

speaking engagements. In order to develop relations with foreign information media and influential circles abroad, journalists and "opinion-formers" are invited to Canada for briefings and familiarization tours. The Information Services Division also undertakes special projects such as "Canada Weeks", multi-media projects illustrating particular events, public relations projects developed round major policy themes, development of the public relations aspects of ministerial visits abroad and the celebration of important anniversaries and international events.

The *Public Relations Division* has both a domestic and an international focus. It provides Canadian missions abroad, generally and selectively, with background and policy-related information that can be used by the posts to promote Canadian objectives. Domestically, and in association with other divisions within the Department of External Affairs, this division co-operates with groups and with individuals interested in foreign-policy questions and the activities of the Department, provides basic information on foreign-policy issues, and advises other divisions on the public-relations aspects of policy recommendations and developments. It is also responsible for national and international sports liaison and for national public-relations activities related to Canada's membership in or association with, NATO, the United Nations, the European Community and the Commonwealth.

The *World Exhibitions Program* is concerned with liaison with and representation at the International Bureau of Exhibitions in Paris. It co-ordinates the handling of invitations to take part in world exhibitions, determines interdepartmental interest and makes recommendations. It also provides for the organization and direction of Canadian participation in world exhibitions.

The *Historical Division* is responsible for the archive activities of the Department, for historical work in the realm of foreign affairs, and for the preparation of background material on international issues for use in the Department. The division deals with requests from scholars studying Canada's external relations for access to departmental records and assists them in their research when possible. It also conducts the Department's program of oral history.

One of the major tasks of this division is the compilation and editing of state papers in the continuing series entitled *Documents on Canadian External Relations*, seven volumes of which have already