

nationality question in order to determine, and agree upon, the extent of protection and assistance dual national Canadians would be entitled to receive under certain conditions when temporarily in their country of other nationality. As a number of the matters under negotiation fall within the competence of the provinces in Canada, their concurrence or views were sought on the contents of the proposed conventions with Hungary and Romania. Consular consultations on a broad range of issues were also held with Mexico, Italy, Czechoslovakia and the USSR in the course of 1981.

#### The consular awareness program

The Department continued efforts to inform the Canadian travelling public of precautions which could be taken to make their trips abroad as pleasant and trouble-free as possible. A 1981 edition of Bon Voyage, But... was published and some 650,000 copies were distributed through regional passport offices across Canada, at posts abroad and at headquarters. A new film sponsored by the Department on consular assistance to Canadians was completed late in the year and plans were made for its wide distribution through television and cinema showings. Officials of the Department provided information and analysis to members of the media and press in the course of interviews and briefings both on general aspects affecting international travellers and on specific situations, as well as on the assistance and other services which can be provided to Canadians abroad by posts.

#### Consular policy for the '80s

The Department undertook a major examination of Canada's consular policies and practices as envisaged in the present decade in light of the changing domestic and international environments affecting Canadians travelling or residing abroad. As a result of this examination recommendations will be made on desirable improvements in our policies and practices to cope with expected changes in the coming years.

#### Immigration

On March 20, 1980, the Prime Minister directed that, to better achieve Canadian foreign policy objectives abroad, there be a major consolidation of the foreign service and program operations. On April 1, responsibility for delivery of immigration programs abroad was transferred to the Department of External Affairs. This transfer brought to the Department not only a responsibility for the delivery of a wide range of immigrant and refugee programs which reflect Canada's economic, social and humanitarian interests but also a responsibility to achieve these programs within the framework of global immigration policy objectives. These objectives, set out in the Immigration Act 1976, provide for the reunification of families; the fulfillment of Canada's international obligations with respect to refugees; the fostering of economic growth by the selection of skilled workers and entrepreneurs; and the protection, safety and good order of Canadian society.