

### Prime Minister Clark comments on Palestinian problem

Prime Minister Joe Clark said in a CBC television interview on October 8 that the grievances of the Palestinian people were legitimate and that Canada would be prepared with certain conditions, to consider the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as their spokesman.

"I think that there is no question that Palestinian grievances have to be recognized as legitimate," said Mr. Clark.

"The problem," he said, "has to be to find a group that can speak with authority on behalf of the Palestinians. In my view with two conditions, we could be prepared to consider the PLO as that group."

"Those two conditions would be that they would renounce violence and terrorism as an instrument and secondly, that they would, without any equivocation or condition, recognize the right to exist of the State of Israel," said Mr. Clark.

The Prime Minister added that he would not "close the eyes of Canada to considering any option that respected the integrity of the State of Israel" and that would encourage peace and stability in the Middle East.

### UNESCO meeting in Ottawa

The Canadian Commission for UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) held a symposium in Ottawa, from October 1-5 on the theme of "improving the contribution of the mass media to adult education".

The meeting, which was part of UNESCO's regular international program in education for 1979-1980, was one of several organized throughout the world. UNESCO Director-General, Amadou Mahtar M'Bow, opened the symposium from the organization's international secretariat in Paris by means of the satellite *Symphonie*.

The purpose of the symposium was to examine the contribution of radio and television to adult education, and to make recommendations on the optimum use of radio and television in adult education programs. Emphasis was placed on teaching and improving professional skills, encouraging public participation in cultural life, promoting the participation of

users in the selection and production of programs, and developing a critical understanding of social and cultural issues at the national and international levels.

Twenty experts from different countries attended the meeting. Among these were: Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah, former Deputy Director General of UNESCO, Member of the Parliament of India and Chairman of the Madras Institute of Development Studies, India; Dr. Musari Al-Rawi, Director of the Arab Literacy and Adult Education Organization Baghdad, Iraq; Francis Billot-Piot, technical adviser on educational television, Ministry of Education, Abidjan, Ivory Coast; Dr. Mario Cabral, former Minister of Education, and now Commissar for rural development, Guinea-Bissau; Professor John Cairns, former head of UNESCO's adult education and literacy programs, and now Director of the Centre for International Programs, University of Guelph, Canada; Francisco José da Silveira Lobo Neto, Director of the Centre for Educational Technology, Secretariat of Education and Culture of Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil and Akio Nishiyama, Manager of the School Broadcasting Program Group, Radio Japan NHK, Tokyo, Japan. Observers from the International Council for Adult Education and from a number of Canadian agencies also attended.

The conclusions and recommendations of the symposium will be forwarded to UNESCO's international secretariat for use in planning the organization's programs and will provide background information for its specialists round the world.

### Canadian assistance to Caribbean

Canada has pledged \$10 million in bilateral development assistance to the Commonwealth Caribbean, Secretary of State for External Affairs Flora MacDonald and Minister of State for the Canadian International Development Agency Martial Asselin have announced.

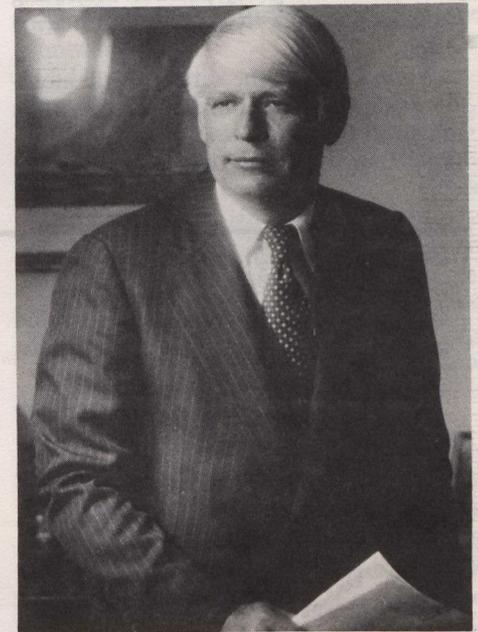
These pledges constitute Canada's contribution under the Caribbean Group for Co-operation in Economic Development (CGCED). The CGCED was established in 1978 under World Bank auspices to coordinate and strengthen external assistance to the Caribbean, and for reviewing national and regional activities related to economic development. The second annual meeting of the group was held in Washington in June.

Canada's pledges are:

- \$7 million for Jamaica comprising: \$4 million of a commodity line of credit to be disbursed between now and June 30, 1980; and \$3-million special loan for food to be disbursed between now and June 30, 1980. This pledge will also count as Canada's contribution to the "Friends of Jamaica" group (chaired by Britain) for bilateral balance-of-payments support to that country.
- \$1.5 million for the Leeward and Windward Islands for new projects with disbursements between now and June 30, 1980.
- \$1.5 million to Barbados for a new project with disbursements starting after April 1, 1980.

Canada is one of the leading bilateral donors to the Commonwealth Caribbean. Since the mid-1960s, over \$200 million in Canadian assistance has been disbursed to the region. About \$28.5 million bilateral economic assistance and \$7 million for a special food loan were provided in 1978-79.

### New U.S. Ambassador to Canada



Kenneth Curtis, the new U.S. Ambassador to Canada presented his credentials to Governor-General Edward Schreyer on October 5. Mr. Curtis, a former governor of Maine, has been a member of the Canada-U.S. International Joint Commission for the last year. He replaces Thomas Enders, who has been reassigned in Europe.