Intrepid", he headed British intelligence efforts, including the training of agents at Camp X near Oshawa, Ontario. He is now retired and living in Bermuda.

The Canadian Forces Intelligence Branch has been part of the Security Branch since 1970, but will be reconstituted as a separate branch on October 29, the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the Canadian Intelligence Corps.