

of the market potential in Nigeria a number of business missions have been or soon will be travelling between the two countries. These include two Quebec sales missions and an incoming mission from the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce.

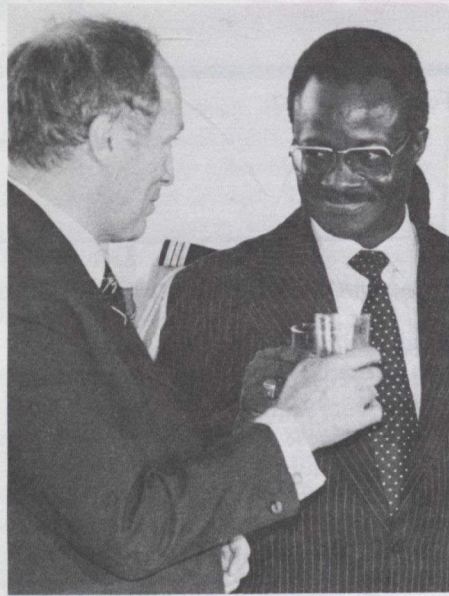
Canadian exports to Nigeria totalled \$50 million in 1979 with consulting services estimated at an additional \$20 million. In 1980 exports were expected to rise to almost \$100 million. Major Canadian exports are: evaporated milk, red spring wheat, aluminium, asbestos, zinc, steel and assorted machinery.

In addition, Mr. Shagari expressed Nigeria's appreciation for assistance by Canadian government officials and volunteers. About 600 Canadians are working in volunteer projects throughout Nigeria and about 1,500 Nigerian students are studying in Canada.

Aid to Senegal

Prime Minister Trudeau also visited Maiduguri in Borno State, Nigeria before leaving for Dakar to meet with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf and Prime Minister Habib Thiam.

Following his meeting with the Senegalese President, Mr. Trudeau announced that the new international arm of Petro-Canada would be willing to help Senegal search for oil or other energy sources. Prime Minister Trudeau said that he hoped the Senegalese would prepare proposals for Petro-Canada's international



Prime Minister Trudeau (left) toasts Prime Minister Habib Thiam during his visit to Dakar.

affiliate, which will be authorized to spend up to \$250 million over the next five years in helping developing countries cope with their energy problems. Under the program, the Canadian Crown corporation will undertake exploration in developing countries without claiming a share of any discoveries.

Mr. Trudeau also announced that Canada would immediately arrange an emergency supply of grain worth \$5 million to help ease food shortages in Senegal. The Prime Minister also said that Canada would double its \$10-million contribution towards an \$800-million dam project on the Senegal River.

Canada comes after France as Senegal's second biggest partner in bilateral co-operation. Canadian projects are chiefly in the fields of fisheries, agriculture, advanced technological training, public health and energy, and they represent annual expenditures of about \$10 million.

The Senegalese government has expressed its interest in Canadian investment in Senegal. The Senegalese government has welcomed Canadian participation in each Dakar International Fair and the Canadian government is supporting Canadian firms interested in conducting industrial co-operation projects with Senegalese partners.

Brazilian visit

Prime Minister Trudeau then travelled to Brazil. In Brasilia, he held a day of talks with President João Baptista de Oliveira

Figueiredo and Foreign Minister Ramiro Saraiva Guerreiro.

Mr. Trudeau also visited Sao Paulo to promote Canadian-Brazilian trade. "The strongest and the healthiest nations have been damaged by recession, inflation and unemployment. The weakest and the poorest countries are forced to direct their efforts not to growth but to mere survival," said Mr. Trudeau in an address to 600 businessmen.

He added that developing a new world economic order would be a "long hard struggle. In today's world, interdependence is no longer a slogan of international dialogue, but an important fact of the life of us all".

Mr. Trudeau said Brazil's growing strength in world affairs required it to play a leading role in restructuring economic relations between rich and poor nations.

The Prime Minister said he was satisfied

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Prime Minister Trudeau (left) meets Brazilian President João Baptista de Oliveira Figueiredo.

with Brazil-Canada relations. On the subject of Canadian trade, Mr. Trudeau referred to Brascan's involvement in Brazil along with the presence of other Canadian companies such as Alcan Aluminium Limited, Massey-Ferguson Limited and Seagram Company Limited, which account for much of Canada's \$1 billion of direct investment in Brazil. Canadian chartered banks have also lent an estimated \$4 billion to Brazilian concerns.

Brazil is Canada's largest market in Latin America and ranked twelfth among all destinations for Canadian merchandise

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Children greet Mr. Trudeau during his visit to Gorée Island, Senegal.