

G.D.R. presented his credentials in February and Canada's first Ambassador to the G.D.R. presented his credentials in May. Both representatives were non-resident, the G.D.R. Ambassador in Washington being accredited to Ottawa and the Canadian Ambassador in Warsaw accredited to the G.D.R.

In May, Mrs Campagnolo met senior sports officials in the G.D.R. to discuss further co-operation. A Canadian Government delegation later attended the Leipzig National Sports Festival at the invitation of the G.D.R.

In June, a Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs participated in the first Canada-G.D.R. political consultations, in the German Democratic Republic. In October, a bilateral fisheries agreement was signed, providing for continued fishing by G.D.R. vessels in areas under Canadian jurisdiction; the agreement also recognized the special interest of Canada, including the needs of Canadian coastal communities, in fisheries resources in the area beyond and immediately adjacent to the 200-mile zone. In December, Canadian postal officials went to the G.D.R. to conclude a parcel-post arrangement.

Exchanges with Czechoslovakia during 1977 included the visit to Prague in May of a Deputy Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs for talks with Czechoslovak officials. In September, during his attendance at the ICAO session in Montreal, Czechoslovakia's Deputy Minister of Transport, Josef Dykast, visited Ottawa to meet with Canadian transport officials. His visit was followed in October by that of Josef Jakubec, Vice-Minister of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade. In November an arrangement was worked out to further business representation in Czechoslovakia and Canada.

The McGill Chamber Orchestra performed in Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, in December and in the same month the internationally-acclaimed Laterna Magika of Prague helped prepare productions by the Young People's Theatre of Toronto.

A series of exchanges of visits took place between Canada and Hungary, beginning with the visit in May to Budapest of Fitness and Amateur Sport Minister Campagnolo to determine in what areas, such as sports

exchanges, the two countries might co-operate. The visit of Minister of State for Urban Affairs, André Ouellet, to Budapest in June, led to the conclusion of a ministerial agreement to co-operate in various aspects of urban affairs. In October, the Hungarian Minister of Agriculture, Dr Pal Romany, visited Canada and signed a memorandum of understanding on animal health. During the autumn, a group of Canadian Parliamentarians visited Hungary.

The Chief Statistician of Canada, Dr Kirkham, went to Hungary in July, and his counterpart at the Hungarian Central Statistical Office, Dr Jozsef Balint, came to Ottawa in September. Government officials of both countries exchanged views on Hungarian proposals for implementing the CSCE Final Act as it applied to Canadian-Hungarian relations. They also discussed trade during consultations in April.

Negotiations continued during 1977 between Romanian and Canadian officials on nuclear co-operation. In October Mr Jamieson signed a nuclear-safeguards agreement in Ottawa, laying the foundation for other agreements that are expected to lead to the purchase of Canadian nuclear technology and equipment by Romania. In addition to conducting the nuclear negotiations, Romanian Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Constantin Stanciu came to Ottawa in July for the annual trade consultations between the two countries. The Romanian Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Vasile Gliga, visited Canada in October for consultations on bilateral and multilateral issues.

Progress in the development of Canada's relations with Bulgaria was marked by the conclusion in September of a fisheries agreement, which was signed by Mr Jamieson and Bulgarian Foreign Minister Mladenov. In September, a group of Canadian Parliamentarians took part in the International Parliamentary Union Conference in Sofia.

The expansion of Canadian-Yugoslav relations featured several visits by Canadian ministers and Members of Parliament to Yugoslavia.