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A time for co-operation and unity of purpose

The Government's intention to continue wage and price controls through the early part of 1978 was announced in the Speech from the Throne read by Queen Elizabeth opening the third session of Canada's Thirtieth Parliament on October 18, the day before she left Canada after her silver jubilee visit. The Queen and Prince Philip were greeted by an estimated crowd of 10,000 on arrival at Parliament Hill in an open landau escorted by a troop of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The Speech also pointed out that, in the new era which Canada was entering, tension and division or co-operation and unity of purpose was a choice that must be made "by every citizen every day".

An orderly process of decontrol, together with the creation of a monitoring agency will follow the lifting of wage and price controls (see statement by Finance Minister Jean Chrétien on P. 3).

Highlights

Among other proposals contained in the Speech were:

- Introduction of tax-reduction and investment-incentive legislation to stimulate the economy and reduce unemployment.
- Amendment of the Criminal Code to assure the right of accused persons to be tried in the official language of their choice.
- The convening of a national food conference for governments, producers, consumers and the food industry to develop a food strategy.
- The naming of an *ombudsman* to deal with complaints arising from the administration of the Federal Government.
- Proposed measures to improve the national transportation system.
- Endeavours by the Government to help provinces provide constitutional reform proposals to safeguard fundamental rights and freedoms that should be enjoyed by all Canadians.

The Government will also introduce measures to enhance exports and, in co-

operation with the provinces, it hopes to bring in a revised Social Services Act.

National unity

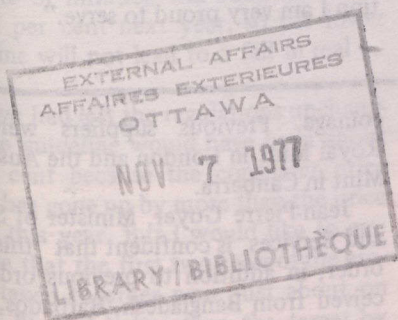
The Speech contained the following passages on national unity:

"So pervasive are economic influences on people's daily lives that failure to secure economic stability and justice would, in itself, stimulate a sense of alienation, mutual hostility, and divisiveness among Canadians. In the context of the current national unity debate, therefore, it is imperative that feelings of linguistic or cultural inequality not be allowed to be further poisoned by evidence of economic injustice. Conversely, there is no doubt that the level of uncertainty evident in Quebec has a negative effect on the economy.

"Few countries are as blessed as Canada, where a wealth of freedom and of this world's goods is apparent for all to see. Perhaps only those who have come here from less fortunate lands can appreciate to the full the great good fortune of living in a country so favoured by nature, and so enriched by its cultural diversity.

"Even in the midst of plenty, however, there are Canadians who know they are not receiving their fair share. To cite just one example, in those parts of the Atlantic Provinces, where unemployment is particularly severe, some see themselves as an excluded group, able to gaze upon the good life only from a distance. There are many living in the West who have contributed much to Canada, yet believe their voice is little heard by others. There are many living in Quebec who feel deeply that Canada at present does not provide them with the opportunity to fulfil their reasonable aspirations. There are native peoples across the land who are still in search of a better life for themselves and their children.

"This discontent in such a wealthy country must find its causes in the human spirit, and it is there also that the unity of



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the nation must be found. A greater willingness to listen to each other, to understand each other's needs, a greater generosity between individuals and between different parts of the country, a greater willingness to sacrifice so that others may have a chance, to take less so that others may have enough — all these are in the realm of the spirit. All are essential to the unity of the country. Governments, of course, have a special responsibility to both encourage and respond to the spirit of unity by their words and their actions. Canadians are, I believe, coming to recognize the need to make a new and deeper dedication to mutual understanding and sharing.

"The Government dedicates itself profoundly to the re-discovery of the spirit of unity. It wishes to learn from all who are interested in Canada and who have thoughts on how it can be made a better place in which to live. It is prepared, particularly, to work with the governments of the provinces, all of whom have a vital interest in a better Canada.

"The Government recently appointed the Task Force on Canadian Unity which is now in the process of canvassing opinion in all parts of Canada. The work of the task force should assist Canadians to participate more actively in debate, and to make a greater contribution to the future shaping of the country.

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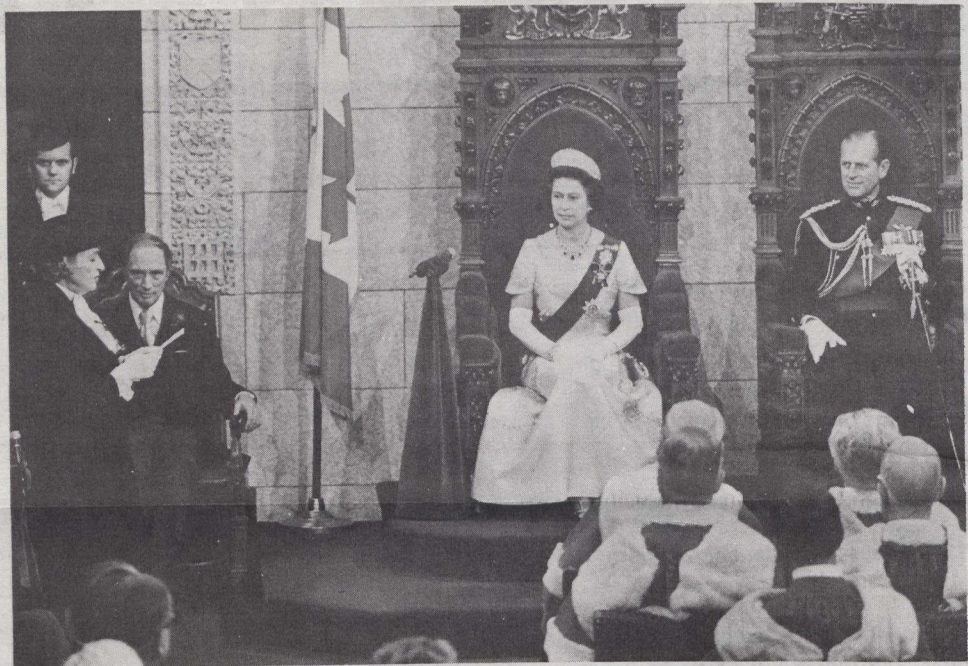
Language rights

"The question of language rights is of particular relevance to national unity, and the Government has therefore welcomed the historic "Statement on Language" approved at the meeting of provincial premiers at St. Andrews in August. The Government believes that this important initiative can and should become a basic part of our Constitution and has recently asked the provinces to consider this possibility.

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"The Government will also propose the amendment of the Official Languages Act, in order to make more specific its provisions respecting the language of work of federal employees, to strengthen the role of the Commissioner of Official Languages, and to clarify the role of the courts in safeguarding the equality of status of the official languages within the jurisdiction of the Government of Canada.

"A comprehensive policy for official language minorities will be announced,



Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, and Prime Minister Trudeau listen intently as Speaker of the Senate Renaude Lapointe reads the command to the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to summon members of the House of Commons to the Senate Chamber for the reading of the Speech from the Throne, on October 25.

and initiatives will be taken to ensure its full implementation within federal institutions....

"The unity of Canadians is often judged by the manner in which the federal and provincial governments work together for the benefit of the citizen. It is in recognition of this that the Government has recently designated a minister of state responsible for federal-provincial relations, so that greater attention can be given to the search for harmony and co-operation between governments in Canada.

Canada enters new era

"Given the new economic realities to which Canada must adjust, and the urgency of promoting linguistic and cultural

harmony, it is readily apparent that Canada is now entering a new era.

"It can be an era of increasing confrontation, tension and division, or an era of enhanced freedom, co-operation and unity of purpose. Fundamentally, the choice must be made by every citizen every day.

"It is apparent to thoughtful Canadians everywhere that this is a time of great decisions for Canada, a time for re-discovering the strength and potential of a marvelously free and caring society.

"That re-discovery will require that Canadians rededicate themselves to each other's well-being, just as I dedicate myself anew today to the people and the nation I am very proud to serve."

Mint makes New Zealand money

The Royal Canadian Mint has received an order from the Government of New Zealand to manufacture circulating coins for the next three years, beginning in 1978. Based on past demand, the order will amount to about \$3.6 million.

Prime Minister R.D. Muldoon of New Zealand, who announced that the Mint's tender was the most competitive of the five bids submitted, said it was only the third mint ever to produce New Zealand

coinage. Previous suppliers were the Royal Mint in London and the Australian Mint in Canberra.

Jean-Pierre Goyer, Minister of Supply and Services, is confident that "this latest order, in addition to previous orders received from Bangladesh, Barbados, Costa Rica, Israel, Nicaragua, Panama and Portugal, increases our share of the international coinage market. We shall continue to pursue foreign orders to provide a full return of the Canadian taxpayer's investment".

Phase-out of federal wage and price controls

In his first statement to the House of Commons as Minister of Finance, Jean Chrétien announced on October 20 that the Federal Government's wage and price controls would be phased-out beginning on April 14, two-and-a-half years after they began.

The Minister also announced a personal income tax cut of up to \$100 for low- and middle-income taxpayers; further job-creation programs; an employment credit for job creation; and the maintenance of strict restraint on Government spending.

Excerpts from the speech, which was televised, follow:

The further period of control will enable us to make more progress in bringing down the rate of inflation and in reducing inflationary expectations. In the next few months we will amend the Anti-Inflation Act to ensure effective administration of controls during the period of transition and to minimize the risk of a bulge when controls come off. We will also proceed with establishment of an agency to monitor and report upon price and cost developments.

In the phased process of decontrol beginning next April 14, employees will be free of controls for their guideline years which start after that date. Business will be free of price and profits controls for their fiscal years which begin after that date.

Changes are being made in the guidelines for the third year of the program... Briefly, the basic guideline for wages and salaries will be 6 per cent. The experience-adjustment factor will continue to apply. Dividends will remain under control. The permissible increase will be reduced from 8 per cent to 6 per cent, the same amount as for wages and salaries.

We have no choice but to keep slowing down the increase in costs if we are to get the economy going again and reduce unemployment. Barring unforeseen events, the rate of inflation will come down below 6 per cent next year, so the lower guideline will not lead to a fall in real incomes....

If we had left the regulations unchanged, the guideline would have been about 8 per cent because the consumer price index has gone up by more than the price target this year. But I would like to emphasize that the first two years of the program taken together were just about on target. We did better than the target by almost 2 per cent in the first year and seem likely to fall short by about the same amount in the second year. This was due to two main factors. First, food prices fell in 1976 and then rose sharply in 1977.

Second, the Canadian dollar remained quite strong through much of 1976 but has since fallen quite sharply. This has pushed up the prices of the things we buy abroad.

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Fiscal measures

...First, I am cutting taxes for low- and middle-income taxpayers by \$100. I propose to do this by increasing the minimum amount of the 9 percent federal tax credit from \$200 to \$300. This will apply only to the 1978 taxation year. The value of this additional \$100-cut will be more than \$700 million.

To provide quick stimulus, the reduction will be concentrated as much as possible through the January and February deductions at source. The take-home pay of millions of employees will increase by \$50 in January and \$50 in February. Many will enjoy a holiday from federal income tax in those two months and some for the whole year. Here are some examples.

A typical married taxpayer with two children and an annual income of \$15,000 will see his federal tax reduced in January and February by the full \$100. If his income is \$10,000 or less, he will pay no federal tax at all in these two months. If he earns about \$8,500 or less, he will have a holiday from federal taxes for the year as a whole.

Over 7,500,000 taxpayers will benefit from this tax cut. About six million will receive the full \$100-cut.

I also wish to announce that the indexing factor for the personal income tax for 1978 will be 7.2 per cent. This means that the basic personal exemption will increase from \$2,270 to \$2,430. For a family of four, total personal exemptions will rise by \$360 from \$5,120 to \$5,480. In total, Canadians will pay \$850 million less in taxes next year as a result. I only regret that the importance of indexation

is so often forgotten or ignored in public discussion.

Job creation

...We have already allocated a total of \$450 million this year for Canada Works, Young Canada Works and the other job-creation programs. These programs will be maintained at this very high level for 1978-79. In addition, we are providing \$150 million for work projects with a high employment content. These will be focused on high unemployment areas beginning immediately. In total, for the current and the next fiscal year, the Government will be spending over \$1 billion for direct job creation. All of these funds are being provided within the expenditure ceilings to which we are committed.

I also expect to introduce shortly a new program of employment credits for private business firms. This will be a new approach to job creation in Canada, and I have to give careful study to alternative ways for carrying it out efficiently and effectively. I fully expect, however, that legislation will be introduced to initiate this new job-credit plan early in 1978, at an approximate cost of up to \$100 million.

Last, I am taking this opportunity to announce some other tax changes. I will be extending by regulation the fast write-off for anti-pollution equipment until 1980. I will also be extending by regulation for another year the special provision permitting taxpayers to offset against other income their losses on rental housing generated by capital-cost allowances. This will maintain the incentive for the construction of multiple-unit residential housing. I am bringing the capital-cost allowance on wood-frame buildings into line with other kinds of buildings. Furthermore, tonight's Notice of Ways and Means Motion includes changes relating to life insurance, corporate surplus and loans by companies to their employees. As a result of representations from Members on all sides of the House, I will not be proceeding at this time with the measure for taxing the investment income realized by a policy-holder on the death of the person insured....

Dollar continues to float

Finally, I want to say a word about the exchange rate. The policies we are following of getting our costs down and our employment up are directed at our fundamental problems. With such policies, our balance of payments will improve. We

have operated in the market to maintain orderly conditions. This has involved some loss of reserves during the recent period of decline in the exchange value of the Canadian dollar. However, our reserves remain substantial, and we have the capacity to supplement them substantially should the need arise. We will continue to follow our floating exchange rate policy. I am convinced that confidence in the basic value of the Canadian dollar can best be promoted by sound domestic policies....

Higher production solution

Mr. Speaker, we must realize that these are difficult times for Canada both economically and politically. But these are also challenging times because Canadians must rededicate themselves to the building of a stronger, more prosperous and more united country.

The solutions to our problems are not easy and they will not all come from government. We must realize not only that the resources of government are limited, but also that we do not want in Canada the type of society where everything comes from the State. Therefore, there will not be any large new social programs nor greatly increased government spending. To maintain our standard of living, all Canadians must learn to work harder, to be more efficient and to be more productive.

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We must adopt once again the spirit of those who built this country, a spirit of adventure and initiative, a taste for risk, and the determination of the explorer. This is the challenge we must meet.

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Yukon health services transferred

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin recently announced the transfer of responsibility for Yukon medical services from the Federal to the Yukon territorial government. Arrangements for the transfer, scheduled to be completed by March 31, 1978, will cover six hospitals, three health stations and nine health centres along with 250 employees who will be given the opportunity to transfer. The transfer includes the delivery of health services to status Indians in the Yukon, for which the Federal Government continues to retain ultimate responsibility.

Until now the Federal Government has provided services to all residents of the Yukon. Under the terms of the new agreement, a five-member health services review board will be established, made up of three members representing the Yukon Indian Brotherhood, one representing the Territory and one representing the Federal Government. The board chairman will be elected from among the three Indian representatives. Indians will have representation on all hospital boards.

The board will survey Indian health care in the Yukon, promote native participation in the health-care system, recommend any changes in the service agreement, investigate complaints, co-ordinate regional native alcohol-abuse programs, and assess native health needs.

The agreement will also establish a training program to increase Indian employment and involvement in the territorial health-delivery system. The federal Department of Health and Welfare will immediately begin recruiting and training 15 community health representatives to work in health care.

Third Meeting of Canada/Belgium Mixed Commission

The Mixed Commission provided for under the terms of the Cultural Agreement concluded between Canada and Belgium in July 1967, held its third meeting in Canada from October 17 to 21.

During the past year, Belgo-Canadian cultural relations have established further scholarship exchange, and new links and exchanges between Belgian and Canadian university faculties. Participants in this year's meeting discussed plans for a growth in exchanges of persons in the academic and socio-cultural sectors and an increase in the promotion of artistic creativity.

At the time of the meeting of the Mixed Commission the "Théâtre expérimental de Montréal" performed in Belgium, at Liège and at Louvain-la-Neuve. Reciprocally, the "Théâtre de Zygomars" (from Namur) gave performances in Quebec, New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan.

Japan and Canada exchange information on accounting practices



On September 2, 1977, the chairman and three members of the Accounting Committee of the Japanese House of Representatives, with two parliamentary staff members, met with Bill Clarke, M.P. (Vancouver Quadra), a member of the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Commons, and House of Commons personnel, to exchange information on the procedures and practices of the Accounts Committees of both countries. The visit was one of a continuing series of exchanges between Canadian and Japanese parliamentarians. Mr. Clarke (extreme left) is shown in the photo with (from left to right) Mitsugu Haga, chairman, Accounting Committee; Susumu Isoda, staff member; Shigeru Hara and Kosei Amano, members of Accounting Committee; Keizo Kikuchi, staff member; Kyusho Niwa, member, Accounting Committee; and Alistair Fraser, Clerk of the House of Commons.

Lifestyle awards

A 101-year old ski enthusiast is one of the first 12 recipients of the Lifestyle Award given for the promotion of positive health lifestyle in Canadian communities.

Herman Smith-Johannsen, Piedmont, Quebec, a retired engineer, has been actively involved for many years in developing cross-country skiing as a mass sport in Canada and the United States. He has laid out cross-country ski trails in Quebec and consulted in setting up trails in other regions of Canada.

The Lifestyle Award program is part of Operation Lifestyle, a public education campaign developed by the Department of National Health and Welfare to encourage Canadians to assume greater responsibility for their own health.

Since the program was first announced last January, Canadians have been encouraged to nominate individuals who have worked to raise the level of health awareness in their community.

Jean-Marie Mouchet, a priest and teacher from Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, is the initiator of a ski program for native children in Old Crow. Father Mouchet's Territorial Experimental Ski Training Program (TEST) has gained national and international recognition.

Lila Rose Dickey, of West Vancouver, British Columbia, has been recognized for her leadership in programs of community residences for retarded children and adults, and in programs of volunteer training and development.

Bert Knibbs, or "Mr. Sport", of Bow Island, Alberta, has been coaching and promoting sports and recreation in his community from the "peewee" stage to seniors for 30 years. He was actively involved in the 1975 Canada Winter Games and has been elected to the Alberta Sport's Hall of Fame for outstanding service and achievement in amateur sport.

Ruben Burns, a treaty Indian from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has worked for good health lifestyles among his people for the past 15 years, and has gained the respect and confidence of Indian leaders and health professionals for his honesty and forthright concern.

Marie Salway, of Neepawa, Manitoba, involved in the development of family life education in schools and women's institutes, led in the establishment of a community association for the mentally



"Jackrabbit" Smith-Johannsen, 101 years old, is congratulated on receiving his Lifestyle Award by former Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde and the present Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin.

handicapped as well as the development of a sheltered workshop.

Charles Rhéaume, a polio victim from Ottawa, Ontario has been active in the rehabilitation of alcoholics and the establishment of a halfway house. He has also been involved in promoting the visual arts for handicapped artists and has founded an association for French-speaking handicapped people in Ontario.

Rosanne Laflamme of Quebec City, Quebec, lost both legs and an arm as the result of a childhood accident. In 1975 she won gold, silver and bronze medals at the Olympics for the Handicapped in St. Etienne, France. She has also written an autobiography to encourage other handicapped people and is actively involved in promoting the cause of the disabled.

Kathryn Barnes of Moncton, New Brunswick, is a founding member of the Moncton Non-Smokers Association and active on the New Brunswick Council of Smoking and Health. Working closely with city police and volunteer agencies, she has recently helped organize a "Block Parent" program for the Moncton area.

Adrian Pearson, a resident of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, was nominated by St. John Ambulance for outstanding service in instructing first aid. Mr. Pearson has also rendered long service to the community as a scoutmaster and as an air cadet leader and instructor.

Brigadier-General William Reid of

Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, has given outstanding leadership to scouts and other youth organizations in P.E.I. for 40 years. He has given valuable support to the Canadian and World Jamborees of Scouting, devoting two years to planning the 1977 Jamboree in P.E.I.

Charles Andrew of Northwest River (Labrador), Newfoundland, after overcoming a personal battle with alcoholism, has spent the last four years working with young people, initiating an innovative program to combat alcoholism in his community.

The secret of Entebbe

The following item is reprinted from Foreign Report, August 24, 1977, a publication of the Economist Newspaper Ltd., London.

A corner of the veil of secrecy that has obscured one of Israel's most valued military assets was lifted this week when an electronics engineer living quietly in Toronto was honoured by the State of Israel. His name is Sidney Hurwich. All that could be learned officially was that his invention had been used in the Israeli raid at Entebbe last year.

Foreign Report can now reveal that Hurwich's brainchild may have led the Israelis to carry out the rescue mission in the first place. It enabled them to outfox

not only Ugandan radar, but the radar of countries that Israeli planes crossed *en route*. This explains why Israeli planes were able to reach Entebbe undetected.

The device sends out electronic rays to alter the natural composition of the magnetic fields and centres of gravity of weapons, instrument dials and mechanical devices. It sounds impossible, but Hurwich himself says that this is less an invention than "a different application of an old and basic principle of electronics".

Canadian beginnings

His invention appears to have grown out of a modest battery-run instrument that he developed eight years ago to help the Canadian police to foil bank robberies. In 1969, he invited Canadian policemen to a viewing. With the instrument concealed in the same room, he invited them to try to lift bags of money. The bags appeared to be riveted to the ground, and moreover, the police gun triggers jammed and their watches stopped. A year later, Hurwich got the idea that his ray could save lives by stopping the timing mechanisms. He offered it to Israel.

When Israeli representatives came to see him, he told them that he was unable to press ahead with the research to develop his invention himself, since he had

just received open-heart surgery. But he was convinced that his invention could be advanced and made powerful enough to neutralise complete weapons systems over large areas. On the Hurwich principle, there was no reason why the new beams could not reach and disable tanks, ground-to-ground missiles and complete radar systems, or even objects in the atmosphere. The beams could also be tacked together to form a screen that would make whole zones safe from bombs or missiles.

The Israelis will not divulge what tests have been run, or how the Hurwich ray has been developed. The first inkling of its existence was obtained after the Entebbe operation, by military experts curious to find out how the Israeli planes were able to fly to their destination without a single radar instrument in the Middle East and Africa being alerted, and why, as they approached Entebbe airfield, electricity was mysteriously cut and the control tower stopped functioning. Indeed, the operators of Entebbe control tower were the first to be punished by Idi Amin after the Israeli mission succeeded: he had them executed after they defied belief by pleading that all their detection, reception and transmission instruments had locked "as though by magic".

Gabonese President visits

The President of the Gabonese Republic, El Hadj Omar Bongo, visited Canada from October 20 to 23, accompanied by his wife.

On October 21, the President signed an agreement in principle with Export Development Corporation chairman and president John A. MacDonald to establish a \$150-million line-of-credit with Gabon. Further discussions will be held soon between officials of both countries to determine the type of goods and services that can be transacted under the line-of-credit pact, which first must be ratified by the EDC board of directors.

During his stay in Ottawa, the Gabonese head of state, who is also the President of the Organization for African unity, held discussions with various Canadian authorities, on the subject of Canada-Gabon relations, stressing the commercial and the *francophone* aspects, and the broader questions of economics and international politics.

Paddle your own canoe

The estimated travelling time between Vancouver and Montreal is two years — by canoe, that is. Jerry LaChappelle, 34, of Montreal, and his cousin, Denis Bilo-deau, 22, of Quebec City, have undertaken a 24,100-mile Odyssey, paddling along the Pacific coast, circling Cape Horn and returning *via* the Atlantic and the St. Lawrence River. The pair set out from Vancouver in July and, by the end of September, had travelled 2,100 miles to Long Beach, California.

"Everybody says it's impossible," said LaChappelle, "nothing's impossible." Although the canoeists will be entering the territorial waters of 11 South American countries during the trip, they are not concerned about possible attempts by these countries to halt their voyage. They plan to get by with a "grass-roots" diplomacy, or rather, with sailsmanship. "I don't carry arms, I don't care about politics and I don't discuss religion," states LaChappelle, "I'm Canadian."

International energy research agreements signed

Canada signed three new energy research agreements with member International Energy Agency (IEA) countries in Paris on October 6. (See *Canada Weekly*, Vol. 5, No. 38, September 21.)

Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie, who chaired a ministerial IEA meeting, signed the agreements on hydrogen, wind and fusion research. This will bring to ten the number of agreements in which Canada participates.

The co-operative research agreements on hydrogen, carried out under IEA auspices, will assess the role of hydrogen as an energy source and energy carrier. The agreement was also signed by representatives of Noranda Mines Limited and the Electrolyser Corporation, two companies active in research into methods of extracting hydrogen from water by electrolytic procedures, and the first two private companies to participate in the IEA research and development program. Further joint studies are expected to be initiated in the coming months.

NRC wind turbine

The National Research Council will participate in the other two agreements signed by Mr. Gillespie, by investigating the environmental and meteorological aspects of converting wind energy to electricity and evaluating computer models for the selection of wind turbine sites.

NRC's vertical axis wind turbine, erected in the Magdalen Islands with the co-operation of Hydro Quebec and Dominion Aluminum Fabricating Company, has been operating since July. (See *Canada Weekly*, Vol. 5, No. 31, August 3.) With a capacity of 230 kilowatts, it is the largest vertical axis wind turbine yet built.

NRC will also co-ordinate the participation of Canadian scientists in the design of and access to a large-scale plasma tested device which will be built by EURATOM and the West German Government near Aachen. The project involves the study of plasma wall interactions and is expected to produce information on the development of materials capable of withstanding the powerful forces and very high temperatures occurring in future fusion power reactors.

Canada recently joined four IEA projects on coal research and one each on conservation, nuclear safety and fusion.

News of the arts

Canadian contemporary music series in Europe

Musicanada, the first all-Canadian music festival to be held in Europe, which takes place in London and Paris this month, presents a panorama of music written by living Canadian composers over the past 20 years, performed by major Canadian ensembles and soloists.

Although many of the recent works will have their European *premières* during the festival, the pieces have all been performed in Canada and many of them have been recorded.

In London, the concerts will take place at St. John's Smith Square from November 4 to 15. In Paris, Musicanada events will be heard at Salle Gaveau from November 9 to 17, with the finale concert held at the Grand Auditorium of Radio France.

European audiences may recognize some of the Canadian compositions in Musicanada, having heard them performed by Canadian groups on tour, and by British and French ensembles. The BBC has included Canadian works in radio concerts in the past, and during the last season, Radio France broadcast an extensive series of music by Canadian contemporary composers.

The ensembles are representative of the best musical talent in Canada:

The performers

The Orford String Quartet was awarded the European Broadcasting Union top prize in 1974 and has performed in France at the Festival du Marais, the Paris Festival Estival, at the 1976 May Festival in Bordeaux, and last March, in the Radio France chamber music series. In Britain, the group, pictured below, was heard in a BBC broadcast in 1975.



The Canadian Brass, who were heard in Paris in the 1975 Festival Estival, recently toured the People's Republic of China on a cultural exchange sponsored by the Canadian and Chinese Governments.

The *Société de Musique Contemporaine du Québec*, considered to be one of Canada's foremost contemporary music ensembles, and already well known in Europe, will be conducted by its founder and director, Serge Garant.

The *Festival Singers*, known internationally, were awarded the silver medal of the City of Paris in 1973 to commemorate their participation in the Festival Estival.

The *Quintette à Vent du Québec*, the youngest of the musical ensembles to appear in Musicanada, is now one of the most popular concert performing groups in Canada. This will be their European *début*.

Mario Bernardi, music director of the National Arts Centre Orchestra of Ottawa, will direct the BBC Symphony Orchestra in the opening concert of Musicanada in London. Guest soloist performing the Jacques Hétu *Concerto For Piano and Orchestra* will be Robert Silverman from Vancouver who has won major prizes in the Rio de Janeiro, Van Cliburn, Busoni and Viana da Motto international competitions.

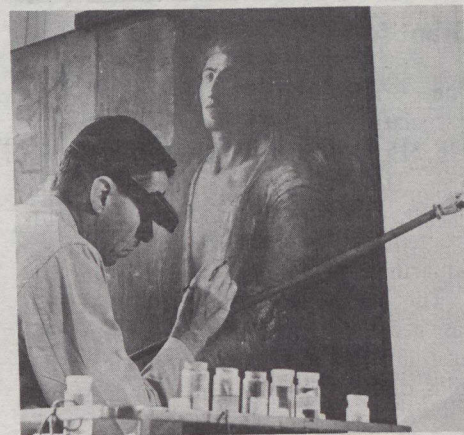
As the final event in Paris, Pierre Hétu, music director of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, will conduct the Nouvel Orchestre Philharmonique et Radio-France. Victor Bouchard and Renée Morissett, piano duo from Quebec, will perform Roger Matton's *Concerto for Two Pianos and Orchestra*, composed especially for them. Composer and conductor, Gilles Tremblay, will conduct the European *première* of his work *Jeux de Solstice*.

Musicanada is an initiative of the Canada Council in co-operation with the Department of External Affairs.

Exhibition salutes Ruggles

A current exhibition *Conservation of Works of Art at the National Gallery of Canada* is a special showing of some of the important paintings that have been restored by the former head of the Gallery's Restoration and Conservation Laboratory, Mervyn Ruggles, prior to his departure in August.

Mr. Ruggles' 39-year career at the Gallery and his wide experience in restora-



Ruggles at work

tion work, have won him recognition at numerous international and national research institutions. Mervyn Ruggles has long been concerned with chemical research in the treatment of rare works of art and has investigated methods into the causes of their deterioration.

He has lectured and has contributed to various publications such as *Art and Archaeology Technical Abstracts*, as well as visiting major art research laboratories in Europe. He was also appointed chief conservator at Man and His World Fine Arts Gallery, Expo 67, Montreal.

In honour of his work, the Gallery exhibition includes, among other famous paintings, Rembrandt's *The Toilet of Esther or Bathsheba*, Vouet's *The Fortune Teller*, Sir Joshua Reynolds's *Colonel Churchill*, F.H. Varley's *Portrait of Samuel J.B. Varley*, J. Bradley's *Portrait of a Lady* and A. Ramsay's painting *Mrs. Lindesay of Eaglescarnie*.

Mr. Ruggles is currently teaching art conservation as a visiting professor at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Franca to teach in China

Celia Franca, retired founder of the National Ballet of Canada, recently accepted an invitation to give ballet lessons in the People's Republic of China for three weeks next spring. When the Shanghai Ballet was in Toronto earlier this year, Miss Franca observed their classes.

The invitation was made through the touring office of the Canada Council. "It's a tremendous honour and I think it's wonderful that a Canadian has been asked," said Miss Franca, who retired from the National Ballet two years ago after founding the company in 1951.

Grant for civil liberties group

The British Columbia Civil Liberties Association has been awarded a grant of \$48,715 to extend its activities into rural B.C. The grant was made under the Group Understanding and Human Rights Program of the Citizenship Branch of the Department of the Secretary of State.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association has been active for 13 years providing legal information and counselling in the areas of civil liberties and human rights. The organization also provides public education on civil liberties by arranging for representatives to speak at schools and community organizations. They further conduct on-going analyses of social attitudes, policies and laws to ensure that these properly reflect and protect human rights and civil liberties in the province.

The Association, in response to informal citizens' groups, has designed a project to operate in communities that are experiencing real or potential ethnic/racial tension. The project will provide a community worker who will work towards establishing associations in such areas as Quesnel, Williams Lake and Vanderhoof. Work will be performed closely with Secretary of State staff and other relevant organizations such as justice development councils, court workers, native cultural societies, city councils and labour unions.

The community worker will be concerned with the training of citizens' groups, organizing educational and informational programs on ethnic and racial matters and marshalling local resources and the support of community leaders. An important aim is to develop local organizations that can continue when the project is completed.

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News briefs

A trade and tourism office was opened in France by the province of Ontario last month. The new office at 19 Avenue Montaigne, Paris 75008, run by an official from Toronto, together with local staff, will seek to expand business and trade-development links as well as to increase the province's share of French tourists visiting Canada. Ontario now has 15 trade offices abroad.

Mary Stanfield, wife of former Progressive Conservative leader Robert Stanfield, died of cancer in an Ottawa hospital, October 18. She was 65.

Canada's largest public library, Toronto's new \$30-million central reference library, opened October 24. The five-storey building houses 11 departments, including an audio-visual section that offers a selection of more than 5,000 films and a music department with 7,000 recordings, 30,000 musical scores and record catalogues dating from 1911. Staff members, who expect to assist nearly 2,000 people each day, can speak a total of 60 languages.

A possible federal referendum on national unity that Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau says would be legally binding on Ottawa might be conducted only in the province of Quebec. Mr. Trudeau cited this possibility on October 21 as one of a number of options the Federal Government is considering for legislation that would enable it to hold such votes on national unity and constitutional issues.

The Quebec provincial government wants to buy control of the privately-

owned Asbestos Corporation to assure its presence in the province's asbestos industry, Premier Lévesque said on October 21. He left little doubt that the government would resort to expropriation if the company's United States owners did not wish to sell a controlling interest.

Yvon Beaulne, a senior Canadian diplomat, headed the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization conference in the Soviet Union, October 14-26.

The Export Development Corporation has approved long-term loans, foreign investment guarantees and export credits insurance worth \$413 million to support sales to 11 countries. Among the countries buying the Canadian goods are Argentina, Hungary, Poland, India, Trinidad, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Indonesia.

Four members of a Canadian mountaineering team succeeded in reaching the 23,422-foot Himalayan peak, Mount Pumori on October 7. Team leader Ian Rowe, of Golden, British Columbia, "Kiwi" Gallagher and Tim Auger, both of Canmore, Alberta, and Chris Shank of Calgary, Alberta managed the climb without the assistance of guides or oxygen.

The annual assembly of the National Indian Brotherhood, which represents 350,000 treaty Indians on reserves, recently approved resolutions and reports that call for complete self-government on reserves, including tribal courts to deal with Indians breaking Indian laws, and a five-year economic plan of about \$750 million to \$1 billion to improve the education, health, justice and economic well-being of Indians.

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