

LOAN TO ALGERIA

The Canadian Government is making an interest-free loan of \$500,000 to Algeria for economic and technical studies, Mr. Mitchell Sharp, Secretary of State for External Affairs, has announced. The loan agreement was signed by the Canadian Ambassador in Berne, James A. Roberts, and Algeria's Director of Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Layachi Yaker.

The 50-year, loan is one of the commitments made by the Canadian economic development mission to French-speaking Africa led by Mr. Lionel Chevrier. Reimbursement of the loan begins in ten years time.

The funds will be used in part for studies of school-construction methods, fish refrigeration and the conservation of Algeria's forest reserves. Other studies, yet to be designated, will also be financed from this loan.

The first of the proposed studies will concern the acceleration of school construction through the use of Canadian work-site management and organization and by the adaptation of Canadian prefabrication techniques. The study of fish refrigeration will involve the adaptation of Canadian installations and technical processes. The third area of study will be the conservation and renewal of forests in northern Algeria. Here, Canada's experience in the forestry industry will be put to good use as well as Canadian equipment and services. The training of Algerians in forest management and conservation will also be studied.

MONTREAL-OSAKA - BY 'CYCLE

Claude Dubé accompanied by 70 girls, left from the Man and His World exhibition in Montreal, for Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan, on June 17.

There might seem to be nothing unusual in such a trip in this age of increasing international travel, but Mr. Dubé and his companions, after a departure ceremony, at the Quebec pavillion, are making the trip by bicycle!

Dubé, who has been working for several months on the project, found the 70 girls - seven from each province - and made the arrangements with Kiyoshi Kimura, director of the New York office of Expo 70. He obtained financial support from several sponsors and, through Secretary of State Gérard Pelletier, he received a grant of \$5,000 towards the venture from the Canadian Government. He also has been assured of the full co-operation of a Japanese cycling organization, which will give him as many bicycles as he requires when his party arrives there.

Dubé, who has been doing this kind of thing for a long time, started in 1965 in Vancouver when, having seen the film *Around the World in 80 Days*, based on the Jules Verne book, he decided to do the same sort of thing by bicycle.

His first trip, from Vancouver, with \$5 in his

pocket, was a tour of Canada's ten provinces. By the time he arrived in St. John's, Newfoundland, a year later, he had cycled 8,200 miles and met former Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, seven provincial premiers and 200 mayors.

SUPPLIES ON-THE-SPOT

During the long trip to Osaka, the cyclists will be accompanied by an autobus which will serve as an office and will have such facilities as a mobile telephone for emergencies, a diesel generator, and a loudspeaker system. Also part of the caravan will be two trucks and a trailer that will carry food, tents, sleeping bags and other necessities and which will include a cafeteria, showers, wash basins and toilets.

On their arrival in Tokyo, the group will be met by five young Japanese who will accompany them to Osaka and will act as guides.

The trip will take ten months and the Canadians hope to arrive at the Osaka exhibition on its opening day, March 15, 1970. By that time, they will have cycled at the rate of 25 miles a day, some 5,000 miles, including 1,500 miles in Japan.

CANADIAN PHONES IN HAITI

The Haiti Telecommunications Company, which is implementing an expansion programme associated with increased tourism and industry, recently signed a supply agreement worth \$300,000 with Northern Electric Company of Canada for telephone sets including CONTEMPRA phones, outside plant, power plant, tools, wire, and switchboard equipment. Further orders are expected.

Canadian interests have bought control of the Haiti Telecommunications Company, making considerable capital available for expansion. With heavy tourist traffic and increased business, Haiti is extending North American style telephone service to its hotels and businesses. The same Canadian interest also owns the national and international telegraph service.

STUDY OF SEX OFFENDERS

Canada's first "in-depth" study of dangerous sexual offenders is now in its second year at the British Columbia Penitentiary under the direction of Dr. A.M. Marcus, head of the section on forensic psychiatry and assistant professor of psychiatry at the University of B.C. "No group of law-breakers," says Dr. Marcus, "offers more intractable problems to society than those who have been designated dangerous sexual offenders. Facing indefinite imprisonment and the slimmest chance of parole, their rock-bottom status within the prison means subjection to verbal and physical abuse by other inmates."

Since November 1967, Dr. Marcus and Chris