

The program of distributing books about Canada or by Canadian authors to national and university libraries in other countries was continued. Forty-three collections, averaging 150 carefully-selected titles in both English and French, were presented to such institutions in 38 countries. It is the intention that each recipient shall, as a result of annual donations over a five-year period, possess a reasonable collection of *Canadians*. Special donations are made from time to time to a university that gives a course on some aspect of Canadian life. The Department has continued to collaborate with the Canada Council in the distribution abroad of books purchased by the Council as part of its program of assistance to Canadian publishers. Once again, representatives of associations of Canadian publishers received grants from the Department to enable them to participate in major annual book fairs such as those held in Brussels and Frankfurt.

Academic and youth exchange

Canada's interest and involvement in the academic and educational areas abroad are constantly developing. Canadian universities are continually extending their ties with those in other parts of the world and a greater number of Canadian scholars are being invited to lecture abroad. More and more individual exchanges of academics are being arranged. As the problems of education become more complex, greater efforts are being made to find solutions at the international level. This section facilitates the participation of Canadian authorities and private persons in international meetings devoted to different aspects of education. To

this end, the Department continues to assure Canadian participation in organizations such as the Education Committee of the OECD, UNESCO and Commonwealth agencies, and co-ordinates Canadian participation in meetings of experts, working groups and more formal conferences under their auspices. One example is the OECD Conference on Post-Secondary Education held in Paris in June. Canadian experts are also preparing, in consultation with the OECD Secretariat, a study on educational policies in Canada. This section also provides liaison with other governments and organizations such as the Council of Ministers of Education, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and private agencies involved in educational matters.

Another important function is the co-ordination of reciprocal scholarship programs with a number of countries such as Germany, Belgium, China, Finland, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the U.S.S.R. and the scholarship programs of the Commonwealth and NATO. Under these bilateral and multilateral programs, approximately 300 research and study scholarships were granted in 1973. The program is carried out in close association with the Canada Council, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and the Royal Society of Canada. In addition, more than 20 Canadian university professors invited to teach in foreign universities received travel grants from the Department, while about the same number of young Canadian

Canadian teachers work in many lands under CIDA exchange program. Here John Brait instructs in a workshop of the Barbados Polytechnical Institute. (CIDA Photo)

