

Minister of Finance Allan MacEachen announced May 27 that "letters patent establishing the fifth group of foreign bank subsidiaries under the Bank Act" were issued that day. The ten new banks brought the total number of foreign bank subsidiaries in Canada to fifty-seven.

Grain Exports

Senator Hazen Argue, the minister responsible for the Wheat Board, announced in his annual report that Canada exported a record \$5.6 billion in grain during the 1980-1981 crop year. The figures represented a forty-four percent increase over the previous record (*Globe and Mail*, May 5).

Singapore Trade Exhibits

Participation in Singapore trade exhibits during 1981 have been largely responsible for 145 Canadian companies "breaking into" South East Asian markets. An External Affairs press release May 5 stated that during 1981, Canadian firms participated in nine trade shows and four industry missions in Singapore in a campaign initiated by federal trade officials. Canadian companies will continue to exhibit in Singapore trade shows through 1982.

Fishing Industry

A meeting of the Fisheries Council of Canada in Halifax in early May heard speeches which identified several reasons for the ailments facing the Canadian fishing industry (*Globe and Mail*, May 4). Some of them were international. Tariffs against Canadian fish are one cause of concern, according to Council president Kenneth Campbell. The Council believed that international cooperation in marketing would be desirable, although it frowned on direct government involvement, the *Globe and Mail* stated.

The Fisheries Council also heard a report by George Jasper of the Canadian Fishing Co. Ltd. of Vancouver concerning the falloff in European salmon sales. The *Globe and Mail* article said that poor sales of B.C. salmon in Europe followed the discovery of dangerous bacteria in US salmon exported to Belgium. Canadian fishing industry representatives went to Britain during the first week in May to resolve the uncertainties caused by the scare which had led British health officials to review their position on canned salmon imports from all parts of North America. Better marketing techniques and tougher quality control would boost Canada's international fish sales, the Council was told.

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CIDA Speech

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) helped launch International Week (May 3-9) in Montreal with a call for solidarity among all people working to increase cooperative exchanges with developing coun-

tries. In a speech at Complex Desjardins in Montreal, François Pouliot, Director General of CIDA's Francophone Africa Division, explained that CIDA's priorities have shifted away from economic infrastructure projects toward health, education and human relationships programs. Mr. Pouliot stressed that CIDA's new emphasis is on projects supported by non-governmental and institutional organizations, according to a CIDA press release on May 3.

Disaster Relief

Figures released by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) on April 30 show that Canada contributed \$26.7 million to humanitarian and emergency relief efforts in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1981. This represents a twenty-seven percent increase over the previous fiscal year.

A CIDA news release May 3 stated that Canada is providing \$85,000 for disaster relief in Bolivia, Morocco and Tonga. The funds will be made available to the League of Red Cross Societies through CIDA.

CIDA news releases May 21 and May 25 announced the approval of a further \$150,000 for disaster relief. Fifty-thousand dollars will be provided to give emergency relief to flood victims in the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen. One-hundred-thousand dollars will be provided for water-system repairs in Tonga, which was hit by a cyclone March 2 and 3.

IMMIGRATION

Refugees

Canada's refugee intake policy was described to the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration by Employment and Immigration Minister Lloyd Axworthy April 1. Canada has responded, and will continue to respond to the international problem posed by increasing numbers of refugees, Mr. Axworthy said. He stated that the level of refugee intake for 1982 will be 14,000, originating as follows: Eastern Europe, 6,000; Indo-China, 4,000; Latin America and the Caribbean, 1,000; Africa, 500; Middle East, 400; other world areas, 100. There is also a contingency reserve of 2,000. Mr. Axworthy told the Committee that in 1982, the main problem areas will continue to be Eastern Europe and Latin America.

Mr. Axworthy stated that there are at least 50,000 Poles in refugee camps in Europe, mainly in Austria. Private sponsorship of the Polish self-exiles will increase the numbers set by the Canadian Government. Austrian Minister of the Interior Edwin Lanc, who was in Ottawa April 20, told reporters at a press conference that he hopes Canada will move to ease the plight of the refugees in Austria who have been waiting nine months or more for resettlement (*Globe and Mail*, April 21). Mr. Axworthy announced the same day that Canada was considering ways to expedite the processing of Poles waiting to come to Canada from the refugee camps. Mr. Axworthy said that Canada might