

- The Government's intention to seek diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China was announced in May 1968. After reviewing the alternatives for achieving that end, the Government decided the details of how and where to proceed, and did so. That action was linked with the Government's desire to give more emphasis to Pacific affairs generally.
- At the same time the Government announced that it would give speedy and favourable consideration to the creation of the International Development Research Centre in Canada. Appropriate legislative action has been taken to establish this institute, which will seek to apply the latest advances in science and technology to the problems of international development. This signifies the Government's growing concern, both nationally and internationally, with policies relating to social justice and environmental problems.
- The decision on Canada's future military contribution to NATO was taken after a very exhaustive examination of factors and trends in Europe (discussed in the sector paper on Europe), attitudes in Canada, and alternatives ranging from non-alignment or neutrality in world power relationships to increased involvement in collective defence arrangements. The decision was based on the Government's belief that in years to come there would be better uses for the Canadian forces and better political means of pursuing foreign policy objectives than through continued military presence in Europe of the then-existing size. It was part of an emerging view that the Government must seek to make the best use of Canada's available resources, which were recognized as being not unlimited.
- Other decisions, some taken more recently, reflected increasingly the shift of policy emphasis toward the policy pattern which has now been established. The increased interest and activity in *francophone* countries is not only reflected in the extension of Canada's development assistance programmes but also demonstrates a desire to give full expression to bilingualism and to the technological and cultural achievements of Canada.
- The decisions to block the proposed sale of Denison Mines stock and to establish the Canadian Radio and Television Commission reflected the Government's awareness of the ever-present need to safeguard Canada's independence and identity, while pursuing policies of economic growth and cultural development. Discus-