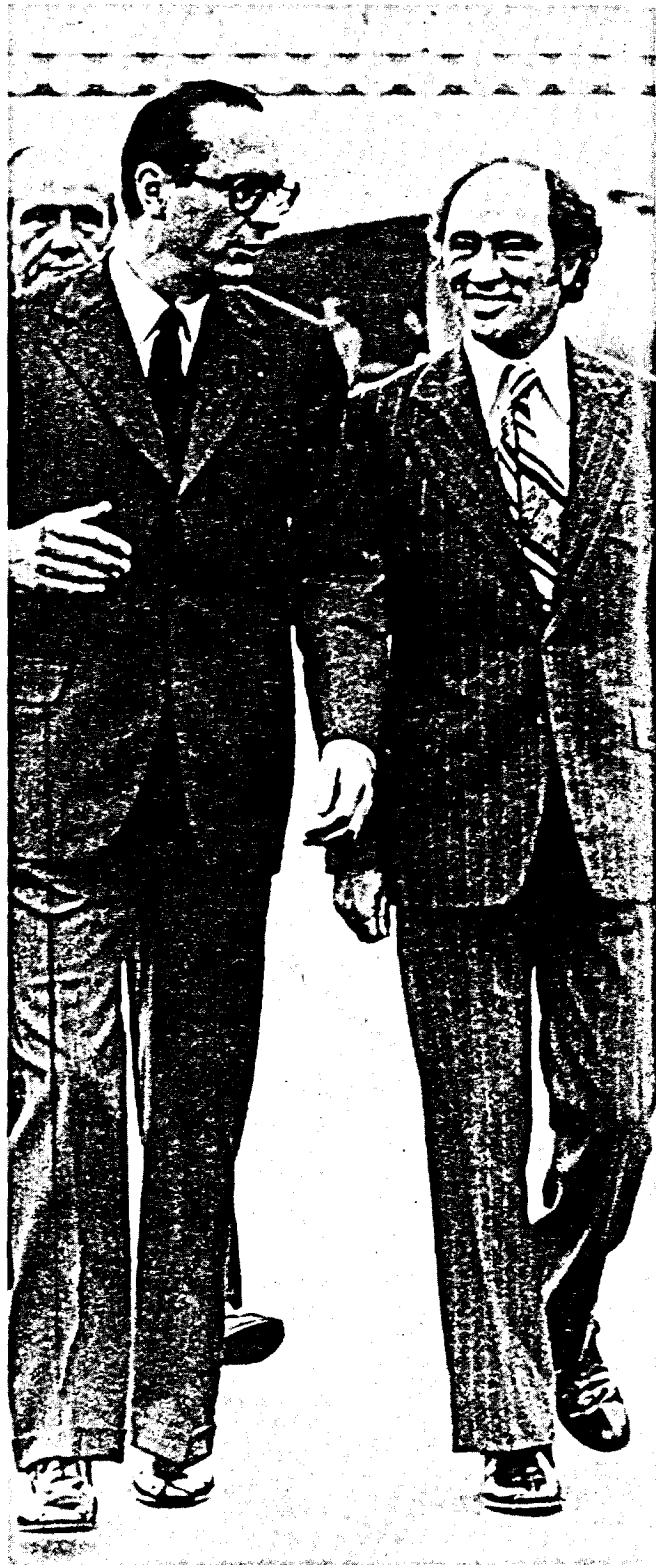

international conferences dealing with subjects of direct provincial concern.

In 1974 the division helped set up at the Canadian Embassy in Washington a Provincial Interests Section which co-ordinates provincial activities there and provides certain services for the provinces. These include preparation for visits of provincial officials to Washington and forwarding to the provincial governments information and analyses relative to whatever pending legislation and activities of the U.S. Government are likely to affect provincial interests. In this context the division continued its work on several subjects of major concern to the provinces such as the passage of U.S. oil tankers through west coast waters, the clean-up of the waters of the Great Lakes, and the Garrison Dam irrigation project. It also helped to co-ordinate arrangements for a number of visits, including those to Europe of Premier Bourassa of Quebec and Premier Davis of Ontario and the visit to Japan and China of Premier Barrett of British Columbia. It also facilitated the visits to several provincial capitals of Prime Ministers Amir-Abbas Hoveyda of Iran and Olof Palme of Sweden. The division also assisted in arranging for provincial participation in a number of international conferences, notably the Caracas Conference on the Law of the Sea, the Bucharest Conference on World Population and the Rome Food Conference. The federal and provincial governments also co-operated in bringing into force certain international agreements. Provincial representatives had the opportunity as well of taking part in the second consultative meeting held within the framework of the Canadian-German Agreement for Scientific and Technical Co-operation.



*French Premier Jacques Chirac chats with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau after his arrival at Orly Field.
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