

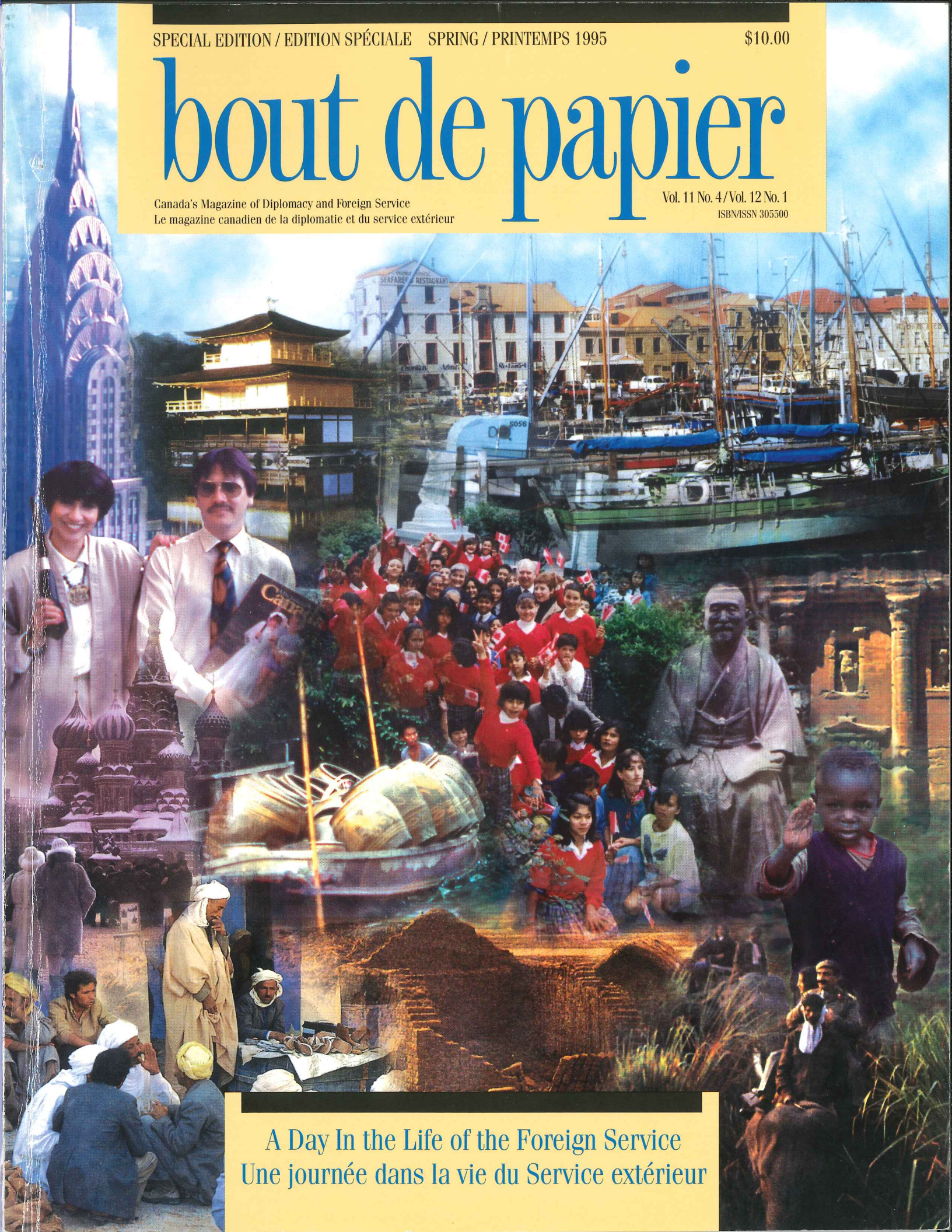
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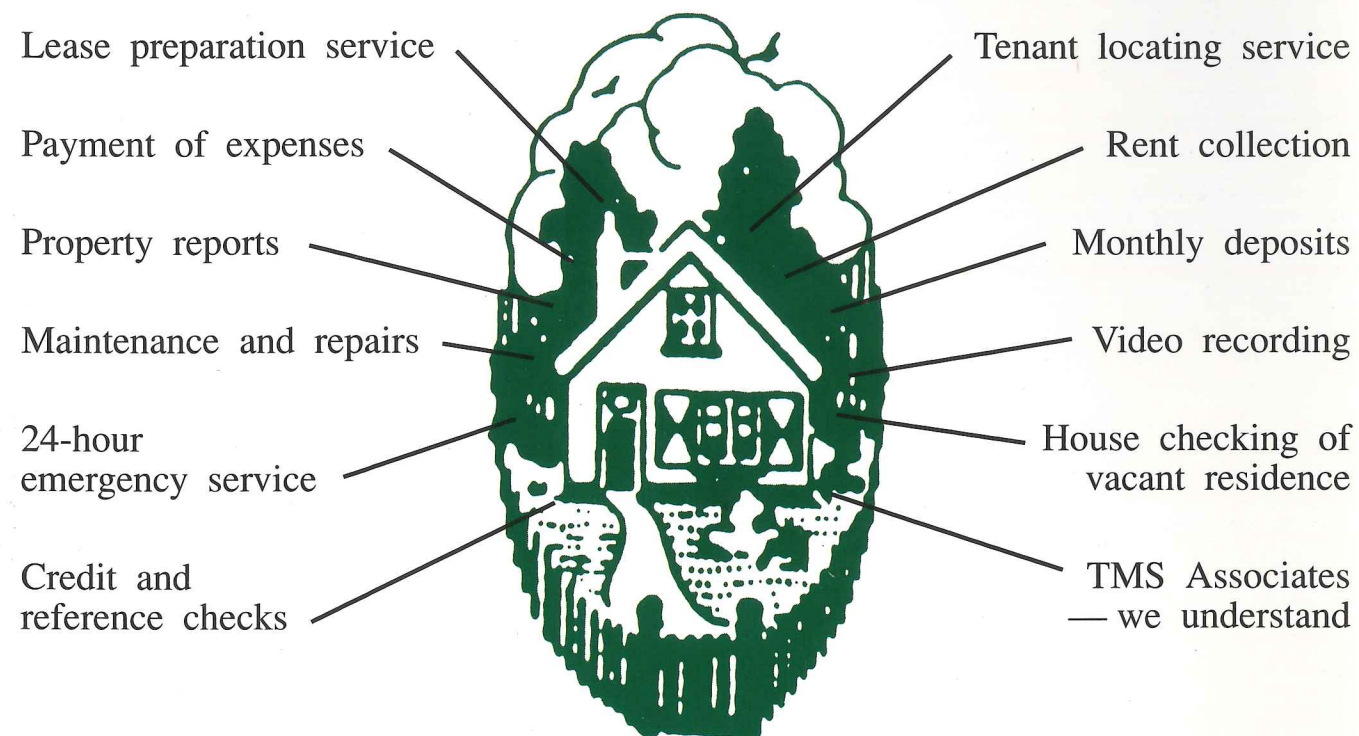
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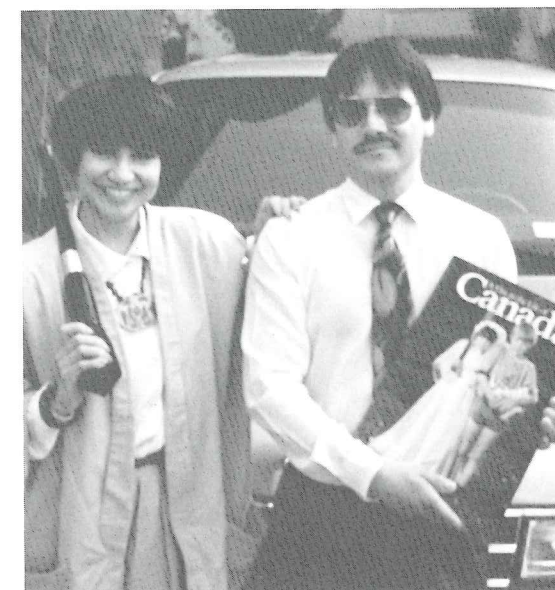
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Well here it is at last — the special edition of **bout de papier** on "A Day in the Life of the Foreign Service". An edition nine months in the making.

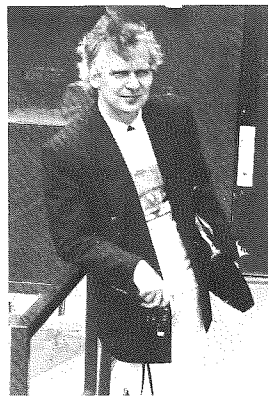
But wait, this is a double edition: twice the size of our normal 48 page quarterly edition, twice the colour pictures, twice the features, twice the black and white pictures, twice the scandalous scoops but only the same amount of advertising! Our perceptive readers and diligent librarians will see that this edition is both Volume 11, No 4 (Winter) and Volume 12, No 1 (Spring). We are late for the Winter issue but we are on time for the Spring edition.

The edition illustrates what the foreign service does on June 2, 1994: looks after the agendas of five Ministers; manages Canada's responses to international crises; promotes Canadian trade and investment interests; serves Canadians abroad; selects future Canadians through our immigration programs; and protects Canadian political and economic interests through analysis, negotiation and participation in international meetings.

It is of course not a great time to be in the public service of Canada. By the time you read this edition, the consequences of the February 27 federal budget will be coming into force. Despite the wage freezes, despite the public and foreign service bashing, the foreign service of Canada is proud of what it does for Canada, and what it does for Canada is vitally important.

It will be easy for our readers to identify the weaknesses in the edition. We do not cover adequately our assistance program, the frustrations and joys of living overseas for Canada, the work of our administrative staff, and we are missing reports from many of our important missions. Some may find the text too dense, too "insider".

As well, we have sliced and diced most contributions so as to print as many as possible. Even so, we could not cover all posts. Our special apologies to Oslo, Cairo, Dar, Atlanta, and Kuala Lumpur which gave us much material which in the end we could not use. Other articles such as those from



spouses in Asia will run as a separate feature in a subsequent edition.

We also apologize to those who will be disappointed not to see their names. We took the decision not to include names, lest the edition look

like the Ottawa telephone book. For readers outside the foreign service, the names mean little; for those in the foreign service, it was too easy to lose the drift of a story in the sea of names.

Anyway, here it is — warts and all. I hope it captures well the foreign service both to those who work in the foreign service and to those who are curious about what the foreign service does. I'd like to say the blame falls somewhere else if you think the edition does not live up to your expectations, but I guess I cannot. It's my party and I'll cry if I have to, cry if I have to. You would too if it happened to you. (Apologies to Leslie Gore, in this case).

A final word of thanks goes to those who played a key role in putting out the edition. Laurel Pardy, the special editor, played a large role in the design, editing and format of the edition; Debra Hulley, the managing editor of **bout**, played her normal critical role in the design, layout, timing and financing of the edition; Sarah Deschamps of Acart Graphics, our designer for this special issue; Colin Robertson, former editor, offered a sharp critical eye and moral and logistic support to many rewrites; David Edwards for taking the pictures in the Ottawa day; Nancy Loten for much of the typing and critical observations; and Douglas Small for advice and counsel on the contents and design. I would also thank my wife, Kris, and my two girls, Kiera and Annie, who tolerated the many weekends I spent on this thing, thus forsaking my usual starring role as Scar in the many theatrical renditions of the *Lion King* at my house.

Now, on to June 2, "A Day in the Life of the Foreign Service". As they say down south, "Have a nice day!"

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THE CANADIAN FOREIGN SERVICE ON JUNE 2

"So, what does the foreign service do, anyway?"

This special edition answers what happens on an average day in the life of the foreign service. The day is June 2.

It follows a foreign service which never sleeps. We start at one minute past midnight at headquarters in Ottawa. Overseas, the day is half over in our Asian posts; Europe and Africa are waking up at dawn; and our posts in the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean are asleep. When Ottawa is preparing Ministers to respond to events in the morning, our Asia posts are ending their work days; European, African and Middle Eastern posts are in the middle of their days; and posts in Latin America and the United States are just opening. When the Ottawa day ends, dawn breaks on a new day in Asia.

Two departments are the homes of the foreign service — the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) "promotes and defends the interests of Canada and the common values of Canadians around the world. It seeks to improve Canadians' awareness of the world and serve Canadians abroad."

Yes, but what does it really do? Well, it pursues Canadian political, economic and cultural relations internationally; it is



Managing Canada's relations in an ever-changing, fast-moving world — Minister Ouellet.

Canada's negotiator with other countries or in multilateral arenas; it advises on international developments; it helps Canadian business in international markets; it attracts foreign investment and technology into Canada; it fosters international law; it promotes international peace and security; it delivers Canadian aid overseas; it helps distressed Canadians abroad; and it manages Canada's missions around the world.

The department has two Ministers — the Minister of Foreign Affairs, André Ouellet and the Minister for International Trade, Roy MacLaren — and two Secretaries of State — one for Latin America and Africa, Christine Stewart and the other for Asia-Pacific, Raymond Chan.

It has a Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, a Deputy Minister for International Trade and an Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs who are career civil servants. They are the chief policy advisors

for the Ministers and are responsible for the administration and management of the department.

Ten Assistant Deputy Ministers head the five geographic, four functional and corporate services branches. These branches are supported by the Communications Bureau, the Policy Staff, and the Office of Protocol. In addition, senior officials head up small units on special priorities such as the Ambassador for Environment, the Ambassador for Fisheries Conservation, the Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs, the Senior Coordinator for Federal-Provincial Relations and the Chief Air Negotiator.

The four functional branches (International Business Development; Trade and Economic Policy; Political and International Security Affairs; and Legal, Consular and

Passport Affairs) take the lead on the major international trade, economic, and political issues. The five geographical branches (Africa and the Middle East; Asia and Pacific; Europe; Latin America and Caribbean; and the United States) manage Canada's relations with their regions.

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration

The Department of Citizenship and Immigration "promotes Canada's goals of a prosperous, tolerant and humanitarian society by maximising the benefits of the global movement of people."

Yes, and in real life? The department defines membership in the Canadian society; manages entry into Canada; recruits immigrants and protects legitimate refugees; administers the Citizenship Act and the Immigration Act; and advises on the global movement of people.

The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration is Sergio Marchi. He is supported by a Deputy Minister and four Assistant Deputy Ministers (Corporate; Policy; National Service; and International Service Sector). Three directorates (Ministerial and Executive Services; Public Affairs, and Legal Services) offer common services.

The Corporate Sector looks after human and financial resources; the Policy Sector analyzes trends, legislation and issues. The National Services Sector treats the integration of newcomers into Canadian society, the administration of border points-of entry, citizenship, enforcement, immigrant landings and the in-Canada processing of visitor and immigrant applications. The International Service Sector delivers the refugee programs, issues visas and undertakes the immigrant selection at posts abroad. The Immigration and Refugee Board, an independent quasi-judicial tribunal, carries out immigration and detention reviews, immigration appeals and refugee determination.



Minister MacLaren: this man means business, international business.

Missions Abroad

Canada has 111 posts abroad. There are 22 in Africa and the Middle East; 20 in the Asia-Pacific; 33 in Europe; 16 in Latin America; 12 in the United States; and 8 missions accredited to international organizations such as the United Nations, the European Communities, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

June 2: So What's Up?

What does a June 2 snapshot of the foreign service capture?

International conflicts Rwanda, Haiti, and Bosnia. On June 2, members of the foreign service in headquarters and posts are closely monitoring and providing advice on what Canada can do to end misery and promote peace in these three international hotspots.

The Ministers' days Minister Ouellet attends a Cabinet meeting and Question Period in the House of Commons in Ottawa and then travels to Quebec City to give a speech. Minister MacLaren is in London. He meets with his British counterpart and the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Minister Marchi is in Ottawa, attending Cabinet meetings in the morning and afternoon as well as participating in Question Period in the afternoon. Secretary of State (Latin

America and Africa) Stewart is in Colombia. She meets with the Colombian President and his Cabinet and has dinner with Canadian aid organizations. Secretary of State (Asia Pacific) Chan is in Vancouver.

Policy decisions Some are seemingly mundane; others have wide importance. All require a political decision. On June 2 some of the issues are: the directions of the parliamentary review of foreign policy; a program of special measures for the acceptance of immigrants from the former Yugoslavia; the Export Development Corporation's financing to China; Haitian athletes and *les Jeux de la Francophonie*; Canadian panelists to the NAFTA panel on apples; international reaction to new Canadian fisheries legislation; clothing imports from the Middle East; commercial relations with Cuba; and the future of the Commonwealth Committee of Foreign Ministers on Southern Africa.

Canadians abroad The members of the foreign service are helping Canadians overseas. There is an earthquake in Indonesia and the Embassy checks up on the safety of the five Canadians working in the area. In Rwanda, the Embassy is looking for Canadian nuns caught in the fighting of the civil war. The Canadian Embassy in Moscow is evacuating a Canadian businessman injured in a robbery. In Delhi, the High Commission visits a young Canadian prisoner awaiting trial.

Trade and investment INCO, Goodyear, Bell Canada, Northern Telecom and Atomic Energy Canada visit the department seeking information on marketing and financing opportunities in Japan, Russia, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and other countries. In Kuwait, the Embassy holds a press conference to support a Canadian truck manufacturer's bid to provide vehicles to the Kuwait military. Senior Canadian officials open secret negotiations with Chile in the Canadian Embassy in Mexico on the expansion of the North America Free Trade Agreement.

Immigration Approximately 1,000 new immigrants and refugees are accepted on June 2 by the foreign service. Thousands

of visas are being reviewed in forty eight processing offices in missions abroad.

Political and economic policies Protecting Canadian fishing resources of the East and West Coast, ensuring the access of Canadian agricultural products to the United States, forging Canadian commercial links in Asia, particularly China, pushing a Canadian candidate to head the OECD, forging a substantive relationship with the European Union to protect Canadian trade and investment, promoting the peace process in the Middle East, assisting the peaceful transition to majority rule in South Africa, participating in the public and parliamentary reviews of Canadian immigration and foreign policies, and preparing Canada for the G-7 Summits in Naples this year and in Halifax next year are all issues that members of the foreign service are actively working on today.

International Political and Economic Meetings NATO, the principal defence alliance of Western Europe and North America, the OECD, the forum for the major economic industrialized countries of Europe, North America and Asia Pacific, and the Organization of American States

are all holding ministerial meetings in early June. The foreign service is preparing Canadian ministers for these meetings.

Minister Ouellet attends Question Period then travels to Quebec City. Minister MacLaren is in London. Minister Marchi is in Ottawa, attending Cabinet. Secretary of State Stewart is in Colombia and Secretary of State Chan is in Vancouver.

Bilateral visits Members of the foreign service are laying the groundwork of visits of Ministers and Heads of Government, both Canadian Ministers to foreign countries and foreign Ministers to Canada.

Prime Minister Chrétien is visiting the UK and France from June 2 to June 8 to attend the ceremonies commemorating the Normandy landing of the Allies fifty years ago in 1944. Minister Ouellet will be in Paris and Istanbul for the OECD and NATO ministerial meetings. Minister MacLaren is in London on June 2, then travelling to Brussels for consultations with the European Union. He finishes his trip with a visit to Paris for the OECD Ministerial meeting and the Canada-France Joint Commission. Secretary of State Stewart is visiting Ecuador and Colombia on June 2 and 3 and then goes to Brazil for the OAS Annual Assembly. Minister Marchi is preparing a visit to Europe which will include Russia, Hungary and Italy to promote cooperation on immigration and trade between Canada and these countries.

Then, coming to Canada is Argentine President Carlos Saul Menem on June 20. Preparations are well underway. Other visits to Canada being prepared on June 2 are those of the Mongolian Foreign Relations Minister, the Czech Minister of Industry and Trade and the Croatian Foreign Minister.

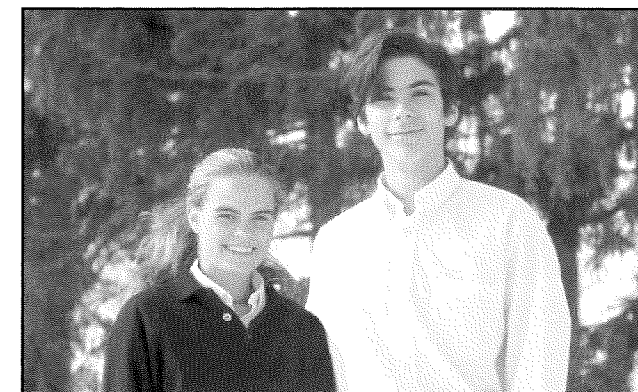
This then is what happened on June 2. The day is about to begin.

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LE SERVICE EXTÉRIEUR DU CANADA, LE 2 JUIN

« Ainsi, que fait donc le service extérieur? »

Ce numéro spécial donne un instantané de ce qui se passe une journée typique, le 2 juin 1994, dans la vie du service extérieur.

Il suit pas à pas un service extérieur toujours en alerte. Nous commençons à minuit et une minute, à l'administration centrale à Ottawa. Outre-mer, la journée est déjà à moitié terminée dans nos missions en Asie; c'est l'aurore en Europe et en Afrique; et nos missions aux États-Unis, en Amérique Latine et aux Caraïbes dorment encore. Lorsque Ottawa prépare ses ministres à réagir aux événements au cours des premières heures de la journée, nos missions en Asie sont sur le point de fermer; nos missions en Europe, en Afrique et au Moyen-Orient fonctionnent à plein régime, au milieu de leurs journées; et nos missions en Amérique Latine et aux États-Unis viennent tout juste

d'ouvrir. Au moment où la journée à Ottawa s'achève, l'aurore annonce une nouvelle journée en Asie.

Deux ministères abritent le service extérieur — le ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Commerce international et le ministère de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration.

Le ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Commerce international

Le ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Commerce international (AÉCI) a pour mission « de promouvoir et de défendre dans le monde les intérêts du Canada et les valeurs communes des Canadiens, d'aider les Canadiens à mieux connaître le monde

extérieur et de servir les Canadiens au pays et à l'étranger ».

Oui, mais, que fait-il vraiment? Eh bien, il fait la promotion des relations politiques, économiques et culturelles du Canada à l'échelle internationale; il est le négociateur du Canada avec d'autres pays ou dans le cadre de représentations multilatérales; il donne des conseils sur les événements internationaux; il aide les entreprises canadiennes dans les marchés internationaux; il attire des investissements et des technologies de l'étranger au Canada; il favorise le développement du droit international; il prône la paix et la sécurité internationales; il exécute à l'étranger un programme canadien d'aide; il aide les Canadiens en détresse à l'étranger; et il administre les missions du Canada partout dans le monde.

Le ministère compte deux ministres — le ministre des Affaires étrangères, André Ouellet, et le ministre du Commerce international, Roy MacLaren — et deux secrétaires d'État — une pour l'Amérique Latine et l'Afrique, Christine Stewart, et l'autre pour l'Asie et le Pacifique, Raymond Chan.

Il est doté d'un sous-ministre des Affaires étrangères, d'un sous-ministre du Commerce international et d'un sous-ministre associé des Affaires étrangères, qui sont des fonctionnaires de carrière. Ils sont les conseillers politiques en chef des ministres et sont chargés de l'administration et de la gestion du ministère.

Dix sous-ministres adjoints sont à la tête de cinq secteurs géographiques, de quatre secteurs fonctionnels et d'un secteur des services ministériels. Ces secteurs sont

Secretary of State Chan, immersed in constituents' concerns in Richmond.

appuyés par la Direction générale des communications, le Groupe des politiques et le Bureau du protocole. En outre, des hauts fonctionnaires sont à la tête de petits services consacrés à des priorités spéciales, notamment l'ambassadeur à l'environnement, l'ambassadeur pour la conservation des pêches, l'ambassadeur pour les affaires circumpolaires, le coordonnateur principal des relations fédérales-provinciales et le négociateur en chef des accords aériens.

Les quatre secteurs fonctionnels (Expansion commerciale internationale, Politique économique et commerciale, Affaires politiques et politique de sécurité internationale et Affaires juridiques et consulaires et passeports) battent la marche pour ce qui est de la politique relative aux grandes questions de commerce international, d'économie et de politique. Les cinq secteurs géographiques (Afrique et Moyen-Orient, Asie et Pacifique, Europe, Amérique Latine et Caraïbes et États-Unis) administrent les relations du Canada avec leurs régions respectives.

Le ministère de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration

Le ministère de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration a pour mission de « promouvoir les objectifs d'une société prospère, tolérante et humanitaire en maximisant les avantages du mouvement d'immigration à l'échelle mondiale ».

Oui, mais, en réalité? Le ministère définit les conditions d'insertion dans la société canadienne; gère l'arrivée au Canada; recrute des immigrants et protège les réfugiés légitimes; applique la Loi sur la citoyenneté et la Loi sur l'immigration; et conseille sur le mouvement d'immigration à l'échelle mondiale.

Le ministre de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration est Sergio Marchi. Il est appuyé par un sous-ministre et quatre sous-ministres adjoints (Gestion ministérielle, Politique, Service intérieur et Service international). Trois directions générales (Services ministériels et exécutifs, Affaires



Minister Marchi meeting a new generation of new Canadians.

publiques et Services juridiques) offrent des services communs.

Le secteur de la Gestion ministérielle s'occupe de la gestion des ressources humaines et financières; le secteur de la Politique analyse les tendances, la législation et les questions. Le secteur du Service intérieur traite l'intégration des arrivants dans la société canadienne, l'administration des points d'entrée frontaliers, la citoyenneté, l'application de la loi, la reconnaissance du statut d'immigrant et le traitement au Canada des demandes de visiteurs et d'immigrants. Le secteur du Service international applique les programmes de réfugiés, émet les visas et procède à la sélection des immigrants aux missions à l'étranger. La Commission de l'immigration et du statut de réfugié, un tribunal quasi-judiciaire indépendant, s'occupe des révisions des motifs d'immigration et de détention, des appels de l'immigration et de l'établissement du statut de réfugié.

Missions à l'étranger

Le Canada compte 111 missions à l'étranger. Il y en a 22 en Afrique et au Moyen-Orient, 20 en Asie et dans le Pacifique, 33 en Europe, 16 en Amérique Latine, 12 aux États-Unis et 8 missions accréditées auprès d'organisations internationales comme les Nations Unies, les Communautés européennes, l'Organisation du traité de

l'Atlantique Nord (l'OTAN) et l'Organisation de coopération et de développement économiques (l'OCDE).

Le 2 juin : Que se passera-t-il?

Que donne un instantané du 2 juin dans le service extérieur?

Conflits internationaux Rwanda, Haïti et Bosnie. Le 2 juin, des membres du service extérieur à l'administration centrale et dans les missions surveillent la situation de près et donnent des conseils sur ce que le Canada peut faire pour mettre fin à la misère et promouvoir la paix dans ces trois points chauds internationaux.

Les journées des ministres Le ministre Ouellet assiste à une réunion du conseil des ministres et à la période de questions à la Chambre des communes, à Ottawa, puis il se rend à Québec pour y prononcer une allocution. Le ministre MacLaren est à Londres. Il rencontre son homologue britannique et le président de la Banque européenne pour la reconstruction et le développement. Le ministre Marchi est à Ottawa pour assister à des réunions du conseil des ministres le matin ainsi qu'à la période de questions en



après-midi. La secrétaire d'État (Amérique Latine et Afrique) Stewart se trouve en Colombie. Elle y rencontre le président de ce pays et son conseil des ministres, puis elle dîne avec des organisations d'aide canadiennes. Le secrétaire d'État (Asie et Pacifique) Chan est à Vancouver.

Décisions d'ordre politique Certaines semblent banales; d'autres revêtent une grande importance. Toutes exigent une décision d'ordre politique. Le 2 juin, les questions d'actualité sont notamment : les orientations de l'examen de la politique étrangère par le parlement; un programme de mesures spéciales pour l'acceptation d'immigrants de l'ancienne Yougoslavie; le financement de la Société pour l'expansion des exportations en Chine; les athlètes haïtiens et les Jeux de la francophonie; les panelistes canadiens au comité de l'ALÉNA sur les pommes; la réaction internationale à la nouvelle législation canadienne sur les pêches; les importations de vêtements du Moyen-Orient; les relations commerciales avec Cuba; et l'avenir du Comité des ministres des Affaires étrangères du Commonwealth sur l'Afrique du Sud.

Canadiens à l'étranger Les membres du service extérieur aident les Canadiens à l'étranger. Un tremblement de terre se produit en Indonésie, et l'ambassade s'assure de la sécurité des cinq Canadiens travaillant dans la région. Au Rwanda, l'ambassade cherche des religieuses canadiennes prises là où la guerre civile fait rage. L'ambassade du Canada à Moscou évacue un homme d'affaires canadien blessé dans un vol. À Delhi, le haut-commissaire visite un jeune prisonnier canadien en instance de procès.

Commerce et investissements INCO, Goodyear, Bell Canada, Northern Telecom et l'Énergie atomique du Canada rendent visite au ministère à la recherche d'information sur des occasions de marketing et de financement au Japon, en Russie, en Indonésie, au Kazakhstan et dans d'autres pays. Au Koweït, l'ambassade tient une conférence de presse à l'appui d'une soumission d'un fabricant canadien de camions en vue de fournir des véhicules à l'armée

nationale. De hauts fonctionnaires canadiens amorcent des négociations secrètes avec le Chili à l'ambassade du Canada au Mexique, au sujet de l'expansion de l'ALÉNA.

Immigration Le 2 juin, le service extérieur accepte quelque 1000 nouveaux immigrants et réfugiés. Des milliers de visas sont en train d'être examinés dans 48 bureaux de traitement dans les missions à l'étranger.

*Le ministre Ouellet assiste
à la période de questions,
puis il se rend à Québec.*

*Le ministre MacLaren est
à Londres. Le ministre
Marchi est à Ottawa pour
assister à des réunions du
conseil des ministres.*

*La secrétaire d'Etat Stewart
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Politiques d'ordre politique et économique Protéger les ressources halieutiques canadiennes des Côtes Est et Ouest, assurer l'accès des produits agricoles canadiens aux États-Unis, nouer des liens commerciaux canadiens en Asie, en particulier avec la Chine, mousser la candidature d'un Canadien à la tête de l'OCDE, établir des rapports fermes avec l'Union européenne afin de protéger le commerce et les investissements canadiens, promouvoir la paix au Moyen-Orient, aider la transition pacifique au gouvernement par la majorité en Afrique du Sud, participer aux examens public et parlementaire de la politique d'immigration et de la politique étrangère du Canada et préparer le Canada en vue des sommets du G-7 à Naples, cette année, et à Halifax, l'année prochaine, voilà autant de questions qui occupent les membres du service extérieur, aujourd'hui.

Réunions politiques et économiques internationales L'OTAN, la principale alliance de défense de l'Europe occidentale et de l'Amérique du Nord, l'OCDE, la tribune des grands pays industrialisés de l'Europe, de l'Amérique du Nord, de l'Asie et du Pacifique, ainsi que l'Organisation des États américains, tiennent tous des réunions ministérielles au début de juin. Le service extérieur prépare les ministres canadiens en vue de ces réunions.

Visites bilatérales Des membres du service extérieur s'occupent des premiers préparatifs en vue de visites de ministres et de chefs d'État, tant de ministres canadiens à d'autres pays que de ministres étrangers au Canada.

Le premier ministre Chrétien est en visite au Royaume-Uni et en France, du 2 au 8 juin, pour assister aux cérémonies commémoratives du débarquement des Alliés en Normandie il y a cinquante ans, soit en 1944. Le ministre Ouellet sera à Paris et à Istanbul pour les réunions ministérielles de l'OCDE et de l'OTAN. Le ministre MacLaren est à Londres, le 2 juin, puis il se rendra à Bruxelles pour des consultations avec l'Union européenne. Il termine son périple par une visite à Paris pour la réunion ministérielle de l'OCDE et de la Commission mixte Canada-France. La secrétaire d'État Stewart est en Équateur et en Colombie, les 2 et 3 juin, puis elle se rendra au Brésil pour l'assemblée annuelle de l'OÉA. Le ministre Marchi prépare une visite en Europe, notamment en Russie, en Hongrie et en Italie, afin de promouvoir la coopération en matière d'immigration et de commerce entre le Canada et ces pays.

Enfin, le président de l'Argentine, Carlos Saul Menem, doit venir au Canada le 20 juin. Les préparatifs vont bon train. D'autres visites au Canada sont en voie d'être préparées, le 2 juin, soit celles du ministre des Relations étrangères de la Mongolie, du ministre de l'Industrie et du Commerce de la République tchèque et du ministre des Affaires étrangères de la Croatie.

Voici donc ce qui s'est passé, le 2 juin. La journée est sur le point de débiter.

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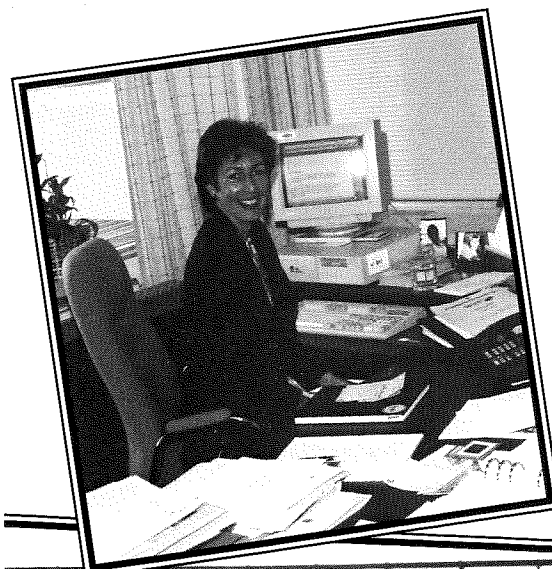
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EARLY MORNING WATCH TO MORNING ALERT



It is a clear, cool night in Ottawa. 00:01

The Lester Pearson Building, home of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, is a massive black shadow on the backdrop of an inky night. The four unequal towers of the Pearson Building look imperturbable and silent.

The Morning Watch

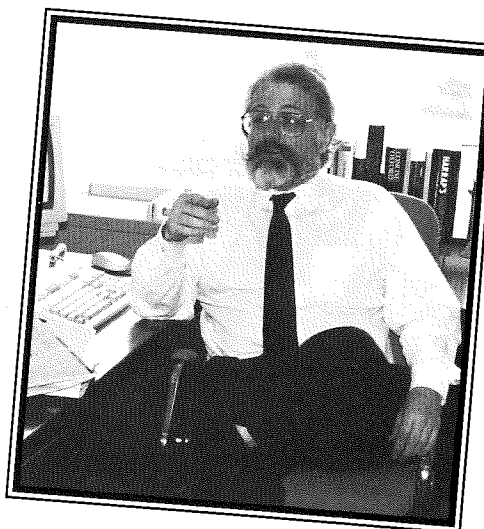
The Watch Office is brightly lit. The new watch officer reports for duty. A bank of clocks line the top of one wall. Midnight in

Ottawa makes it noon in Tokyo, one o'clock in the afternoon in Delhi, six in the morning in London, seven in the morning in Moscow, and midnight in Washington. The glow of CNN flickers in a room crammed with machines carrying Reuters and AP press feeds.

The watch officer is now the voice of the department. He monitors telegraphic traffic and the press wires; he responds to consular and all quiet hour calls; and he liaises with

posts and other Operations Centres in Ottawa, notably that of National Defence.

A communications operator is working the graveyard shift in the Communications



Centre (Comcentre). He too starts at midnight. He is alone today as his partner has booked off sick. Throughout the night, he will monitor incoming communications to the department. The Comcentre runs 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

The watch officer drops by the Comcentre. He will not be down for another few hours unless there is a "high precedence" message. Then he must decide whether the message can be left for the morning or delivered immediately to a foreign service officer at home.

A woman from California calls, "How long it takes to renew a Canadian passport?" The Canadian High Commission in Kenya reports, "We just heard that the convent of the *Soeurs du Bon Pasteur* was attacked by an armed Hutu militia. All the Tutsi nuns

have been killed. We are trying to locate the Canadian sisters." It is noon in Islamabad and the Canadian High Commission in Pakistan has not received a promised secure fax on Canadian nuclear policy.

At three in the morning, CNN reports an earthquake in Java in Indonesia. The Watch Office phones Jakarta. "We just saw the report on television. Can you check to see if there were any Canadians in the area."

The communications operator checks the direct telegraphic link to the NATO Allies Communications System. Normally there is little activity on this circuit during the night shift. Tonight there is an "immediate message". It is related to Canadian peacekeepers in Bosnia.

The *Globe and Mail* five page synopsis of the day's news is received by fax from Toronto. The Operator sends it to Canadian missions around the world. He scans the synopsis quickly. "A number of stories here will keep the Department on its toes today." He sees articles on a Canadian Hercules aircraft shot at in Rwanda while delivering humanitarian assistance, an article on the fisheries situation off Newfoundland, fight-



ing in Bosnia, North Korean nuclear facilities, and American threats of invasion of Haiti.

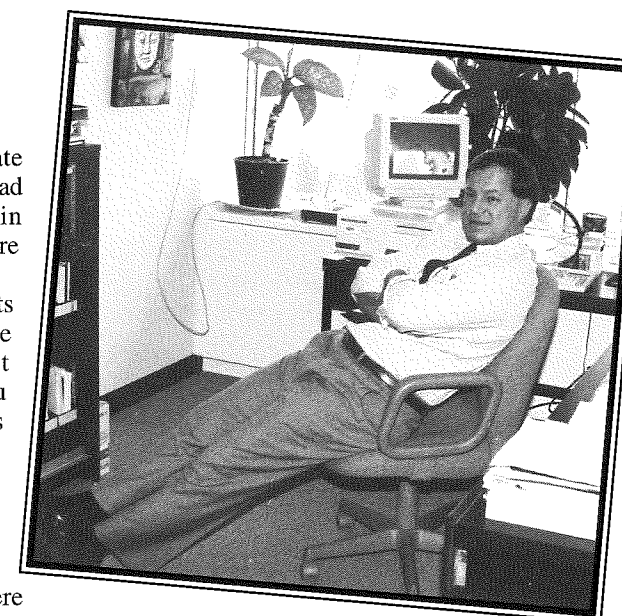
Three key communications links are lost and restored by the MITNET Command Centre through the night: Jakarta because of operator error at the Earth Station in Indonesia; Moscow as the result of heavy rains; and Delhi.

As dawn approaches, the "Tel Pack", the early morning newspaper of the department, containing the overnight reporting from Canada's network of missions abroad, is prepared for delivery. It is "must" reading for all divisions.

05:00 The Department Mobilizes

An assessment officer arrives in the Watch Office to put together the two page *Morning Brief*, the digest of overnight developments. It is prepared from intelligence assessments, mission reports, wire stories, and information from the Operations Centre of National Defence. Today, National Defence reports, "Headquarters is anticipating a request for a mechanized company in Bosnia to go to beleaguered Gorazde. Also, the UN has asked us to extend the operation of the CAF Hercules flying relief into Rwanda."

The Pearson Building is springing to life. The staff of the Cafeteria arrive at six o'clock to prepare for the day. The menu today is fish



chowder, roast lamb, stuffed pepper or hamburger. The Mail Room is ready to mail documents to over 111 missions and other government departments. The Printing Office will run off briefing books or Department publication. The Corps of Canadian Commissioners will maintain security in the Building.

The Departments on Alert

DFAIT and CIC are on high alert. Ministers have to be prepared to respond to the press and to Parliament on the international political, trade, economic and immigration issues which have happened overnight.

The *Morning Brief* is distributed. It covers events in Haiti, North Korea, Bosnia, Yemen, the UK and Iraq. The previous evening's newscasts, *CBC's World at Six*, *Canada AM*, and the morning papers, the *Globe and Mail*, *Le Devoir*, *La Presse*, and *The Ottawa Citizen* highlight many of the same issues.

The Ministers' Offices

The "tenth floor", the convenient designation for the Ministers' offices in the DFAIT, is alive with action as is the Immigration Minister's office in Hull.

The political staff — a senior policy advisor, a number of junior advisors or speechwriters, constituency people and a scheduling person — are mobilizing to make sure the Ministers are prepared for the often hectic schedule of meetings and the enormous variety of issues they must consider.

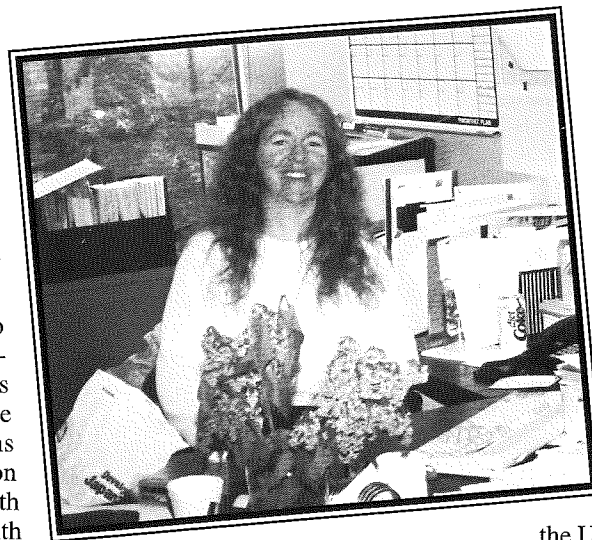
The legislative assistant is poring over the news and overnight reports. It is his task to put together a daily briefing book that contains answers to the literally hundreds of

potential questions that can be posed in Question Period in the House of Commons.

The senior departmental assistant, who is responsible for moving the department's business in the Minister's office, is reviewing the Ministerial Night File to see if the Minister has taken any decisions overnight. He thinks, "Ahh, a decision on the opening of free trade negotiations with Israel. Africa Branch will be pleased with this." The press secretary, who is the spokesman of the Minister and the department, is meeting with the legislative assistant to discuss likely issues for Question Period. "Yes, I think the fisheries issue will play big in the House today."

The Deputies

The Deputy Minister for International Trade is meeting with his executive assistant and the senior departmental assistant. With Minister MacLaren in London, the atmosphere is relaxed. If the Minister was in town, the Deputy would be meeting him at least two or three times during the day. They talk briefly. "The frigates tour for the Canadian navy in Asia should be a good opportunity



Meeting. His face betrays his impatience. His management advisor has not yet arrived. Just before eight thirty, she arrives, her red coat signalling her presence as she steps off the elevator. Quickly besieged while opening her office, she opens her briefcase and gives the notes to the Deputy.

Meanwhile at Citizenship and Immigration, the Deputy Minister is meeting with Minister Marchi. "There is this last minute visit of the US Ambassador to the United Nations. The US wants Canadian assistance in receiving some of the Haitian refugees fleeing on the rafts. You also have a meeting this afternoon to discuss your visit to Russia, Hungary and Italy. Finally, Minister, I want to alert you to an appeal in the Federal Court on an immigrant application refusal. If we lose, it could put into question the legality of the Immigration Act."

The Ops Committee

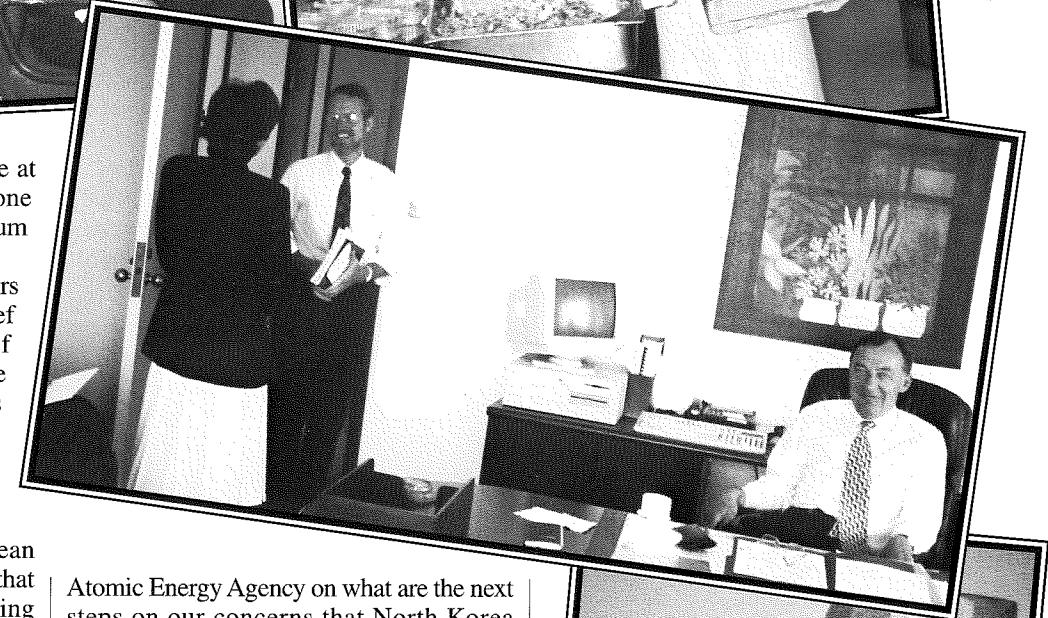
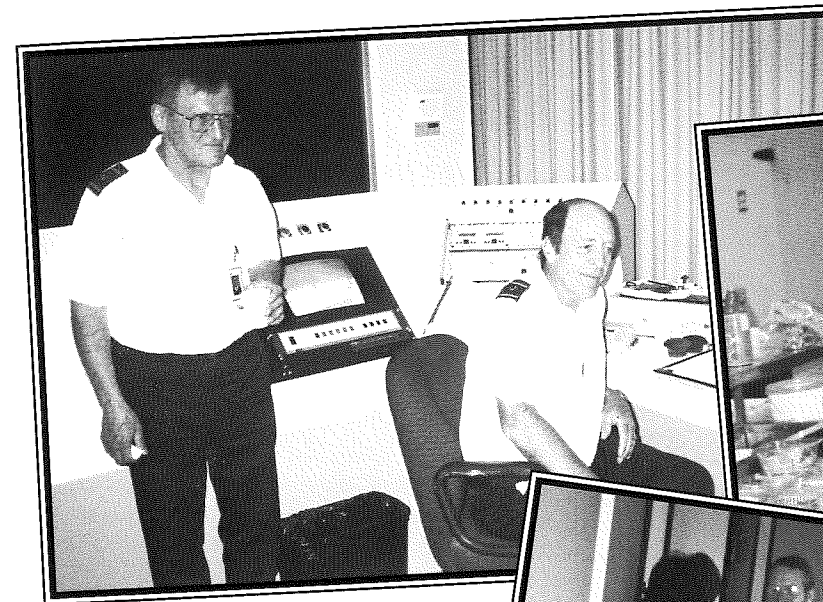
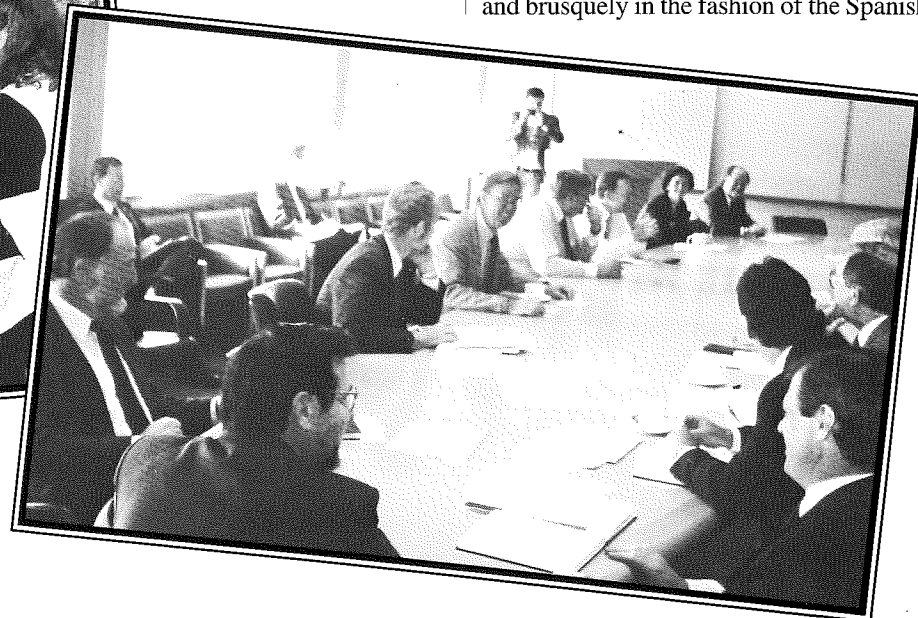
The Operations Committee (Ops Committee) is the high mass of DFAIT's senior management. It is a daily ritual. It highlights the major issues of the day and priorities for the coming weeks.

Today, as usual, the Assistant Deputy Ministers file into the large conference room. Some carry files under their arms, some a pad of paper. It is chaired briskly and brusquely in the fashion of the Spanish

to raise the profile of Canada. We must make sure our Asian missions make it a part of their trade efforts."

Down the hall, the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs is also reviewing his day with his executive assistant. He will chair the Ops Committee in fifteen minutes. Then at nine, he will brief Minister Ouellet for a Cabinet meeting. At eleven, there is the Graduation Ceremony for the new Foreign Service Officers. In the afternoon, his big preoccupation will be a briefing on the arrangements for the Naples and Halifax Summits. As the Canadian sherpa to the G-7 Summit, he is the personal representative of the Prime Minister in the preparation of the annual G-7 Summits.

For now, the biggest worry is the talking points for the Minister for the Cabinet



Inquisition. The Deputy takes his place at the centre of the large oval table. At one end of the room stands an Art Deco podium for formal presentations.

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs is in a rush. He must leave early to brief Minister Ouellet in his House of Commons office at nine. He starts the discussion. "The Prime Minister does not like last minute walk-on items in Cabinet. Consider yourselves informed."

Each ADM takes a turn outlining the breaking issues of the day.

"We are monitoring US and European reaction to our new fisheries legislation that gives us the right to seize foreign fishing vessels off our 200 mile zone. The Canadian Coast Guard seized two more American shipping vessels off Vancouver Island. They will be fined \$1,500. The Pacific Salmon debate will live up, no doubt. We can expect something from the State Department".

"The Joint Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs and National Defence's review of Canadian foreign policy is really focusing on Asia-Pacific. Looks like we're going to have to close down Europe".

"The fifth anniversary of the Tiananmen massacre is coming up. We are preparing speeches for the Minister and Secretary of State Chan for the House. The issue should be manageable. As well, we are consulting with the Americans and the International

Atomic Energy Agency on what are the next steps on our concerns that North Korea is diverting plutonium to make nuclear weapons."

"Severe fighting in Yemen and Rwanda. An issue of real concern in Rwanda. Canadian sisters have disappeared. We are making it our highest priority. Also, the UN has asked us to extend our humanitarian flights to Kigali, despite the shooting on a Canadian Hercules yesterday by government troops. We are examining the options with Defence."

"We are meeting with the Chileans in Mexico about the possible extension of the North America Free Trade Agreement. As well, we will be following up with Washington on the agricultural negotiations. The Administration looks like it is willing to make Canadian wheat a sacrificial offering to the Congress."



“The Don Johnston candidacy for the OECD is entering a critical phase. We are setting up meetings between Ministers Ouellet and Minister MacLaren and their European counterparts at the OECD and NATO ministerial meetings”.

Just as the Haiti debrief ends, the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs excuses himself to head for the Minister's West

The ADMs disperse. They carry the marching orders of the day and the priorities for the coming weeks back to their respective branches.

The press officers in the Office are visiting or phoning divisions, providing them with clippings, and obtaining updated press lines. "Have you anything more on the Canadian nuns? What is Canada going to do if the US asks for economic sanctions on North Korea?" "Can I say anything about our meeting with Aristide in Washington?" "There is a rumour that Canada will start up our aid program to Cuba. What can I say on the issue?" Media officers subscribe to songwriter Paul Simon's advice that "Improvisation is too good to be left to chance...".

The Ministers' offices, the Press Office and the "eighth floor" (the name given to DFAIT senior management since most Deputies and ADMs have their offices there) are now generating an early morning bombardment of the divisions on the front lines of Canadian diplomacy. All divisions in both departments are busy preparing Questions and Answers for Question Period, notes for ministerial meetings of the day or coming week, policy notes to senior management and media lines for the press office. There is a very quick turnaround time.

June 2 is well launched.



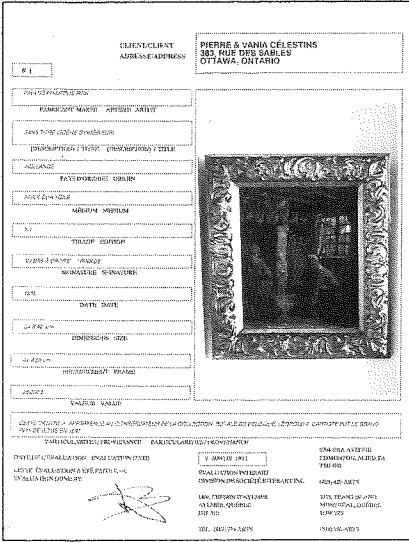
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An Asian Day is Over Une journée en Asie c'est déjà terminée



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The ADM returns to his office. He stops to ask one of the officers how the trade awards went in Indonesia. No word until tomorrow. It is now about nine o'clock in the evening in most of the Asian posts. The Asian day is over.

Canada has three major priorities in foreign and trade policy in Asia-Pacific.

- *the economic and investment flows in the Asia Pacific Region. In 1992, ten of Canada's top twenty-five trading partners were from the Asia-Pacific region.*
- *the building of a new political and economic architecture of the Asia Pacific.*
- *the strengthening of our bilateral ties in key countries.*



dans la région et on tente de prendre contact avec eux.

... Bell Canada Enterprises gives a briefing on its strategy and investments in Asia Pacific. Atomic Energy of Canada discusses its sales efforts in Indonesia. Northern Telecom gives a briefing on its efforts in Japan.

... « Les inspecteurs de l'Agence internationale de l'énergie atomique ont été confinés dans leur chambre d'hôtel. » Notre poste en Corée du sud nous fait part du refus des nord-Coréens de permettre à une mission d'inspection internationale l'accès aux centrales nucléaires et des conséquences de cette décision sur la stabilité de la péninsule.

... "More Canadian students in Asia and more Asian students here. This will create great links in the future." There is a meeting on the establishment of Canadian education centres in Asia. Canada has one education centre in Taiwan, one in Korea and another eight are expected.

... « Après Pickering, ils souhaitent maintenant aller à la baie James? » On met la touche finale au programme d'une visite indonésienne dans le secteur de l'énergie au Nouveau-Brunswick, au Québec, en Ontario, au Manitoba, en Alberta et en Colombie Britannique.

... "I know there's a lot of meetings but if we want to define the direction of the architecture of the Asia Pacific, we have to be there." Preparations are underway for

the Asia Pacific Economic Commission's (APEC) Environment Experts meeting, the APEC Human Resource Development Meeting and the Pacific Basin Conference.

... "You have how many copies to make? I'll be here for at least a half hour waiting for you!"

... The Canadian High Commissioner for Bangladesh is in Ottawa for a discussion of Canada's overall trade, political and assistance approach.

... The leaders of the Sikh community want to discuss Canadian policy on India.

... The Philippines government is holding a conference on the human rights situation in East Timor Conference and this is causing problems between Indonesia and the Philippines. Our Mission in Jakarta is reporting on the mounting tension.

... The Canadian mission in Cambodia (one person in the Australian Embassy) reports continuing military confrontation between government forces and guerillas. The almost one hundred Canadians in the country are contacted.

... Immigration officials invite members of the Chinese Embassy to lunch to seek their help in facilitating the emigration of orphaned children who have been adopted by Canadian citizens.

... Decision are made on the renovation projects for the Delhi chancery, replacement of living quarters in Osaka and the completing of Embassy sharing arrangements with Australia in Vietnam.

... INTERPOL faxes the results of an investigation that will help a Canadian detained in Vietnam on a commercial fraud case.

... "I'm in Vancouver. The Mongolian Foreign Minister arrived safely". An officer is accompanying him across Canada. It is the first visit of the Mongolians to Canada and it will terminate with the signing of a trade agreement.

EXAMEN FINAL À YOKOHAMA

par Stéphane Jobin, Cours de langues, Yokohama



Il reste moins de deux semaines avant l'examen final et les professeurs sont de plus en plus nerveux! On ne peut plus se permettre d'erreurs d'inattention: il en va de l'honneur de l'école!

Quand on nous a « isolés » à Yokohama, nous avons reçu un mandat très simple: apprendre la langue et la culture japonaise pour pouvoir mieux travailler dans ce pays si différent mais si important pour le Canada. Nous avions dix mois à passer ici sans rien d'autre à faire que d'apprendre!

Je finis donc de relire pour la cinquième fois cet article de journal en anglais que je devrai expliquer en japonais dans quelques minutes. Cet exercice est une des parties les plus difficiles de l'examen de compétence. Le professeur nous enregistre sur cassette, nous écoute, nous corrige impitoyablement pendant cinquante minutes. Chaque classe compte deux étudiants, mais en cette période de sprint final nous avons droit à des cours privés l'après-midi; il n'y a donc pas d'échappatoire dans le fond de la classe comme au CÉGEP.

Les professeurs sont sympathiques, mais exigeants. Le lieu de travail pour un Japonais ne sert qu'à ... travailler. On pourra parfois s'adonner à la conversation libre mais le professeur s'assurera de terminer avant tout le programme de chaque cours: lire un article, résumer une nouvelle, etc. Comme les cours finissent à 15h30 nous avons le temps d'étudier à la maison mais aussi de se consacrer à toutes sortes d'activités qui permettent de rester sains d'esprit et de connaître le Japon. On n'a jamais fini d'explorer le Tokyo métropolitain, cette ville-jungle. Les Japonais nous entraînent dans le tourbillon de leurs activités.

... "I think the privatization of the Trade Commissioner Service is a non-starter. Do you realize it is Canada's largest commercial and economic gathering network? Last year, we received 300,000 inquiries, 47,000 Canadian business visitors, 80,000 foreign businesses, and 6,000 investment inquiries."

... "Suppose it doesn't work?" It is the test day for the Trade Information Office's newest product, WIN Exports for WINDOWS. It works.

... « Il va de soi que nous affirmerons que l'assistance canadienne devrait être plus intimement liée aux intérêts commerciaux canadiens ». L'Association des exportateurs du Canada est ici pour préparer un panel qui se tiendra lors des prochaines journées AEC-ACDI.

... There is a meeting with other government departments on how Canadian industry can win more contracts at the World Bank.

... Work is being done on a difficult financing issue on an infrastructure project in the Middle East and the impact of Algeria's rescheduling agreement on our export financing operations in Algeria.

... Officers are reviewing the latest proposals for PEMD assistance to companies in a specific export markets. More than 2,500 projects and 275 trade fairs and missions are approved each year.

... « Mais comment vais-je passer à travers ces 250 propositions? ». À titre de membre du comité de sélection, le sous-ministre adjoint débute l'examen des propositions en vue de l'attribution annuelle des Prix canadiens d'excellence à l'exportation.

10:00 Trade, Trade and More Trade

The ADM looks at his watch. It is time to head for his meeting down the hall. The International Business Development Branch is the focal point for the coordination and management of the federal government's international business development plans and activities. Its major priorities are:

- *the Trade Commissioner Service (TCS).*
- *the Program for Export Market Development (PEMD).*
- *the International Trade Business Plan.*
- *Canada International Trade Month, Export Vision and Canada Export Awards.*
- *World Information Network (WIN Exports).*

June 2 unfolds...

... « Vous pouvez me croire: l'industrie canadienne veut un guichet unique pour les programmes gouvernementaux de promotion commerciale ». Des sous-ministres adjoints fédéraux procèdent à la constitution d'un groupe de travail à haut niveau de gens d'affaires dont le mandat sera de revoir les programmes gouvernementaux en matière de promotion des échanges commerciaux internationaux.

... The draft of the International Trade Business Plan is sent to posts and the International Trade Centres for comments.

09:30 June 2 unfolds...

... The speech for Secretary of State Chan in the House of Commons on the fifth anniversary of the Tiananmen Massacre is being drafted. "Let's see, I suppose I can reiterate what Minister Ouellet said in May about how Canada hopes to influence China through "methodical and diversified contacts based on economic partnership, sustainable development, peace and security and human rights".

... New Delhi cables that a young Canadian prisoner awaiting trial has been transferred to the Central Jail in Faizabad, a "B-Class facility".

... "The trips of the Governor General and our Trade Minister in the spring helped and so will Minister Ouellet's upcoming visit. It is just not that easy to sell a nuclear reactor." The Canadian Ambassador to South Korea meets with the ADM to discuss Canada's relations and special partnership with South Korea.

... Jakarta nous informe qu'un tremblement de terre d'une magnitude de 7,2 à l'échelle Richter a été enregistré dans la partie est de Java. On compte 5 Canadiens

CHINE

À la veille de «TIANANMEN» en Chine

par Ambassadeur Fred Bild, l'Ambassade du Canada, Chine

Les nouvelles à la radio ce matin sont consacrées presque entièrement au refus nord-coréen de coopérer en matière d'inspection nucléaire. La nervosité liée à la crise semble avoir grimpé encore d'un cran.

Le pouvoir au peuple?

La province de Shandong est fière d'avoir réussi, selon l'expression de son représentant, « à rendre le pouvoir au peuple », c'est-à-dire au plus bas niveau de l'organisation rurale. Tous les trois ans, les citoyens locaux procèdent à des élections de leurs délégués dans les assemblées de villages. Les élus sont fréquemment des villageois autres que ceux prévus par les autorités; ceci se fait par inscription directe de leurs noms sur les bulletins de vote. Une fois l'assemblée constituée, elle élit le comité du village qui lui,

à toutes fins pratiques, est l'exécutif de la communauté. En cette période de rapide croissance économique, ce genre de comité exécutif peut disposer de pouvoirs considérables, compte tenu du fait qu'en pratique c'est le comité même qui dirige les petites « entreprises municipales » qui prolifèrent maintenant partout en Chine rurale. Ces membres élus ainsi siègent aux conseils d'administration de nouvelles entreprises économiques.

Je passe ma première heure au bureau à préparer un voyage à Shandong, à l'invitation du Ministère des Affaires civiles, et plus particulièrement le Bureau responsable du développement de la démocratie de base (« grass-roots democracy »). Monsieur Zhong, qui a obtenu une partie de sa formation au Canada, est un individu hautement motivé et entièrement dévoué à sa cause. Il nous assure qu'il nous présentera des exemples moins réussis, aussi bien que des villages modèles. Nous aurons liberté complète de poser toutes les questions que nous voudrons. « Plus elles seront embarrassantes,

mieux ça sera. » « Simplement par votre présence, vous nous aiderez », insiste Monsieur Zhong, « vous êtes le premier ambassadeur étranger à faire ce genre de visite. Votre intérêt sera une indication probante pour mes supérieurs que notre travail est pris au sérieux; cela pourra me valoir des ressources supplémentaires. »

Je note que pour l'instant on ne parle pas d'étendre ce système d'élections aux instances supérieures, les comtés ou les provinces, là où l'influence du parti est prépondérante. Mais, notre voyage d'une semaine devrait nous donner quelques indices à ce sujet.

Notre visiteur nous quitte et, au moment même où nous réfléchissons à ses propos, les nouvelles de l'extérieur nous rappellent à la réalité: le conflit inhérent qui existe en Chine entre la démocratie de base et la priorité absolue données à l'objectif de « stabilité » politique. Nous approchons du 5^{ème} anniversaire des événements tragiques qui sont maintenant désignés par l'abrégié « Tiananmen ». Les journaux étrangers font état d'arrestations de dissidents, de restrictions spéciales touchant les étrangers visitant des universités à Pékin, ainsi que des annulations de dernière minute d'événements publics (expositions artistiques, concerts) dans un rayon d'un kilomètre de la place Tiananmen. De surcroît, dans un pays où les médias sont muselés étroitement, le passe-temps préféré de tous est inévitablement le trafic des ragots. La dernière rumeur qui court a trait à l'échauffourée qui serait en préparation pour le lendemain du 4 juin entre les soi-disants « Maoïstes » et les Conservateurs au sein de l'équipe gouvernante du pays, les deux camps anticipant la disparition prochaine d'un dirigeant d'un âge avancé.

Et le commerce Canada-Chine

Mon prédécesseur à Pékin, Earl Drake, est en ville. Il effectue des consultations auprès du Conseil chinois sur l'environnement, groupe d'experts sino-internationaux à très haut niveau. Il est toujours agréable de confronter les perspectives d'il y a 4-5 ans avec celles d'aujourd'hui. Nous échangeons quelques idées sur les projets en cours pour

la visite du Premier ministre Chrétien au mois de novembre. Earl participe à l'organisation de la réunion annuelle du Conseil Canada-Chine pour le Commerce qui coïncidera avec la visite Chrétien.

Nous partons ensemble déjeuner au Ministère des Affaires étrangères. Mis à part les félicitations mutuelles pour l'état excellent de nos relations bilatérales et les préparatifs de cette grande visite, on parle beaucoup de la Corée du Nord. Notre hôte chinois, comme de coutume, conseille la patience et le dialogue soutenu. Selon lui, il reste plusieurs possibilités de compromis; en effet, les Chinois ont raison de croire que dans les semaines à venir une entente interviendra, même si elle n'est que temporaire. Vers la fin du repas, je n'ai que quelques minutes pour réitérer une demande que nous avons faite il y a plusieurs semaines pour l'ouverture d'un consulat à Guangzhou.

L'après-midi est consacré à des réunions avec: (a) la société MacDonald Detwiler, dont la technologie spatiale de pointe s'avère remarquablement concurrentielle sur le marché chinois; (b) des intérêts miniers canadiens qui ont de la difficulté à comprendre le cheminement de la politique aurifère chinoise qui est en pleine évolution; et (c) la Compagnie Power, dont quelques hauts dirigeants viennent de passer une nuit sur la Grande Muraille.

« C'est la première fois », leur a-t-on dit, « que des étrangers peuvent ainsi séjourner sur la Muraille. » J'ai envie d'ajouter, « depuis Genghis Khan, bien sûr », mais je me contente de leur narrer une randonnée de trois jours, il y a deux ans, avec ma fille sur des parties complètement en ruines à un autre endroit de la Muraille. En fait, l'événement spectaculaire auquel ils viennent de participer a été organisé par le Ministère du Tourisme pour environ 80 personnes et comprenait un repas 'barbecue' aux chandelles, tentes, sacs de couchage et boissons à volonté servies par du personnel digne d'un hôtel cinq étoiles. En rien comparable à notre périple de trois jours où nous



dûmes traîner notre propre eau et notre propre pemmican. En revanche, nous avons trouvé une solitude idyllique dans une nature des plus pures, et ce à 120 km de la capitale du pays le plus peuplé au monde!

Ce qui reste de l'après-midi est consacré à des vœux diverses: répondre à des plaintes de gens qui se sont vus refuser des visas, réacheminer des protestations sur la soi-disante pratique chinoise d'extraire à des fins médicales la bile d'une certaine espèce d'ours (un reportage à l'étranger a causé une avalanche de lettres), demander des explications sur la disparition d'un écolier canadien, préparation d'une participation canadienne à un symposium international sur la procédure criminelle, et retouche de mes notes pour une prestation à la télévision chinoise sur les réformes économiques en Chine.

Deux réceptions (... et la démocratie)

À la fête nationale de l'Italie, le président de l'École normale supérieure de Pékin me propose une augmentation des échanges universitaires avec le Canada et le président de l'Université du Commerce international et de l'Économie me suggère que nous élargissions notre coopération actuelle aux champs des sciences économétriques. Parmi les étrangers, cependant, le principal sujet de discussion semble être les mesures accrues de sécurité qui se font sentir de plus en plus ces derniers jours, c'est-à-dire juste avant la date fatidique, que la plupart des hauts fonctionnaires chinois préfèrent oublier.

À la deuxième réception, celle offerte par l'Association chinoise de Droit international, je suis abordé par un membre du

Comité permanent du Congrès national du peuple qui a appris que l'Ambassade se proposait d'honorer Wang Tieya, la plus grande autorité chinoise de droit international. Comme mon interlocuteur semble principalement intéressé par la liste des invités, je lui donne une idée de ceux qui y seraient conviés. Quand il me demande le nombre total des invités, je ne puis m'empêcher de me rappeler le principal sujet de conversation à la réception précédente et je lui réponds un peu geignard, « Je suppose que ça dépendra de l'endroit où l'on nous permette de tenir notre réception. » Mon interlocuteur disparaît dans la foule.

Un membre du Ministère des Affaires étrangères m'accoste pour me dire à quel point le Premier ministre Bob Rae avait fait bonne impression lors de sa récente visite à Pékin; ce qui, semble-t-il, avait attiré l'attention de ses hôtes, fut l'étendue et la diversité de ses intérêts, et surtout la vigueur qu'il avait démontrée en faisant la promotion des programmes de radio, TV et film de sa province. Nous nous attardons quelque temps sur la gamme des pouvoirs provinciaux au Canada, mon collègue constatant que les chefs des provinces canadiennes semblent jouir d'une autorité bien plus considérable que dans la plupart des autres ensembles fédéraux. Il me lance une dernière question: « Et quand aurons-nous le plaisir d'accueillir le Premier ministre du Québec, la seule des grandes provinces canadiennes qui ne nous ait pas encore fait honneur à ce niveau? » « Après les élections, sans doute », lui dis-je.

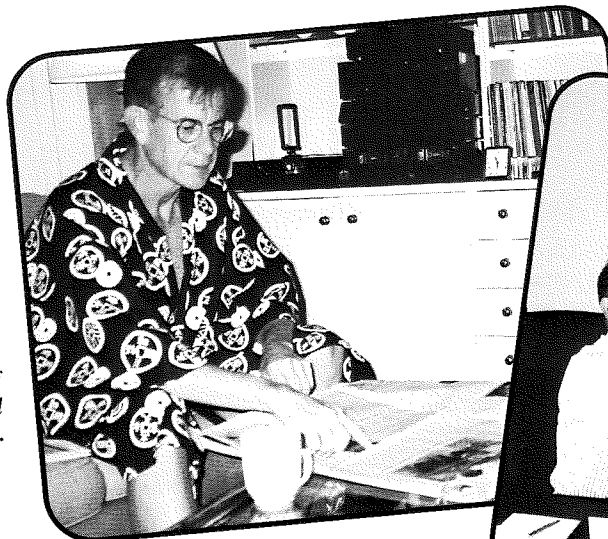


Mr. Higginbotham does **HONG KONG**

by Commissioner John Higginbotham
Canadian Commission, Hong Kong

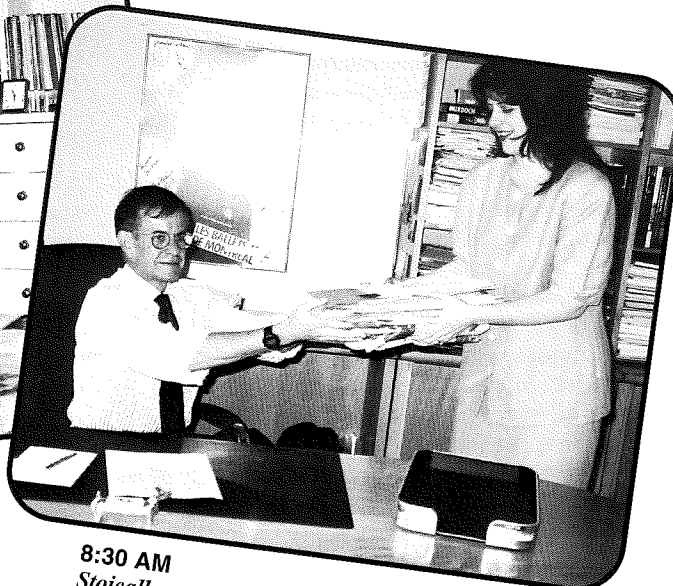
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Scan newspapers and listen to the news. Always surprises: Political intrigues north of the border; 1997 nerves; immigration and national unity stories from home; mountains of business news; triads and Canto-pop gossip.



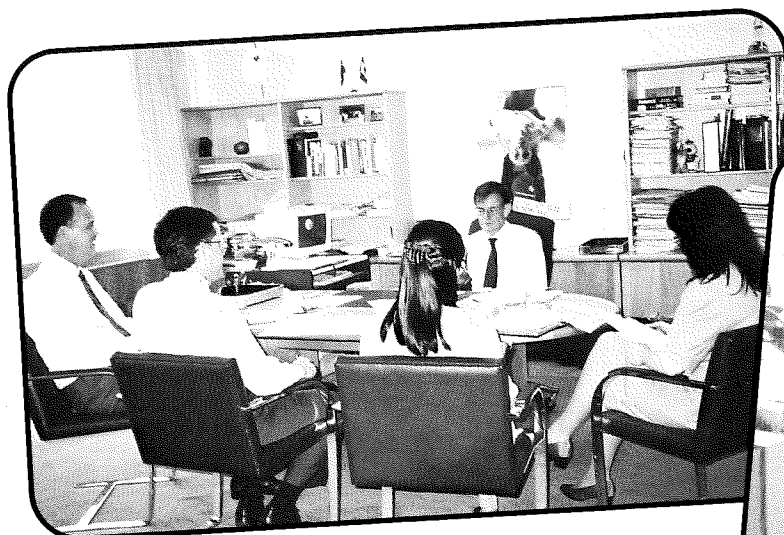
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Stoically accept one day's incoming paper from my secretary, Deborah Koop.



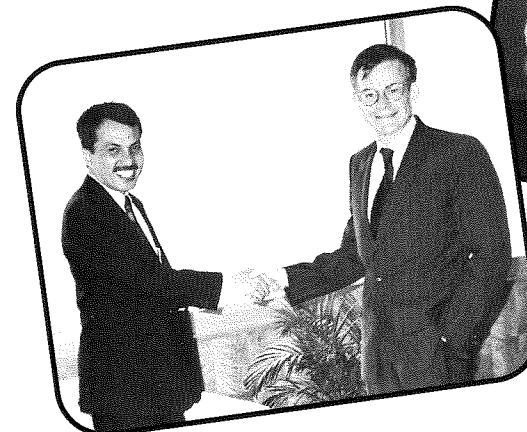
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Task Force meeting on Minister Ouellet's visit at end of July. Objectives will be to strengthen economic and cultural links, show support for Hong Kong people as 1997 looms, and assure Hong Kong investors/immigrants about Canada.



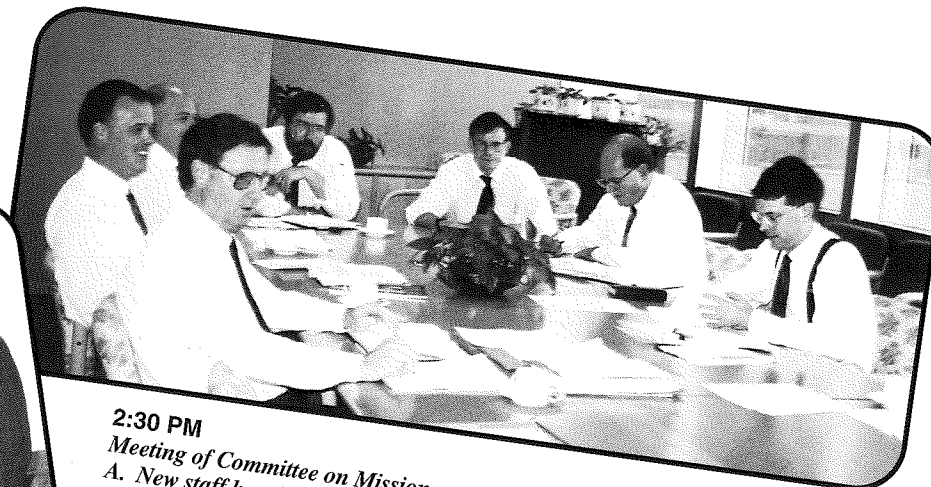
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Meet with Head of Immigration Section, Gerry Campbell (at desk) and his Deputy, Bill Sheppit, re this year's Final Disposition targets, business immigration program, possible visit of Minister of Immigration, status of Chinese born Canadians in Hong Kong post-1997, and staff housing policy. Hong Kong is our largest source of immigrants (and Canada the biggest Hong Kong destination) bringing billions of dollars of investment and business to Canada every year.



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Courtesy Call by new Malaysian Commissioner, Mr Mohamed Khalis.

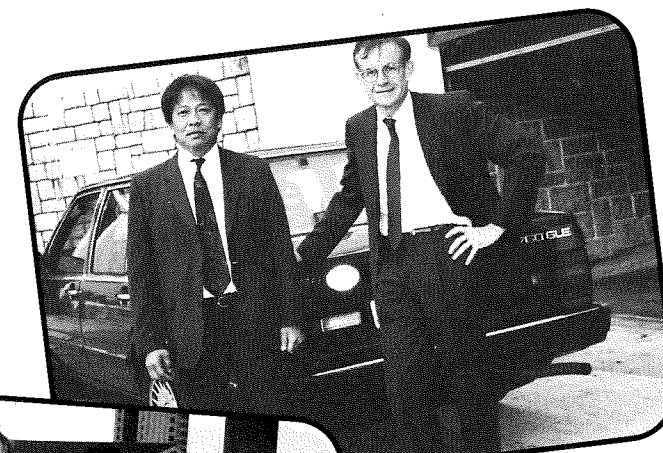


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Meeting of Committee on Mission management. Discussion included:
A. New staff housing policy as fixed budgets and exploding real estate costs mean relocations this summer.
B. Review of plan to compress Chancery into four floors (again for budgetary reasons), not easy with staff of over 150 in crowded quarters.
C. Departmental Audit — positive report with constructive suggestions.
D. Locally Engaged Staff salary freeze — a crisis for us when local inflation is over 10%.
E. Mission budget.

5:30 PM

Attend Italian National Day. Meeting with Bob Peirce, the Hong Kong Government's Political Adviser; discuss what's up with Legislative Council's consideration of Governor Patten's reform package, succession issues in Beijing, (we are both "China Hands") and making the most of Minister Ouellet's visit.



6:45 PM

Race home in Embassy car — indispensable with 15 hour work days in city of traffic jams and impossible parking.



7:00 PM

Dinner to thank 45 leaders of Canadian community for their efforts in organizing extremely successful Hong Kong-Canada-South China Business Conference and Canada Days educational and cultural events during May visit of Governor-General Hnatyshyn and Minister of Agriculture.

My wife Michèle (second from left on roof) again put in many hours of work organizing and hosting the Canada Days events — and this dinner. How she combines her official role with teaching English to Hong Kongers full time at a local Canadian school is a mystery to me.



AUSTRALIA

ON THE ROAD IN ASIA

Heads of Mission often visit the far flung parts of the region to which they are accredited. They will carry out representational duties on their own or alongside their partners. On June 2, at least four heads of mission and spouses were on the go: the High Commissioner to Australia and his wife, **Michael and Linda Berry**, were in Tasmania; the High Commissioner to India, **John Paynter**, was visiting Bhutan; the High Commissioner to Malaysia, **John Bell**, was in Sarawak; and **Frances Delvoie**, wife of the High Commissioner to Pakistan, was visiting the site of a local natural disaster.

AWAY TO TASMANIA

by Linda Berry, Canadian High Commission, Australia

The Canadian High Commission in Canberra awakes to a light frost and the chatter of green and red king parrots. The High Commissioner, Michael Berry, however, awakes to the sun and blue water of Hobart. He is accompanied by his wife, Linda. She records the day.

"On the road" means that time spent on household management diminishes but the attention to wardrobe increases. In Canberra I may meet people at coffee mornings, lunches, dinners or receptions two or three times a week, sometimes more than that — in 150 days of this year I counted 80 functions. On an official visit, it is pretty well non-stop meeting with people, absorbing information and participating in exchanges.

Tasmania is probably my favourite state in Australia. At the seeming end of the world one could be excused for thinking that there would not be many Canadian connections, but our day illustrates the ties we have with that small, far away "Apple Isle".

Michael's first call is on the Minister for National Parks and Heritage to discuss the

possibility of erecting a small monument in Hobart to commemorate those Canadians who took part in the 1837-38 Canada rebellion. For their trouble they were transported to the Australian penal colony in what was then known as Van Dieman's Land. In the 1970's a small cairn was placed in Sandy Bay on the outskirts of Hobart to mark their



On Exchange with the Kiwis

by Daryl Copeland, Canadian Exchange Officer, New Zealand

Working for someone else's government is no picnic. Seconded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, I am responsible for New Zealand's relations with Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines with an emphasis on trade and economic relations. However, today I'm on the East Timor file.

The screening here in April of John Pilger's film, *Death of a Nation: the Betrayal of East Timor* brought forth a torrent of public protest over New Zealand's alleged complacency. Fifty-one MPs, slightly more than half of the sitting members, delivered a petition to the Indonesian Embassy condemning human rights violations in East Timor and calling for self-determination. A few days later a journalist was inadvertently permitted to attend the credentials ceremony for the new Indonesian Ambassador. The Governor General referred pointedly to the "concerns of many New Zealanders" over Indonesia's handling of Timor. This produced headlines like "Vice-Regal Tilt at Indonesia" and "Untimely Chiding Embarrasses Government".

The timing of the speech and the petition could not have been worse — it is barely a week before Prime Minister Bolger's long awaited official visit to Jakarta. There were demonstrations. Bags of correspondence, vehemently critical and demanding action, piled in. The press pilloried the PM relentlessly. His handlers fumed at the Ministry's inability to quell the rabble.

It all ended up on my desk. I find myself in the centre of a major damage control exercise. Not relaxing.

One of the hardest parts of living in Australia is being so far from my mother and my grown children. I know it is harder for my mother than it is for the rest of us. Frequent calls help her to feel I am not so far away. As we speak, I describe the

harbour prickly with masts, the old warehouses now restored, the skyline of Hobart with Mount Wellington looming in the background. Straight ahead lies Antarctica. I suddenly feel very far from home, very far from my family, very far from my beloved little house in Ottawa.

Michael and I head to a meeting at the University of Tasmania. We present a cheque to the Institute of Antarctic and Southern Ocean Studies for a project on "Canada-Australia and Maritime Cooperation: Oceans Policy in the post-UNCED Era", undertaken in collaboration with Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The local media are in attendance and put together an excellent piece for the television news that night.

At lunch I sit with the Head of the English Department. She wonders if I know of a Canadian author who would be interested in participating in the Tasmanian

MALAYSIA

INDIA

Writers' Festival next March. As I had recently had a similar discussion with those planning the Canberra Word Festival, also in March, I am able to suggest Ottawa short story writer, Isabel Huggan, who had recently published her second collection, *You Never Know*. Isabel has now been involved in both festivals.

We wind up our official appointments at a dinner with members of the Tasmanian Tourist Board. We had originally met them in Melbourne at the ceremonies on the *Polly Woodside*, a renovated sailing ship from the late 1800's, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the arrival in Melbourne of the Canadian-built ship, *Marco Polo*. The National Film Board filmed the evening. During dinner we discuss the possibility of filming the penal colony ruins in Port Arthur in Tasmania where some of the more "difficult" Canadian exiles spent time.

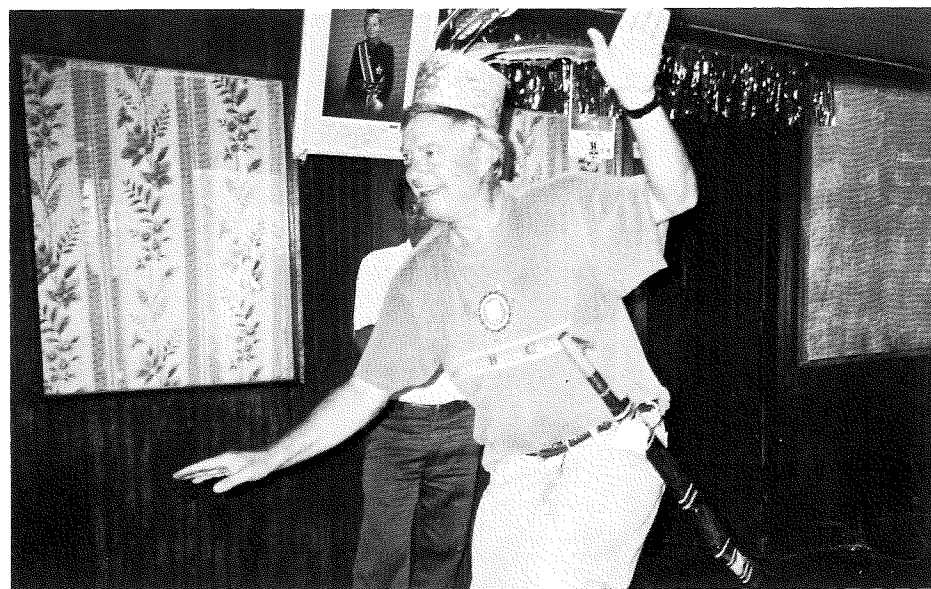
Our Tasmanian sojourn demonstrates that spouses of Heads of Mission can play a very positive role for Canada if they so wish.

Visiting Dad at the High Commission

by Brigid McGrath, daughter of Military attaché, Malaysia

I am visiting my family on summer vacation. I drop in to see my father, the Canadian Forces Attaché, at the Canadian High Commission in the Malaysia-Borneo Finance Building, a twenty-three storey skyscraper in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. I am in its cavernous black marble lobby.

The High Commission is on the seventh floor but getting an elevator in the mob takes an element of aggression. My strategy this morning is to go with the flow. I stand directly in front of the elevator doors — in Canada this is a no-no but in Malaysia it is the only hope to reach an upper floor. When they open, the sardines inside spill out on either side of me, while the people behind me physically shove me inside as they rush in. Pinned to the back wall of the elevator, I feebly call out, "Tujuh!" so a tiny Indian messenger presses seven. I stumble off, rearrange my hair and wonder how long my father can use these elevators several times a day before a stroke or coronary thrombosis sets in.



A WEDDING IN SARAWAK

by John Bell, Canadian High Commissioner, Malaysia

On June 2 I am in Sarawak with the development counsellor of the mission. We are honoured guests in an Iban longhouse with 78 "doors", a traditional dwelling. We are there to inaugurate a Canada Fund project for increasing the community's income through pig raising and the introduction of new crops.

Our visit coincides with the annual Gawah harvest festival. The entire longhouse stays

up all night celebrating, and I undertake the sacrificial slaughter of a pig on this auspicious occasion. An Iban wedding takes place at midnight. We are asked to bestow good luck upon the marriage by swinging a live chicken over the heads of the bride and groom, who are decked out in magnificent costumes. We also dance the traditional Iban bird dance.

A PERSONAL FAREWELL TO BHUTAN

by John Paynter, Canadian High Commissioner, India

The day starts painfully early. I am to depart from Thimphu, the capital of the tiny Himalayan Kingdom of Bhutan where I had been paying my farewell visit as Canadian High Commissioner to India. I had spent the previous evening as guest of the Bhutanese Foreign Minister, the longest serving Foreign Minister in the world with twenty eight years experience.

It is now four in the morning. I am leaving the Druk Hotel to make the hour and a half drive along curving mountainous roads to Paro, the nation's only airport, altitude 8,000 feet. The Druk aircraft (one of a fleet of two) sits in the mists of the Paro Valley two hours after its scheduled flight time. It is not equipped for instrument

take-off or landing. The flight back to Delhi, via Kathmandu, Nepal, gives spectacular views of the Himalayan mountains, including Mount Everest and Mount Kachenjunga.

Arriving in New Delhi is like stepping into an oven. The temperature is 46 degrees Celsius, breaking a fifty year old record. I return to the High Commission, catch up on what has happened in my absence, and prepare a speech for a World Environment Day Seminar at the Indian Forestry Research Institute. I think about the six hours of hot, dusty driving it will take to get there. I am already nostalgic for the fresh mountain coolness of Bhutan.

PAKISTAN

NO WATER IN SIMLY DAM

by Frances Delvoie, Canadian High Commissioner, Pakistan

Water for Islamabad and much of that area of Pakistan comes from Simly Dam and Rawal Lake. The normal winter rains do not fall in late 1993 and the early months of 1994. As the water dwindles and the temperatures soar to 40-45 degrees Celsius in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi, the inhabitants are getting testy. Supplies of water are increasingly dirty and there is an outbreak of hepatitis.

The first water riot occurs on May 29. It involves about 1,000 people. One man is killed, 40 injured and a number of cars are destroyed.

According to newspaper reports even the underground water level is dropping fast. The Capital Development Authority starts digging tubewells, mostly dry holes, and starts operating 70 tanker trucks to meet the demands of a population of 2.5 million. They assure people that there would be plenty of water by July 15.

By June 1, the politicians are admitting there is a problem. Advertisements and articles appear in the newspapers requesting everyone to conserve water. Luckily for us

Non-Diplomacy in Taipei

by Julia Bentley, Assistant Deputy Director, Canadian Trade Office, Taiwan

Taipei? Does Canada have an Embassy in Taiwan? How can there be foreign service officers in a country with which we don't have diplomatic relations?

Welcome to the ambiguity of "non-diplomacy". Canada tries to achieve in Taiwan what it achieves elsewhere in the world, but without the security and familiarity of a diplomatic framework.

The Canadian Trade Office in Taipei is a bustling multi-functional office with forty staff, of whom seven are foreign service officers "on loan" to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. The phantom foreign service officers provide the services normally provided by traditional diplomats. Canada is in good company, since virtually all the other major industrialized countries, and many not so major, are represented here by equally euphemistically named offices.

June 2 is a typical day for non-diplomacy. There is "non-immigration". The visa facilitation section, headed by two phantom foreign service officers, today issues over 450 visas. In 1993, the office

issued 41,000 visas, making it one of the busiest Canadian offices in the world. After the Japanese, Taiwan tourists are the biggest spenders in Canada, ranking this a key market for Canadian tourism promotion.

There are "non-education exchanges". The Canadian Education Centre receives the usual number of calls. In 1993, 1507 student authorizations were issued and over 5000 Taiwan students are enrolled at Canadian institutions.

There is "non-consular". A Canadian in prison is transferred to a hospital. We visit him; he was treated and declared fine.

Most of all, there is "non-trade". The Director of the Canadian Trade Office, the phantom Ambassador, talks with a major Canadian telecommunications manufacturer about strategies for winning a \$150 million contract for a cellular phone system. It works. On July 12, Taiwan's Directorate General of Telecommunications awards the contract to Northern Telecom. Chalk up another success. Taiwan is Canada's eighth largest export market receiving \$3 billion in our goods and services.

Hurray for non-diplomacy.

most of the population does not see the paragraph saying that diplomats are being supplied as usual. (This, by the way, is not true). We dig our own tubewells in our compounds and are rationing water for ourselves and our extended family of domestic staff. These same articles request people to keep an eye on their neighbours and to report any wastage of water! With the tribal vendettas that exist in this country, I fear there will be a great deal of turning-in and settling of old scores in the near future.

June 2 is "D Day". This is the day forecast when all the available water will be used up and the area dry. On June 1, Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and the Mullahs pray for rain, my bad leg aches, and our chauffeur, Ali, declares he is sitting on hope. The omens are good for a heavy rainfall!

The dawn of June 2 is beautiful, hot and sunny with not a cloud in the sky.

A newspaper reports that one of the water tankers had been hijacked yesterday afternoon by the police. The tanker contained water for 4,000 people. Everyone seems to accept that thirsty policemen needed the water so that they could eventually catch robbers.

I decide to visit Simly Dam and Rawal Lake to see if it is true what the newspapers have been reporting. It is. A small two foot deep puddle remains at the bottom of Simly Dam and Rawal Lake is not much better. On the return trip, I think I see clouds forming over the Margalla Hills. They must have been clouds of hope. No rain falls.

On June 3, clouds form on the hills but no rain falls. Leg continues to ache, Benazir continues to pray and Ali still sits on hope.

By Bus in Fujian

by Dominic Scott, Language training in Hong Kong,

One in the morning in Ottawa; one in the afternoon in South China. I am bumping along a rough road from Zhangzhou to Xiamen in a mini-van crammed with local peasants and their farm implements. I am in China's Fujian province, first to improve my Mandarin, and second to meet contacts who will be useful to my Taiwan posting which starts in September. It is over 35°C in the van. My seatmate's sleeping head continually falls in my lap and his hoes and shovels take up the minimal leg room.

After several more hours of inching our way along congested country roads, we finally reach the outskirts of Xiamen, second only to Shenzhen and Canton among southern China's economic boom-towns. The mini-van now turns itself into a city bus and stops at all public bus stops or wherever someone flags it down. This adds another hour to an 80 km journey which has already taken three. Still, at a price of \$2, one can hardly demand a refund.

Once settled in my hotel, I spend the rest of my afternoon telephoning to arrange meetings. That evening, after a noodle dinner in an old Mosque run by Muslims from China's northwest, I meet with three university professors who had all studied in Canada over the past several years. We discuss the academic linkages between their universities and Canadian institutions, economic and political ties between Canada and Fujian province, and how to strengthen bilateral relations in general.

The next morning, which is eight thirty in the evening in Ottawa, a representative from the Xiamen Foreign Affairs office escorts me to the Xiamen Planning Commission and the Xiamen Foreign Economic and Trade Commission. Both meetings are in Mandarin, and we discuss a range of issues, particularly how to develop further Canada-Fujian cooperation in economic, trade and investment matters.

I have lunch with the representative

from the Foreign Affairs Office. Prior to working for the Xiamen government, my lunch partner had been a student in Beijing during the 1989 Tiananmen riots. With the fifth anniversary of that event on June 4, he talks candidly about his participation and the need for political change in China.

The Land of the Rising Sun

by Doug Bingeman, H. McNairnay, Louis Hamel, Jean-François Somcynsky, Randolph Mank — All are members of the Canadian Embassy to Japan.

The Land of the Rising Sun means international economic policy... On June 2, the Ambassador spends much of the morning preparing for an interview with *Asahi Shinbun*, one of Japan's leading newspapers. The topics will be Canada-Japan economic relations and the coordination of international economic relations amongst the G-7... In the afternoon, the Ambassador works on the inaugural speech for the "Donald W. Campbell Lecture on International Trade", an annual address just established in his honour by Wilfred Laurier University.

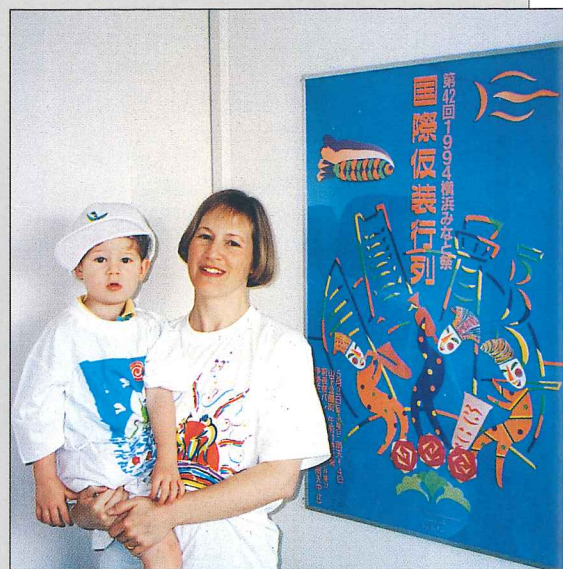
The Land of the Rising Sun means trade.... The Ambassador meets with his trade commissioners early in the morning for a strategy session on how to take advantage of new market opportunities in Japan... Today there is the grand opening of Snap-on Tool Japan office. Snap-on Tool Canada exports thirty per cent of their Canadian-manufactured product line to Japan... Today there is a meeting with the Chairman of Canadian high-technology manufacturer Indal Corporation which has annual sales averaging \$5-10 million per year to Japan. Two Canadian success stories.

The Land of the Rising Sun means an unpredictable Parliament... There are the negotiations at the Japanese Parliament on the details Speaker Bunbei Hara's official visit to Canada this summer. A sign of

the times, with so much political uncertainty in Japan, the Speaker is unable to commit to the visit... In the evening, a political officer who heads the Tokyo Political Officers Club, hosts a seminar at the Embassy with Japanese Diet members. The guest speaker is called away at the last moment to deal with yet another political crisis. With forty guests already on hand, the Canadian host faces his own crisis — he is now the speaker.

The Land of the Rising Sun means vigorous cultural exchanges... On June 2 there is an interview explaining the Canadian arts scene to a journalist from a popular Japanese magazine... There are the preparations for an exposition of Canadian books in Osaka... There is the final checking up on the 250 young Canadians who will be arriving next month for a cultural exchange.

The Land of the Rising Sun means showing the flag... The Ambassador attends dinner with Prince and Princess Takamado. The Prince is a graduate of Queen's and is a keen supporter of all things Canadian.... There is the reception organized by the city of Yokohama to celebrate the 130th Anniversary of the founding of the city's port. Many in the Embassy had lived in Yokohama for a year at the language school. The poster for the port celebration for the second year running is the design of Sue McCartney, a wife of a political officer. Tonight she will be a special guest of the Mayor.



Another Day of Immigration in Delhi

by Audrey Oppertshauser, Immigration, India

On Thursday, June 2, staff created 114 new immigration files, interviewed 62 prospective immigrants, reviewed 59 visa applications and issued 142 immigrant visas. On the visitor side, the section created visa files for 106 tourists, 7 students, 3 workers and 2 returning residents; issued 117 visas and refused 17. We received 22 representations from Ministers and MPs. A quiet day.

An Ordinary Day in Beijing

by Eva Bild, Canadian Embassy, China

Sixteen women of various nationalities constitute the Beijing International Society. While we pack our monthly newsletter, we talk about the Commonwealth Bazaar which took place the previous Saturday in one of the large hotels. The last two days before the bazaar had been rather tense — it had looked as though the whole thing would be cancelled by the Chinese security officials who decided that there should be no big gatherings before the fifth anniversary of the 4th of June, 1989.

At the very last minute we were given permission to go ahead.

The bazaar was successful and we raised over \$10,000. We added this to our Commonwealth Fund which we spend on small development assistance projects and relief projects in China and in needy Commonwealth countries.

On the way home, I stop at the tailor. The tailor and his wife live and work in a tiny space. They have a little back room where they sleep, run the serger, store their supplies, hang up their work and let customers try things on. There is a small scrap of mirror in which one can barely see down to one's knees. In the front room, which they share with a man who sits near the door cutting keys, is the sewing machine and a large table. They're best at copying garments that already fit, but they can make alterations and improvise some, too. Clothes tend to smell strongly of cigarette smoke and supper.

I eat lunch alone, doing the *International Herald Tribune* crossword puzzle. I write thank you letters to donors of the Canadian Ball Committee. The Ball, which took place in May, raised funds for the Canada China Child Health Foundation.

That evening, the Ambassador and I attend the Italian National Day celebration. The evening is fine so most of the guests stand in the garden. It's so very dry, some people wish it would pour. We wander about, eat tiny pieces of pizza and sip Italian wine. We walk home, it isn't far.

In the News

by Alex McNiven, Canadian Embassy, Indonesia

June 2 sees Indonesia on the world news and Canada on Indonesian news.

Morning starts early in Jakarta. Most staff are up at five in the morning. Children are picked up for school at six and begin their long ninety minutes ride to school. The Embassy opens at seven thirty so that all staff can usually avoid the long traffic lines.

CNN has reported a massive earthquake 7.2 on the Richter scale that has hit the South-East coast of Java. Giant tidal waves caused by the earthquake have swept over 200 people to their death along the world famous surfing beaches which are popular with foreign tourists. The consular section receives an urgent request from the Watch Office in Ottawa. There are concerns that Canadians may have been in the area. Indeed, later in the day, the Ambassador receives a call from a Canadian Member of Parliament on behalf of a constituent whose son is travelling in Indonesia. The Embassy can report later that no Canadians were in the area hit by the tidal waves.

The rest of the day passes in its usual hectic pace.

The growing diplomatic row between Indonesia and the Philippines, normally good neighbours, over a NGO-organized

international conference in Manila on human rights and self-determination for East Timor is monitored by the political section. Ottawa also wants the Embassy to make two urgent demarches to the Foreign Ministry and deliver a get-well letter from Minister Ouellet to the Indonesian Foreign Minister who has recently suffered a heart attack.

The Ambassador signs an amendment to a Memorandum of Understanding for CIDA project "Environment Management Development in Indonesia" with the Indonesian Minister of Environment. The project is increased by \$3.3 million and extended for another 15 months. After the signing, the development section meets with senior Indonesian environment officials to discuss planning of a new project.

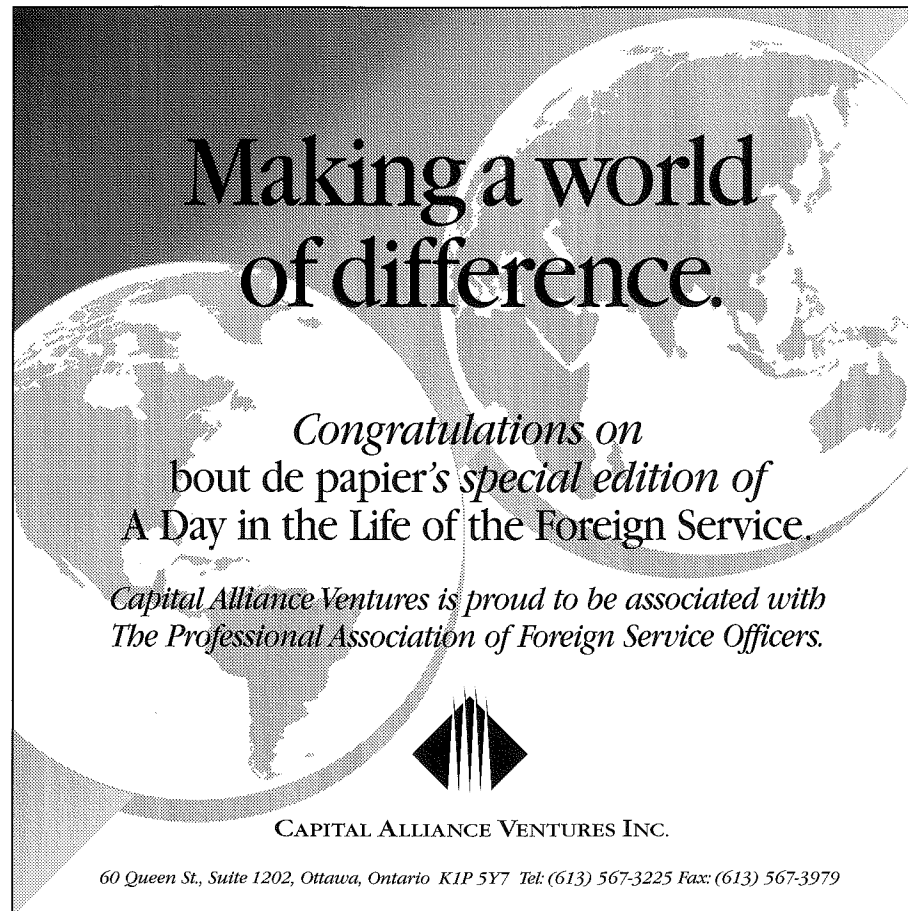
The finishing touches on another "downsizing" operation are completed by the administration section. Through a combination of early retirements and job reclassification, no one loses their job, much to everyone's relief.

The visa section, maintaining our number one position world-wide for most visitor visas without an immigration officer, processes and issues more than 150 visas.

The evening arrives. The Ambassador and his wife attend the Italian National Day Reception. The development counsellor hosts an event to celebrate the successful completion of CIDA's "Water Training Program" project which over 18 years has seen 90 Indonesians earn Masters and PhD degrees in engineering from Canadian universities and another 175 participate in professional workshops and training seminars.

The day ends with Canada in the news. All three TV channels cover the "Canada-Indonesia Business Excellence Awards" dinner and include an interview with the Ambassador. The commercial section had worked flat out for this inaugural dinner which took place the day before. Three Indonesian Cabinet Ministers attended.

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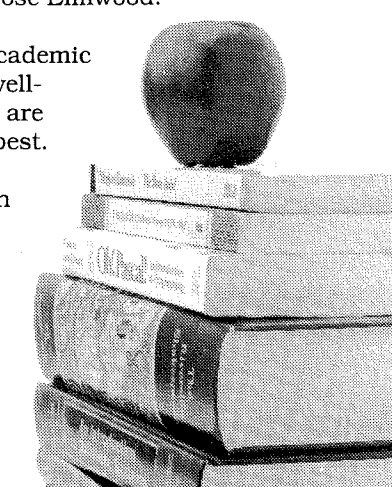
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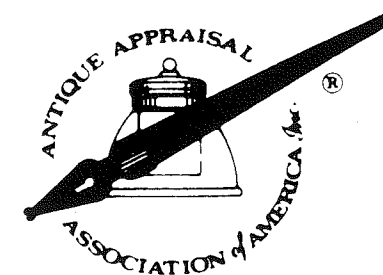


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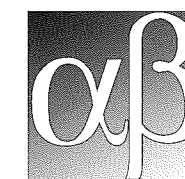


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Le sous-ministre adjoint consulte sa montre. Il attend toujours les nouvelles du Haut Commissariat à Kenya sur les soeurs disparues au Rwanda. Il est quatorze trente dans la plupart des postes de sa région.

Les priorités canadiennes dans la région sont au nombre de quatre :

- appuyer le processus de paix au Moyen Orient;
- la promotion des droits de la personne, la promotion du développement démocratique et la résolution pacifique des conflits dans la région de l'Afrique occidentale, de l'Afrique centrale et l'Afrique du Nord.
- appuyer le processus de transition et la reprise des relations commerciales avec l'Afrique du sud.
- l'expansion du commerce en Afrique et au Moyen Orient.

Le 2 juin se déroule...

... « Oui, nous sommes en train de mettre à jour des Questions et Réponses sur le Rwanda. Nous avons eu la confirmation que les forces gouvernementales ont tiré sur notre Hercule C-130 qui a immédiatement redécollé sans dommage. Une nouvelle trêve devra être renégociée avant la reprise du pont aérien. »



... Un représentant de la communauté canadienne au Zaïre qui est aussi le représentant d'affaires ismaélien vient discuter la situation au Zaïre.

... Le Bureau de presse veut une ligne de presse sur les affrontements de la nuit dernière entre Israël et le Hezbollah qui ont fait 50 morts.

... "We better get a hold of our High Commissioner and tell him that Prime Minister Chrétien has signed the letter to President Mandela inviting him to the Commonwealth Games in Victoria. The PMO and the Minister have agreed that we should release the letter as a press release. Our mission will want to inform the South African government."

... Il y a une discussion avec le Président du National Council on Canada Arab Relations pour convenir de la suite à donner à la réunion de la veille entre le Ministre et la communauté canado-arabe.

... Le vice-président de Canadian Occidental Petroleum discute des opérations de sa compagnie au Yémen à la lumière des derniers développements de la guerre civile dans ce pays.

... Nairobi requests additional funds to meet the extra costs associated with the Office of the Honorary Consul in Burundi. The closure of the office in Rwanda has increased the demand for services in Bujumbura.

... Algiers updates earlier reports on the security situation and the attacks on foreigners. The one hundred resident Canadians are still safe.

... Dar-es-Salaam reports they will run out of passport supplies by July as the influx of Canadian aid workers to assist with Rwandan refugees has increased demand significantly.

... The Immigration Services meets to discuss plans for the reopening of our mission in Beirut.

... The Finance Minister of Ghana is in Ottawa for discussion on Ghana's economic reform program and how Canadian assistance can best play a role.

... Il y a une réunion de stratégie avec l'ACDI pour discuter du rôle du Canada dans le processus du paix au Moyen Orient, en particulier l'assistance canadienne en matière de logement d'urgence pour les sans-abris au Liban et l'assistance électorale dans les territoires palestiniens.

... The Special Advisor on Middle East Refugees meets with the ADM to discuss the follow-up to the Multilateral Working Group on Refugees. Canada is the chairman and is active in trying to make progress on the issue.

... Les ministres approuvent la négociation d'un accord du Libre Échange avec Israël. Ottawa donne à la mission à Tel Aviv l'instruction d'inviter une équipe israélienne au Canada pour un premier échange de vues.

A Picnic with the Prince

by Hartmuth Kroll, Canadian Embassy, Saudi Arabia

The first day of the weekend in Saudi Arabia dawns better than expected. Temperatures are in the low 40s with bright sunshine. There had been some fear that the hot weather and blowing sand of the last week would continue, but things have settled down nicely, much to the relief of those who had accepted the invitation to visit the farm of Prince Faisal. Given the lack of variety in weekend activities in Riyadh, a Saudi picnic promised a pleasant diversion, and now it looks as if it will not be spoiled by the need to pick sand out of the hummus.

The convoy gathers at the Chancery around ten. We will be on paved, well-travelled road the whole way so four-wheel drive vehicles are optional, although the standard safety gear of water supplies and basic tools are not. Breakdowns outside the cities are not to be taken lightly in Saudi Arabia. The two and a half hour trip proceeds without incident, and we arrive to the warm greetings of our host and his sons. The Prince's wife and daughters, as expected, are not present.

We go for a walk to see the Prince's racing camels, followed by a picnic lunch. In deference to our Western sensibilities, we sit at tables with cutlery, rather than in traditional Saudi style on rugs, using pita bread and fingers. The food is a mix of Middle Eastern — hummus, tabouli, and babaganoush with barbecued lamb, quail and goat — and Western — tomatoes and lettuce (all local produce) and steak. Dessert is the various kinds of fruit and sticky sweets. There are dates and melons, but also locally grown apples and grapes. Conversation ranges from the finer points of camel racing and the economics of farming in a desert climate to Québec and, among Canadians only, how long can a salad be left out in 40 degree weather without suffering irreparable harm.

The heat of the day breaks by the late afternoon. We make a more extended tour of the farm. Centre pivot irrigation creates one kilometre circles of green



alfalfa, barley and wheat scattered across expanses of desiccated grey-brown hardpan. It is becoming more difficult to pump the water necessary to grow crops. Wells that previously went down 100 metres to tap the aquifer now sink to depths of 1600 metres before striking water. The Prince expects that he will be forced to abandon the present farming methods within ten years.

Dry as it is, the farm area is still more hospitable than the sandy wasteland which forms one border of the Prince's holdings. It is very much the conventional western conception of the desert. Before the discovery of water and oil, the Prince's family lived and prospered in this seemingly desolate and totally inhospitable expanse of sand by controlling trading routes.

As we walk up the nearest dunes, the Prince shows us the burrows of some of the desert creatures. Mice, scorpions and snakes huddle in the inadequate shade of the sere and seemingly lifeless brambles. Some of the more energetic, and younger, among us go a bit further, climbing to the next sandy ridge. They report that there are only more and bigger dunes to be seen with even less vegetation. For this group, cartwheels are the only appropriate means of descent. The rest of us, with sand in our shoes, watch only in amazement as they twirl their way down the slopes. What our hosts must have thought of this, is beyond imagining.

SOUTH AFRICA

REBIRTH of the Commonwealth in New South Africa

by Gary Pringle, Canadian High
Commission, South Africa

On June 2 the Canadian Embassy in South Africa changed its name. On June 1, a newly democratic South Africa rejoined the Commonwealth. Overnight, we have become a Canadian High Commission.

A journalist calling around Commonwealth missions on June 2 assures us that our receptionist is the first to get it right, "Good Morning. Canadian High Commission, may I help you?". This reaffirms Prime Minister Diefenbaker's seriousness when he promised that Canada would

always hold a candle at the window to help South Africa back out of the cold and into the fold!

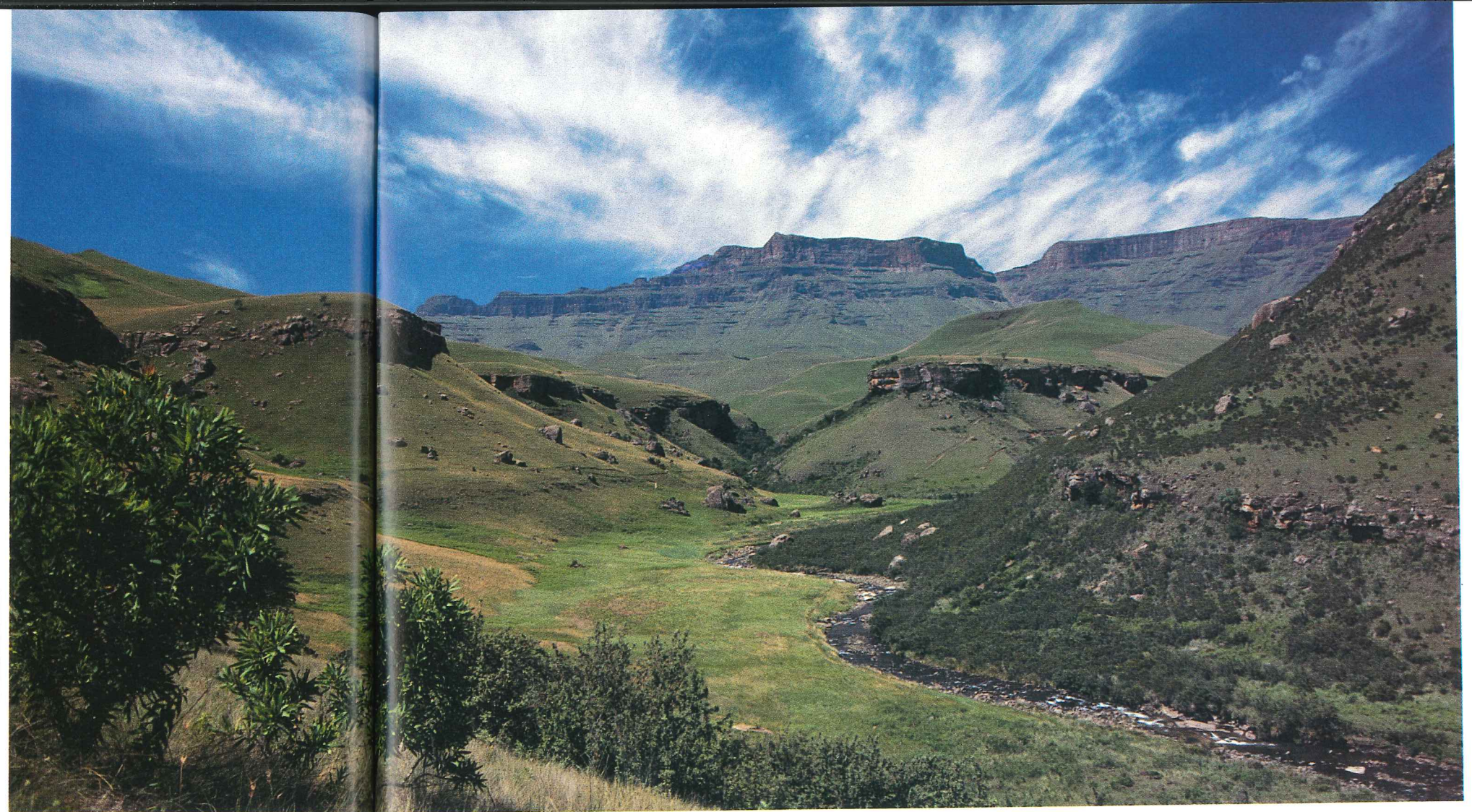
Rebirth of the Commonwealth and Birth of the Chancery

June 2 starts with an early breakfast visit to our new stand-alone chancery, or rather its construction site. The new chancery is rising as a fitting testament to Canada's confidence in the future of the new South Africa, this beautiful but still troubled land. However, such vaunted thoughts are far from the minds of those of us gathered among the jacarandas of a leafy suburb in the chill of another crystal-clear Transvaal winter morning. We are reassured that, despite appearances, we will move into our

new premises on July 22. We return to the fourth and fifth floors of a neglected city-centre office block which we still call home.

The Ambassador, er, High Commissioner, still getting used to his new appellation, has a meeting with the new Minister of Sports to discuss South Africa's long awaited and much-anticipated participation in the Commonwealth Games, in Victoria in August. On behalf of the Commonwealth Secretariat and member countries, invitations are extended to a reception a few days later to celebrate South Africa's return to the fold. The reception will be a great success. The Speaker of the National Assembly, the President of the Senate, the Deputy Foreign Minister, and Commonwealth Heads of Mission attend.

In the early evening, the High Commissioner alerts the South African DFA to a letter from Prime Minister Chrétien to President Mandela inviting him to attend the Commonwealth Games. We are hopeful Mr. Mandela will accept and return to Canada for the first time since his memorable visit in June 1990, this time in his capacity as President of South Africa.



The High Commissioner spends a large part of the day on administrative questions raised by the imminent, annual move to Cape Town for Parliament and on economic reporting. He examines the implications of the new government's Reconstruction and Development Programme and drafts a report on eventual economic integration in Southern Africa from a South African perspective, a hot topic since the demise of apartheid.

A lunch-time visit to the Italian Embassy for their National Day Reception and a surprise visit from the former acting-Secretary General of the National Union of Mine-workers and now a neophyte African National Congress MP provides an occasion to discuss the labour implications of the government's economic programme and a possible visit to Canada.

An Embassy's, er, High Commission's Day

The disbanding of the National Peace-keeping Force (to which Canada had provided four officers under Commonwealth

auspices), and South Africa's possible contribution to humanitarian relief in Rwanda are the hot topics of political reporting. An official of the University of the Orange Free State calls to express her thanks for Canadian support under the Dialogue Fund, a special fund geared to South Africa's peculiar political circumstances (now discontinued) for a project on language policy. This is a sensitive issue also in South Africa, now with eleven official languages!

A visit to the Nokuthula School in Alexandra Township starts the day of the development counsellor. A Canada Fund contribution has helped this school for the learning-impaired. Alexandra, ironically surrounded by some of Johannesburg's wealthiest suburbs, is one of the townships most devastated by the pre-electoral political violence. It is a great relief to see signs of renewal and regeneration taking hold there now.

Back in the office in the afternoon, the development section assesses a proposal by the Canadian Association of University Teachers to provide assistance to the South African Union of Democratic Staff Associations. Payments are made for the Canadian

Electoral Assistance Program under which 200 Canadian observers and technical advisers monitored the South African election. The government's Reconstruction and Development Programme is discussed with the National Institute for Economic Policy. This discussion will assist in pointing to future directions of the Canadian aid program in South Africa under the vastly changed circumstances.

Canada has a sizeable immigration program in South Africa. The May to August period is the peak season for visitor visa applicants, and, on June 2, almost one hundred applications are received and processed. A report is prepared on various refugee issues in Southern Africa. There is another report on fraudulent documentation trends and developments in Southern Africa. Preparations are made for receiving applications from the 120 South African athletes, trainers and sports officials expected at the Victoria Commonwealth Games.

Meanwhile, in Johannesburg, 50 kilometres from Pretoria, the Trade Office of



the Canadian High Commission is beavering away promoting trade between Canada and South Africa. The office was opened in October 1993 by Minister MacLaren, following the lifting of Commonwealth economic sanctions. It has been flooded since then with enquiries.

The morning starts with a breakfast presentation by Motorola, which is announcing their relaunch in South Africa after an absence of many years due to sanctions. However, it is the housing, not the telecommunications, industry which is tying up the Trade Office's phone and fax lines on June 2. In the wake of the new South African government's widely-reported promise of one million low cost houses in the next five years, every Canadian company from Vancouver Island to the Rock is eager to penetrate the market. The Trade Office tries to inject some



realism into overheated expectations by explaining that while there should be some niches for Canadian companies, the South Africans themselves have not yet come up with a plan. All callers are promised that the Office will do its best to ensure Canadian companies gain access to the market. Steering our companies through South Africa's highly politicised housing sector will take considerable diplomatic skills!

A trade commissioner spends her day accompanying officials from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs on a full program of calls on market opportunities. As the day progresses and South Africa's first world veneer slips, she handles a variety of emergencies — such as a no-show car and driver — with aplomb.

The South African mission is complex — with its main chancery in Pretoria, a trade office in Johannesburg and another chancery in Cape Town. It is an administrative nightmare. The administration staff is fortunately up to the challenge. Today, the mission administrative officer spends most of her day in meetings with contractors, architects and quantity surveyors ensuring proper building control.

As if her administrative duties were not enough, she is also our consul. She finds time to call the Attorney General's office to obtain a progress report on an application by a Canadian prisoner's spouse for the deportation of her husband on compassionate grounds. There is no extradition treaty between Canada and South Africa. The application is going forward. The prisoner, who has already served the greater part of his sentence, may soon be reunited with his family in Canada.

A Quiet Night in the New South Africa

The High Commissioner attends a business dinner in Johannesburg in honour of the visiting Ontario agricultural mission. As appropriate for an agricultural mission, there is a fair sampling of South African wines, strictly with a view to international trade, of course.

Another day in the life of the Canadian diplomatic mission comes to a chilly end on the winter highveldt. Tomorrow will be no less diverse or interesting. It, however, will be one less fraught with violence than was the case before South Africa's many millions stood with infinite patience and dignity for their long-awaited chance to cast their vote for justice and reconciliation. The road forward will be long, but South Africa's last Great Trek has finally begun.

DAY 58 OF THE RWANDAN CRISIS

RWANDA

by Lucie Edwards, Canadian High Commissioner, Kenya

It is one minute past midnight in Ottawa. It is eight o'clock in the morning in Kigali, Rwanda.

In Kigali...

The Deputy High Commissioner has been up for four hours. A particularly noisy mortar barrage and the crackling of machine guns have shaken him out of an uneasy sleep in three United Nations Armed Mission in Rwanda's (UNAMIR) headquarters. The noise provides counterpoint to the eerie howls of the packs of dogs that prowl the deserted streets of Kigali and feast on the corpses.

Following a rooftop briefing from the UN Commander, Canadian Major-General Romeo Dallaire, it is on to Faisal Hospital, where hundreds of Rwandan refugees shelter under UNAMIR protection. The closed Armoured Personnel Carrier does not give much of a view to the visiting Canadian contingent which includes the Deputy Minister of National Defence, the Deputy Chief of Defence Staff, and their aides. Theirs is a view through a periscope.

For those who knew the city from before the civil war, Kigali has a surreal air. There is practically no one on the streets or in the green African fields surrounding the city. Abandoned vehicles, with their windows shot out, litter the approaches to the city centre. It is a city silenced, a silence periodically shattered by the sounds of mortars and machine guns.

At the hospital located close to the dividing line between government and rebel forces, the displaced cut up furniture for fuel wood to boil their meagre supplies of maize and lentils supplied by relief agencies. The adults seem resigned and apathetic. The many children who aren't injured bounce boisterously around the *wazungu* VIPs.

Meanwhile back in Nairobi...

The High Commissioner begins her day, as usual, with a briefing by the Commander of

the Canadian air force unit on the situation at Kigali Airport. Yesterday the Canadian Hercules had been fired upon. There is a breakthrough this morning: for the first time since the crisis began, the airplane has been cleared to land at Kigali Airport for the entire day. Usually the clearance is only received a half an hour before the plane departs. There is a heads-up that a substantial number of wounded children will be evacuated in a few days.

This is an exceptionally busy day for the military contingent, who operate out of a conference room in the mission. A new unit had arrived the day before and the old 48-person crew will be leaving for Canada. Briefings at the mission and the airfield are scheduled for the entire day. In addition, there are three other military units in town: a military police team, investigating security in Nairobi; an administration team, looking for ways to improve living conditions and make some savings on the cost of the airlift operation; and a signals team. Our administration and security officers with the office manager work with the visiting missions all day, showing them the ropes at the airfield, the hotel, the bank, and the office.

The immigration officer working on refugee cases for Rwanda receives some bad news about the convent of the *Soeurs du Bon Pasteur* in Kigali. At the request of the mother house in Canada, we had agreed to issue Minister's permits for all the sisters to be evacuated to Canada. Unfortunately, due to fighting near the convent, the United Nations forces have been unable to carry out the evacuation. UNAMIR has now confirmed a report that the *Interhamwe* militia had invaded the convent and ordered all the nuns to leave for Western Rwanda. At a roadblock outside the city, all the Tutsi nuns had been separated and killed. We urgently try to find out the whereabouts of the surviving nuns.

The political officer has an appointment to meet the local representative of the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) at nine o'clock. There are a number of issues on the agenda: the RPF battle plans and the prospects for a ceasefire; their attitude to the deployment of an expanded United Nations contingent;

humanitarian assistance for displaced people; and Kenyan President Moi's call for a regional summit on Rwanda on June 6. The RPF representative becomes very emotional and angry when he discusses the killing of civilians by the Hutu militia. The RPF had repeatedly warned the world community that the Hutu militia were plotting the massacre of the Tutsi population. As far as he is concerned, the UN intervention is too little, too late. The case of a Canadian nun, working in Northern Rwanda, whom we have been told has been denied permission to leave Rwanda, is raised. We warn him that Canada is deeply concerned and wants her exit facilitated as soon as possible.

In Kigali

Mid-morning, the Canadian defence team sits down to a meeting with the Commander of the Rwandan government forces in the deserted *Hotel des Diplomates*. A few minutes into the discussion, a mortar round lands a hundred yards away. The whoosh sound of the secondary splatter effect injects a pause in the conversation.

And in Nairobi

The development section working on humanitarian aid for Rwanda and Burundi is able to reach two Canadian nuns in Kabale, Uganda, who have recently visited the sister in Northern Rwanda. They confirm that she attempted to leave Rwanda for Uganda, accompanied by a number of Rwandan nuns and two infants who are destined for adoption in Canada. The entire party was blocked from leaving Rwanda. The RPF reportedly wants the Canadian nun to remain in order to run a large orphanage for victims of the civil war which they are setting up. The nuns further report that their colleague is sick.

The High Commissioner immediately calls the International Red Cross office to arrange for a doctor to visit the missing Canadian sister. Advice is sought on the easiest means to evacuate her from Rwanda. An officer may have to go to Northern Rwanda next week to escort her to Uganda.

FLIGHT FROM YEMEN

by Wilma Matchett, Consular Section, Canadian Embassy, Ethiopia

Two Somali families fleeing Yemen, two women and 14 children, arrive in Addis Ababa on Thursday, June 2. They had been accepted under Canada's "Women At Risk" program. They had arrived safely in the Eritrean port of Asab the day before; however, the Embassy had only verbal agreement that they would be allowed to depart Eritrea for Addis.

They are to leave for Canada in two groups via Lufthansa, one travelling straight through on Thursday, the other to follow on Saturday. There is a mad scramble to have Lufthansa inspect the documents. The German Embassy is closed for a holiday and there are fears that the German Border Police at Frankfurt Airport will not allow the refugees to board the plane for Toronto.

By the end of the day, their escort assures us that all is well. When I arrive at the hotel to meet the families prior to departing for the airport, the escort now informs me that he is in deep trouble. He has left the relevant documents at the Lufthansa office! A hurried call to Lufthansa. A representative notices them and will bring them to the airport.

I enter the airport through a different entrance than the group. When we meet up, the escort assures me again that all is in order. However, as we stand in line, he admits that he is becoming worried about their documents. "Worrying" is an inadequate response since he is supposed to have the documents. I rush to the parking lot and search for the Lufthansa representative. Ultimately, I get the papers and the group board their flight. The little ones, over tired and over excited, hide behind their mothers and older siblings, afraid to do more than stare at their first Canadian.

Monday we receive a telegram from the sponsors, The Church of St. Clement, Eglinton. The two families have arrived safely in Canada.

At noon, the High Commissioner hosts a lunch for the outgoing head of the CARE office in Nairobi. CARE is involved in the Ngare refugee camp in Tanzania, which has received nearly 300,000 Rwandan refugees. The Rwandans are still streaming into Tanzania at a rate of 5,000 a day. CARE is also considering beginning operations with Rwandan refugees in Burundi and in Zaire. The major topic of discussion is logistics: how to get food and medical supplies to remote localities along Lake Victoria and Lake Kivu. The conversation turns to the sanitation problems in large refugee camps. There are 40,000 bodies floating in Lake Victoria.

Lunch in Kigali

The Canadian defence team is hosted by the Ghanaian contingent of UNAMIR at a deserted hangar on a silent airfield. From a motley collection of charcoal braziers and earthenware pots, a delicious meal of rice and chicken in Ghanaian peanut sauce is

served. It is General Dallaire's third hot meal since the crisis began on April 6. A large hole in the roof, a product of a direct mortar hit a few days before, provides a pleasant ventilation in the hangar.

Back to Nairobi

By mid-afternoon the rush is on for the daily sitrep on Rwanda and Burundi. It is now going on to six thirty in the morning in Ottawa. Over lunch, the High Commissioner gets through to the UN Secretary General's special representative in Burundi to get his assessment of the security situation in Northern Burundi and the state of play in the negotiations on the election of a new President.

The mission secretaries prepare themselves to "fly solo" on our communications equipment. Nairobi is soon to lose its only communicator and the two secretaries have been receiving training in taking over the communications function. The communicator is away today, and they are on their

own. The tension rises in the office: will we successfully send the sitrep and all the other traffic to Ottawa? All systems are go. A sigh of relief goes up throughout the mission.

The Canadian Hercules touches down at Kenyatta Airport. The flight back from Kigali is relatively uneventful although, as usual, the Herc spends the first 15 minutes on stomach-churning, tree-hugging evasive flying. The local bureau chief for *Time* grabs the Deputy High Commissioner's helmet for a quick up-chuck, mercifully avoiding the flak jackets. The Canadian Deputy Minister of Defence and his colleagues are bundled into cars and taken directly to the Tanzanian High Commission. In the rush of departure, they had neglected to obtain visas for Tanzania. As a former Chief of Defence Staff of the Tanzanian Army, the Tanzanian High Commissioner retains a soft spot for Canada. He agrees to keep his mission open late and issue the visas on the spot. His military attache greets them on arrival, and he too proudly informs them he is a graduate of a training program in Chilliwack, B. C. They are on their way within minutes. Thank God for the Military Training Assistance Program!

Five in the afternoon in Nairobi, nine in the morning in Ottawa, and the second shift begins. Ottawa is now awake, and clamouring for information. The High Commissioner fields a conference call from the Consular Division about the Canadian nun in Northern Rwanda. She also discusses the Deputy Minister's visit with the Africa Branch.

At the Official Residence, the kitchen puts on an extra effort for dinner, warned in advance that the military contingent has been subsisting on cold German army rations in Kigali. Tribute is paid to the outgoing Commander for his work during the consular evacuation and humanitarian airlift.

Eleven o'clock, at the end of a long day, Nairobi goes to bed. It is three o'clock in the afternoon in Ottawa.

At five in the morning of the next day and nine o'clock in the evening in Ottawa on June 2, a development officer and the DND delegation are on their way to Wilson Airport, to catch the Federation of Red Cross airplane to Ngara refugee camp in Western Tanzania. The new air crew is also at the airfield in the pre-dawn chill, preparing for their first flight into Kigali.

Another day in the life of the Rwandan crisis begins.

Fin d'un PREMIER VOYAGE en Libye

LIBYE

par Caroline Guimond, l'Ambassade du Canada, Tunisie

DÉCORS : Hôtel El Mehari, Tripoli. Hôtel moderne à la « *Intourist* » des années soviétiques où le personnel a certainement été formé par un des Comités révolutionnaires du peuple. Chambre spacieuse où les traces du dernier occupant sont omniprésentes mais où, heureusement cette fois, l'air climatisé fonctionne car les vents du Sahara ont amené sur la ville une chaleur accablante de plus de 40 Celsius.

Il est sept heures. Je paresse un peu au lit, profitant de ce moment de paix pour repenser à tout ce que j'ai fait au cours des derniers six jours passés en Libye. Moi qui craignais un peu cette visite au pays de Kadhafi, me voici conquise par le charme de ce grand peuple du désert. Tandis que je rêve, mes collègues de Tunis entament leur journée à l'ambassade. Leur matinée se passera probablement avec le train-train habituel.

Dernier coup d'oeil par la fenêtre de ma chambre sur cette belle ville baignée par les eaux turquoises de la Méditerranée. Dans le port, une des principales voies d'accès depuis l'embargo aérien-pétrolier, cargos et traversiers continuent leur va-et-vient. Pour un instant j'oublie les tas d'ordures au coin des rues, les édifices décrépis et les portraits décolorés du « Grand Chef de la Grande Jamahiriya arabe libyenne du Peuple Socialiste », et imagine l'arrivée en rade des navires phéniciens, grecs, romains, égyptiens, turcs, italiens puis britanniques. Dès l'antiquité, l'ancienne Oea et ses villes-soeurs de Sabrata et Leipsis Magnus étaient de grands centres de commerce méditerranéens d'où partaient des bateaux pleins de

vin et d'huile d'olive puis d'or et d'esclaves. Des trois villes (« *tripolis* ») fondées par les Phéniciens puis rebâties par les Romains, seule Tripoli a survécu jusqu'à nos jours et les bateaux qui quittent maintenant son port sont pleins de pétrole, cet or noir qui permet au pays de survivre économiquement.

Le Chargé d'affaires et le Consul des Pays-Bas viennent également nous saluer. Je m'amuse intérieurement à comparer mes impressions du pays avec les leurs: encore sous le charme de la découverte ma vision est naturellement plus rose que celle un peu désabusée des habitués.

DÉCORS : Ambassade des Pays-Bas où se trouve la Section des intérêts canadiens. À l'entrée s'agglutinent des jeunes de toutes les contrées du continent venus chercher une demande de visa pour les Pays-Bas ou le Canada: bout de papier sans valeur mais symbolisant l'espoir d'une vie meilleure, d'une vie ailleurs. Au premier étage se trouve le bureau de Fatima, une dame extraordinaire qui s'occupe depuis près de quinze ans des intérêts canadiens en Libye.

Pendant la matinée, je discute avec Fatima des nouvelles procédures pour les demandes de visas, les examens médicaux que doivent faire les étudiants libyens et les

directives à suivre pour l'émission des passeports aux quelque deux mille Canadiens travaillant sur place. Nous finalisons les derniers papiers concernant le rapatriement de la dépouille d'un Canadien. Nous perdons un peu le fil de nos idées car plusieurs Canadiens, profitant de la présence d'un représentant officiel de l'ambassade de Tunis, téléphonent ou viennent en personne pour des questions de visa ou de passeport ou simplement se rassurer qu'à Tunis on ne les oublie pas.

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DÉCORS : Un petit salon dans les bureaux du Service protocolaire du Ministère des Affaires étrangères avec quelques sofas confortables et l'éternel café de bienvenue. Ce qui retient surtout mon attention c'est une grande carte de la Libye sur le mur. Moi qui en ai cherché une en vain, je peux enfin mieux saisir l'immensité du pays.

Il est midi. Nous sommes cinq dans le petit salon: Fatima et moi qui attendons ma carte d'accréditation diplomatique, deux jeunes hommes et une dame qui semblent simplement attendre que le temps passe. Après quelques instants, nous lions conversation avec cette dame qui s'avère être une diplomate libyenne en poste au Rwanda. Rapatriée depuis un mois, elle attend impatiemment son retour dans ce pays qu'elle décrit avec chaleur et attachement.

Après à peine vingt minutes d'attente, le Directeur des services des immunités diplomatiques m'apporte ma carte diplo. Après

ACCRA BY DAY AND NIGHT

by Bill Gusen, Roseline O'Brien, Canadian High Commission, Accra, Ghana

The Morning Drive

Pulling out of the drive at seven in the morning, I notice that the Posts and Telecommunications work crews are still set up across the street. Not a good sign. They had confidently predicted on Tuesday night that the previous day's theft of underground phone cable would soon be put right. The lead and copper stolen by the thieves is apparently transformed into fishing sinkers and jewellery. Final score: Small-scale industry and entrepreneurial spirit 2 Twentieth century 0.

Four out of five of the private buses I pass on the way to work bear homilies inspired by the Scriptures. I notice that the High Time Night Club behind the Police flats has been converted into The Tabernacle of Praise. Perhaps the moral high road is proving the more compelling after all.

It Happened One Night

Four o'clock in the afternoon. The heat and humidity are at their usual high. As we drive our sweaty selves home, thoughts of cold beer and icy lemonade float in our minds. We arrive to find that there is no electricity and the battery of the generator is dead.

We wait patiently. As the night comes down, we settle for a romantic dinner of warm milk and peanut butter sandwiches by candlelight. By nine o'clock hopes for electricity have vanished. I decide on a cold bubble bath instead.

I put my candle on the bottom glass shelf and put one foot into the tub. Crack! Crash! The heat from the candle explodes the top glass shelf. It dumps its load of lotions and potions into the tub, smashes the water pipe which breaks and starts spewing water all over the bathroom. My husband rushes to my rescue, cuts his feet on the glass and tries to stop the water with a handful of towels. He yells at me get the night guard to turn off the water main. I search the dark for a scrap of cloth to cover my naked body.

A wet silence falls on the house, and we start mopping the floor — a pinch of African flavour for our dreams. And a note on the night table to buy flashlights and extra batteries.

un préambule de mise pour ce type de rencontre, la conversation devient vite beaucoup plus animée et personnelle et, une heure plus tard, c'est avec regret que nous devons nous quitter. Comme avec nos autres interlocuteurs libyens, il aura simplement suffi d'exprimer une curiosité sincère envers leurs pays pour que la conversation s'anime, qu'on nous parle de la famille, des études que font les enfants, de l'histoire et la géographie du pays.

Nous voici sur la route de retour. À prime abord le paysage est plutôt monotone: une très bonne route traversant de vastes espaces désertiques jonchés ici et là de carcasses de chameaux et de voitures, et quelques Mercedes noires qui nous dépassent en coup de vent. Nous passons par quelques villes et villages où arbres et fleurs se font rares et où tous les bâtiments sont de couleur sable. Outre les abords des villes modernes de Tripoli et Benghazi, nous n'avons vu que désolation le long de la côte libyenne et pourtant au cours de l'Antiquité cette côte était riche et verdoyante de vignes, d'oliviers et de blé. Les Arabes, craignant à juste titre une invasion maritime, ont préféré s'établir à l'intérieur du pays, abandonnant ainsi presque toutes les anciennes villes côtières.

Profitant des derniers moments de clarté vers dix-huit heures, nous nous arrêtons en chemin pour visiter le site de l'antique ville de Sabrata. Dans le stationnement, transformé en un grand marché de voitures usagées, des jeunes négocient avec ferveur le prix d'une vieille Peugeot 1950 ou d'une petite japonaise de l'année. Le reste du site est envahi par des étudiants qui viennent fêter la fin de l'année scolaire. Certains cassent la croûte adossés aux colonnes du Temple de Saturne surplombant la mer, d'autres chantent en chœur sur la scène de l'impressionnant théâtre à trois étages datant de l'ère romaine, tandis que de jeunes couples cherchent un coin tranquille parmi les ruines des maisons. Nous reprenons la route en nous dépêchant pour passer la frontière avant la tombée de la nuit.

Malgré le désordre qui règne, les formalités frontalières du côté libyen vont assez vite, pour nous du moins. Rangées sur plus d'un kilomètre, les autres voitures devront attendre plusieurs heures, sinon la nuit, avant de passer les contrôles. Les passagers proviennent non seulement de tout le Maghreb, mais de tous les coins du monde: jeunes Marocains et Algériens cherchant du travail; Tunisiens en quête d'équipement audio-visuel à bon marché; Libyens obligés de sortir du pays pour prendre un avion vers l'étranger ou encore des contractuels tchèques, russes, ukrainiens et philippins retournant dans leur pays passer quelque temps avec la famille.

Du côté tunisien, les contrôles sont des plus ordonnés. Nos papiers enfin en main, nous partons en direction de la magnifique île de Djerba où nous passerons la nuit. Cette immense île où Ulysse se serait arrêté au cours de son Odyssée, ne sera malheureusement pour nous qu'un point de chute où se dégourdir les jambes et se reposer quelques heures.

Il est vingt-et-une heures trente. Enfin arrivée à l'hôtel... Bien installée dans ma chambre avec des victuailles, je révise quelques notes puis sombre dans le sommeil: le sommeil agité du voyageur qui doit reprendre sa route avant la levée du jour.

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Good Press in Kuwait

by Ambassador J. Christopher Poole,
Canadian Embassy, Kuwait

The Arab Times covered a press conference organized by the Canadian Embassy to highlight the many dimensions of Canada's relationship with Kuwait. Some excerpts:

Ambassador Poole spoke to the Kuwait press at his residence in Jabriya. Poole had arranged a display of Western Star trucks which have been designed and produced specifically for use by the military in Kuwait. Western Star is competing with over ten major US and European companies for a Kuwaiti defence vehicles contract.

Poole said, "the value of Canadian exports to Kuwait in 1993 was \$34.2 million.... We hope to see a significant growth in 1994."

There are currently about 700 Canadians in Kuwait with the greatest concentration in the oil, gas and petrochemical industries. More than 100 Canadian companies have established agents or representatives here.

"With a vibrant political and security relationship between Canada and Kuwait it is just not possible that the Canadian Embassy pull out of Kuwait" Poole pointed out. "Canada was the fourth largest contributor to the coalition that liberated Kuwait."



Trade Commissioners and Ballerinas in Jerusalem

by Sara Hradeky, Atalia Hausvater, Avi Goldstein, Sharon Peres, Denise Dahan,
Canadian Embassy, Israel

I start the day at a kibbutz near Jerusalem at the Training Academy of the Israeli Ministry of Trade. I make a speech to the new "Class of 93" Israeli Trade Commissioners. They are anxious to hear about a day in the life of a typical Canadian Trade Commissioner and about the types of services we

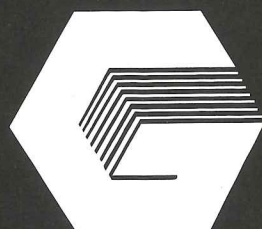
provide to the business community. Many would be serving in countries that up until recently had no diplomatic relations with Israel.

At the end of the day, the Canadian dance company, Ballet Marie Chouinard, performs in Jerusalem. It is one of the Canadian entries in the Israel Festival, an annual event showcasing some of the world's best theatre, dance and music. (This year, the Embassy also sponsors the participation of the National Ballet of Canada and the Canadian Brass). Marie Chouinard had choreographed a sensuous, primal dance creation to music by Stravinsky that was a Festival sell-out. The audience may still have remembered Ms. Chouinard's controversial solo dance performance in Israel a few years back. After the performance the Embassy hosts a reception. The dancers are relaxed after their final performance and exhilarated by the special atmosphere of Jerusalem.



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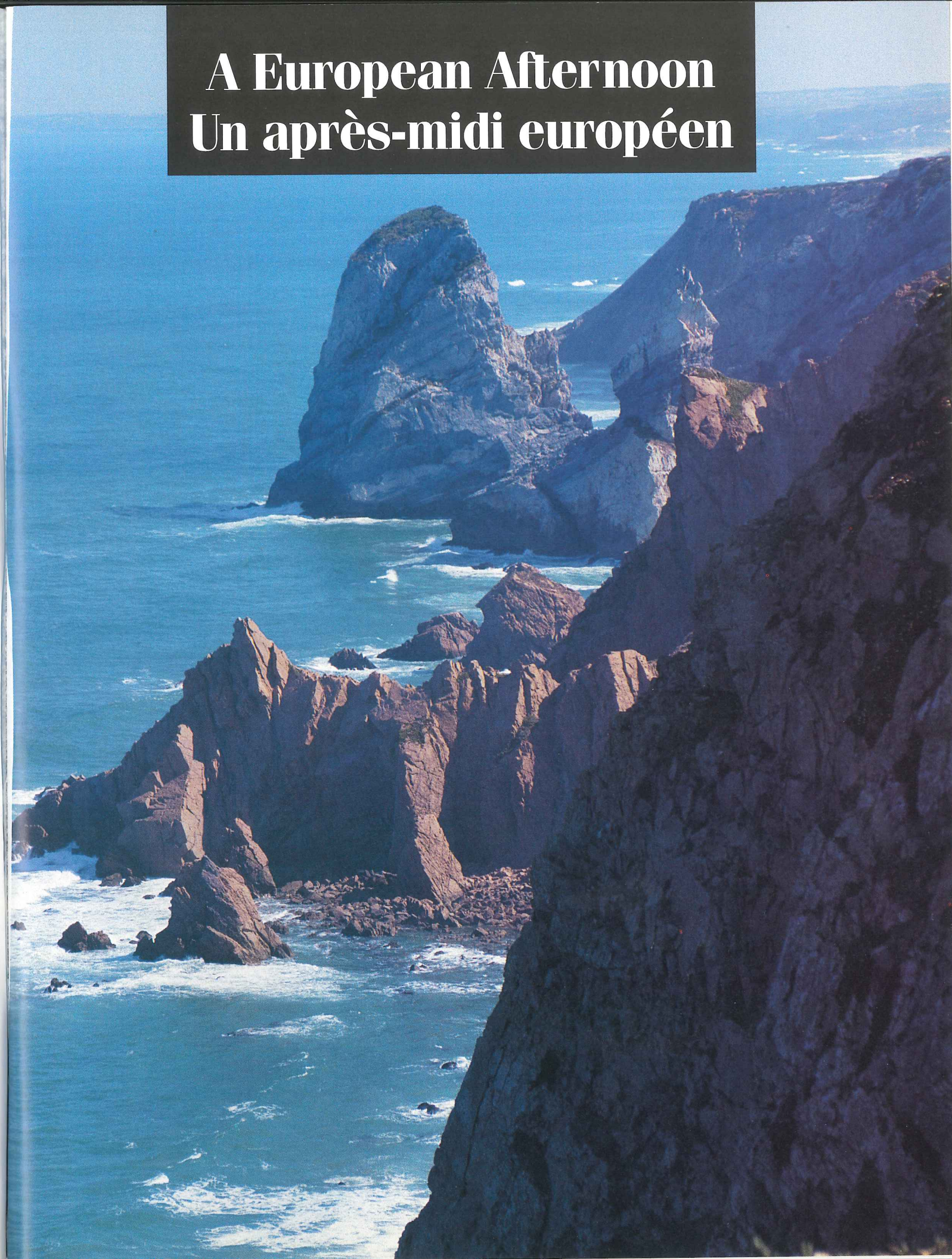
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A European Afternoon Un après-midi européen



OTTAWA-HULL

The hum of CNN news flicks on the screen in the corner of his office. The television is always on. The *Financial Times* and the *Herald Tribune* lay neatly folded on the desk top. The desk is empty except for single sheet of paper. It outlines new options for Canada in the former Yugoslavia. The ADM takes one quick look at the television before he heads to lunch. In Europe, the afternoon is over and the day is coming to an end.

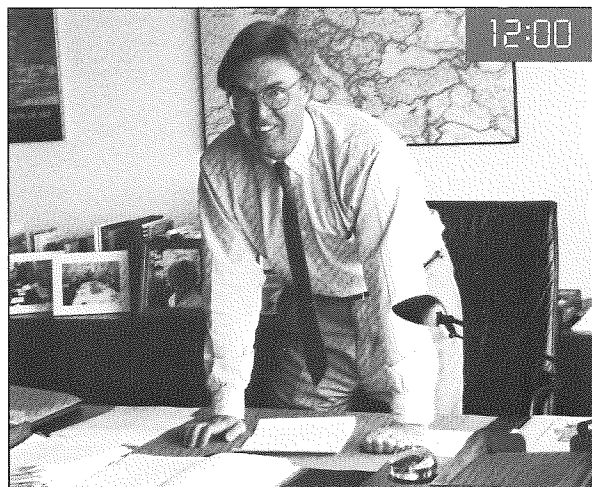
Four issues dominate Canadian policies in Europe:

- the economic and political integration of Europe.
- the bolstering of political and economic reform in the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union.
- the conflict in the former Yugoslavia.
- Canadian trade and investment in Europe.

June 2 unfolds....

... Les ambassadeurs canadiens affectés auprès de l'Allemagne et des Communautés européennes sont réunis à Ottawa dans le but de discuter des options qui s'offrent au Canada pour renforcer son partenariat tant avec les Communautés européennes qu'avec la Présidence de l'Union européenne.

... "I'm sure they didn't really say that. I'll call to make sure." A newspaper article quotes the Chargé d'affaires and commercial officer in Athens making negative comments about doing business in Greece. The Minister's office requests a Q and A.



... Preparations are finalized for the Canada-France Joint Economic Commission. Minister MacLaren will lead the Canadian side in Paris.

... The Minister's office requests an update on the situation in Bosnia in light of the American threat to lift the arms embargo.

... Warsaw meets with the lawyer of a Canadian detained on commercial fraud. The charges are serious and the prisoner will not be released on bail.

... "They will support Don Johnston for Secretary General of the OECD, if we back whom for NATO Secretary General?"

... Le SMA répond à de nombreux appels que lui adressent nos chefs de missions en Europe lui suggérant toutes sortes d'options visant à promouvoir la stratégie électorale de l'ancien ministre Don Johnston au poste du Secrétaire général de l'OCDE.

... Hull contacts immigration program managers in Vienna and Belgrade to discuss the possibility of raising their selection targets for government sponsored refugees from the former Yugoslavia.

... Norway reports members of the *Sea Shepherd* have been tried *in absentia* and sentenced to 120 days for attempting to sink a Norwegian vessel.

... Selon Moscou, l'Arménie procède à des essais pour faire redémarrer ses réacteurs nucléaires, lesquels avaient dû être arrêtés il y a quelque temps parce qu'ils n'étaient pas sécuritaires et parce qu'ils étaient construits dans des zones de tremblement de terre. Moscou demande si le

Canada est disposé à fournir de l'aide et si la question sera à l'ordre de jour du prochain sommet du G-7.

... Un peu plus au sud, Kiev fait le point sur les élections présidentielles en Ukraine et sur les risques de conflit entre l'Ukraine et la Crimée.

... A letter is drafted for Minister Ouellet to his Ukrainian counterpart reaffirming Canada's support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and for a negotiated solution on Crimea.

... The ninth medical evacuee from Bosnia arrives in Canada. There are consultations with the Minister's office on further humanitarian assistance for the relief and rehabilitation of Sarajevo.

... Following up on an interdepartmental conference on Russian organized crime, Hull requests a confidential report from the immigration section in Moscow on the involvement of Russian organized crime in travel document forgery.

... L'ambassadeur croate se présente pour une audience afin de faire le point sur l'aide canadienne à son pays.

... INCO se présente pour discuter du potentiel au Kazakhstan. Cameco scrute un projet au Kirghistan.

... Goodyear discusses investment climate in Russia and a Canadian consortium looks for Canadian government support to pursue a World Bank project in privatization in Poland.

... The Canadian Ambassadors to UK and Germany testify before the House of Commons Committee on Forestry Practices.

... Moscow plans the medical evacuation of a Canadian businessman seriously injured in a robbery at his apartment.

12:30

Les portes d'immigration

Le sous-ministre de la Citoyenneté et de l'Immigration téléphone au bureau de presse. Il vient de lire un reportage sur un réfugié en provenance de Somalie que des personnes accusent d'être un membre de l'ancien régime. Il n'aura pas de déjeuner aujourd'hui.

Le 2 juin se déroule...

... The Deputy has meeting with two outgoing members of the Immigration and Refugee Board.

... Le sous-ministre adjoint pour les services internationaux s'entretient avec le ministre Marchi de sa prochaine visite en Europe. « Vous pouvez signer une lettre d'intention offrant d'aider le gouvernement russe à mettre sur pied un Service fédéral de migration. Ensuite, en Hongrie, vous pouvez annoncer l'abandon de visas de visiteurs à l'intention de ressortissants hongrois. En Italie, il y aura l'ouverture du kiosque canadien à la deuxième plus importante foire commerciale pour les technologies de pointes. Si vous voulez, monsieur le Ministre, vous pouvez signer deux lettres d'intention, la première sur l'initiation du « Projet urbain » et la seconde sur les consultations périodiques Canada-Italie sur les questions d'immigration. »

... There is the day's visit of the US Ambassador to the United Nations. She asks for Canadian help in the resettlement of Haitian refugees in light of the new policies of the US Administration not to return refugee to Port au Prince.

... Ottawa établit des contacts avec le Haut-commissariat aux réfugiés par l'intermédiaire de la mission permanente canadienne à Genève et s'adresse aux Australiens et aux Européens pour s'enquérir de leurs plans d'actions sur Haiti.

... There are negotiations with Jamaica to facilitate the issuance of travel documents to Jamaican nationals under removal orders in Canada. It is agreed that later in the

INTERLUDE POLONAIS

par Ambassadeur Anne Leahy, l'Ambassade du Canada, Pologne

À Varsovie, l'ambassade ouvre ses portes dans une ville plutôt déserte. En temps normal, dès huit heures trente, la centrale téléphonique ne déroule pas et des visiteurs attendent l'ouverture des bureaux. L'absence de queues à la section des visas est une confirmation s'il en fallait, que les Polonais prennent au sérieux leur congé de la Fête-Dieu.



Assise sur un banc dur de la cathédrale de Lowicz, écoutant les chants des meilleures chorales de Pologne, je réponds à l'invitation de l'évêque d'assister à la célébration de la Fête-Dieu. Cette matinée du 2 juin me surprend donc à une centaine de kilomètres de Varsovie parce que cette fête qui est plutôt un souvenir au Canada conserve toute son importance en Europe centrale et particulièrement en la très catholique Pologne.

Lowicz, petite ville de Mazovie, a connu son apogée au XVI^e siècle lorsqu'elle fut le lieu de résidence du pape de Pologne. De ces temps glorieux, il lui reste la procession solennelle de la Fête-Dieu qui est la plus célèbre du pays. Ici, les habitants de la ville prennent encore la peine de revêtir leurs costumes traditionnels ou *pasiaki* et participent en grand nombre à la procession. Ils portent fièrement une centaine de fanions brodés d'or et d'argent qui se balancent au soleil au-dessus des têtes de la foule massée sur la place. La ville évolue toutefois au rythme de la nouvelle Pologne : les commerces restent maintenant ouverts en ce jour férié et des vendeurs de souvenirs font de bonnes affaires auprès des touristes qui viennent aussi bien d'Espagne que de Poznan.

Sur le chemin du retour de Lowicz, je peux voir une des nouvelles formes d'entrepreneuriat. Sur la route qui sert aussi d'axe principal entre l'Allemagne et la frontière de l'Est, nous tombons sur une file de voitures assez inhabituelle, une dizaine de voitures pas très neuves toutes immatriculées aux Pays-Bas. Ce genre de procession n'est apparemment pas rare : des chauffeurs, d'ailleurs de plus en plus nombreux, ramènent des voitures usagées vers les pays de l'Est et se sentent plus rassurés lorsqu'ils circulent en convoi.

Cette incursion dans le pays n'aura duré qu'une matinée mais a révélé encore la très catholique Pologne et les changements énormes qui la traversent.

summer, the Jamaican Consul General will travel with a foreign service officer to correctional facilities to confirm the nationality of those believed to be Jamaican citizens, but have no identity papers.

... La section des litiges reçoit un avis d'appel, logé à la cour fédérale, visant le refus émis par l'agent de visa sur une demande d'immigration. Le ministère conteste l'appel compte tenu des répercussions qu'une décision défavorable de la cour fédérale pourrait avoir sur l'intégrité de la Loi.

... The Minister's Task Force on Immigration is in its second week of public consultations. Preparations are being made for the Minister's speech in Winnipeg at a meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The Minister's report, *Into the 21st Century: A Strategy for Immigration and Citizenship*, will be the blueprint for the next ten years.

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON:

Prime Minister, Minister and High Commissioner

THE ARRIVAL OF THE PRIME MINISTER

by Harry Adams, Canadian High
Commission, United Kingdom

It's DAY 1 of the Prime Minister's visit to Europe to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy by the Allies. It is D-Day all over again.

The trip is a nightmare to plan. There are five events on Day 2, four events on Day 3 and two events on Day 4. Only two major events are under the complete control of Canada, the rest are under the control of the UK Ministry of Defence.

There are fourteen heads of state and their entourages and one hundred and forty six Canadian media. Some of the media are based in London; some are coming with the Prime Minister; some are making their own way. They need to be moved between all the events in three different cities. Logistical nightmares will be solved along the way. A media contingent is often cranky and CBC will be carrying many of the events live back to Canada.

At this stage of the game, there are a great many unsolved issues:

Will the Ministry of Defence find the 50 missing passes?

Will the British relent and allow our media access to four key sites?

Will the Prime Minister's photographer be allowed in?

Will we ever understand the CBC's real needs for live coverage?

How will the media get to France in time to pick up the story?



Early Morning Outlook — bleak

The mission media team arrives at the High Commission at seven thirty to discuss how best to tackle the outstanding issues. An hour later, we depart for Green Park, the site of the Canada Memorial. Its unveiling will be the centrepiece of the Prime Minister's London program.

We meet the CBC delegation who are doing the set-up for the next day's live broadcast. It's amazing how many people and equipment go into live TV. There are people everywhere, trucks, cables, cameras. There are several last-minute demands including exclusive use of several positions that we had allocated to others; more roaming cameras than royal security will allow; full and open access to all areas that neither the Canadian nor the UK security will allow. When we say no, CBC threatens "to pull the plug". Heated discussion follows!

We return to the High Commission to try to resolve the issues:

Will the Palace intervene on our behalf to get a Canadian journalist on board the Britannia?

Will the other media who had been offered the positions at Green Park give them up to the CBC?

Can we persuade the Ministry of Defence to issue new passes to replace the 50 passes they lost?

Is the media room ready for opening at three this afternoon?

How can we keep UK media under control at the Green Park site when all they want to do is stick a camera in the face of the Queen and get a picture of Princess Diana's legs? How can we keep the rowdy Brits from beating up on the quiet Canadian journalists (sic)?

Can we improve the mobility of the CBC live crew without screwing everything else up?

Noon: Situation Less Bleak

At one thirty, we have a full meeting with the Prime Minister's advance team. There is confirmation that the PM's plane will be two hours late. Everyone will have to be

contacted to delay departure to the airport. Quite a few media are going out to film the arrival and this now means that they won't be back in London until eleven in the evening. Everyone has cell phones. In a scenario that Monty Python would be proud of, every few minutes a cellular phone rings and everyone stops to pick up theirs. The room is filled with the sounds of "hello", "bonjour" spoken into the ether. No one can tell their ring from any other ring.

The meeting breaks up and the media team is off to the Holiday Inn to open up the press centre which is, thank goodness, already well set up. Unfortunately, the hotel staff has not arranged the briefing room right, so, while the briefing is delayed, we all start moving tables and chairs. Meanwhile, the various accreditation passes are issued (minus the 50 still lost by the Ministry of Defence) to incredulous media used to a simpler world than the UK pass system.

The Press Briefing

At four, the representatives of the Prime Minister's Office, National Defence and the High Commission give the briefing. Out of a total of 40 media present, half are British and they are not happy. They want more spaces at Green Park — at the expense of the Canadians! No! No! No! No!

We talk again to the Palace and the Foreign Office. There is a breakthrough on access for Canadian media to the four closed sites.

At seven thirty, the media bus departs for the airport with representatives of the PMO and the High Commission. The rest of the mission's media team stays behind to rework the entire media program in both languages.

At eleven, the bus arrives from the airport carrying a tired media contingent and the rest of the PMO media team. At midnight, the briefing begins. It lasts an hour. There are more changes to the media plan. It must be ready for first thing in the morning. Did someone mention dinner? Sleep? Day 1 ends, sort of.

MINISTER MACLAREN COMES TO TOWN

by Trade Section, Canadian High
Commission, United Kingdom

It is five thirty in the morning. A driver from the High Commission heads for the airport with an officer from the High Commission. Minister MacLaren and Mrs. MacLaren are met at plane side and proceed to the VIP Lounge to clear customs. The mission's car departs Heathrow for London.

In the car, Minister MacLaren is anxious to discuss the details of program: the lunch meeting with the President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and an important afternoon bilateral meeting with Michael Heseltine, the UK President of the Board of Trade and Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. The Minister wants more information on the EC wheat quota issue which affects Canadian exports to the UK. He wants to pursue this with his British counterpart.

The EU wheat quota and its implications for Canadian exports to the UK is pursued with the British Minister

We arrive at the Marriott Hotel. Oh oh. Despite three earlier phone calls, the Minister's room will not be ready until noon. The Assistant Manager apologizes profusely and offers another room for the interim.

The mission staff return to the High Commission to re-check the program and obtain information on the EC wheat quota issue requested by the Minister. We also clarify tomorrow's program to dedicate the Canadian War Memorial in Green Park.

At noon, Minister MacLaren heads for the EBRD for his meeting. The discussions with the EBRD President focus on the new directions of the Bank towards the decentralization of banking operations, the tailored programs of assistance for each



country in the former Soviet Union and Central Europe, co-financing possibilities between the Bank and the Canadian Export Development Corporation and the capital requirements for the Bank in the coming years.

Minister MacLaren also renews acquaintance with the First Vice President of EBRD. How Canadian companies can be involved in the oil and gas sector, telecommunications and nuclear power plants in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union are discussed.

In the afternoon, High Commissioner Eaton accompanies the Minister to the meeting with his British counterpart. The cancellation of the Pearson airport contract, trade relations between Canada and Britain within the European Union, GATT negotiations, NAFTA, the expansion of the European Union, the new UK competition policy, the financing of small and medium-sized enterprises, youth employment and the EU wheat quota and its implications for Canadian exports to the UK are discussed in a friendly manner. The British Minister asks his officials to look into the wheat issue.

The last event starts at six thirty — the Guildhall Memorial Dinner. Meanwhile the staff of the High Commission begin the preparation of a reporting telex which must be shown to the Minister in the morning. They return home at midnight.

DIARY OF THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

by Fredrik Eaton, High Commissioner,
United Kingdom

My wife and I are off to an eight thirty rehearsal for the June 3 unveiling of the Canada Memorial, an event which will be the ceremonial highlight of our tour of duty and of Prime Minister Chrétien's visit to London to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

In my mind, this would be a quick run through of our own roles. As we arrive at the Memorial in Green Park behind the Canada Gates across from Buckingham Palace, I am quickly disabused of this fantasy. At least a hundred people are gathered there, not including the troops and two bands.

The Canadian Defence Liaison Staff are all there, together with the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) team and officers from the political section of the High Commission. The Queen's Private Secretary leads the contingent of Private Secretaries acting for the Royals. With eight members of the Royal Family to be in attendance tomorrow this means a large contingent. All the members of the Royal Family are Honorary Colonels of Canadian Regiments and thus wish to be present. This pleases us but makes for tricky protocol.

The entire ceremony is rehearsed: right from how to open a car door to farewells. Actually the car door instructions are delivered precisely by the Sergeant Major of the Irish Guards, the same man who rehearses the High Commissioners in their roles for Remembrance Day. He is a stickler for detail. The perfect picture of a Sergeant Major, he is over six feet tall and has a voice with a volume to be appreciated best in commands. He will ensure that nothing goes wrong tomorrow.

My wife plays the role of the Queen, arriving in her car and then inspecting the troops. She sees the faces of some very disappointed tourists who not surprisingly cannot identify her!

The British do these ceremonial events better than most, so when we have done the run through and adjusted some things (standard bearers moved from one side of the road to the other, platform moved forward, steps to platform from left to right side) we are all satisfied and hopeful that tomorrow will go off without a hitch.

Back at the office, the office of the British Prime Minister calls. They are trying to rearrange the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Chrétien set for tomorrow morning. This seems a bit late to me but the Political Division of the High Commission is sorting matters out with Downing Street, the Australian PMO in London and our own PMO. The domino effect!

The President of the Canada Club phones to urge that the Prime Minister be invited to speak to the Club. Every Prime Minister has spoken to the Canada Club which is the

oldest dining club in London. It has no physical home. Apparently in the old days the Club was formed by Canadians who wintered in London. In former days, the festivities became quite riotous; now, however, they are black-tie dinners addressed by notables of the day.

In the afternoon I escort Minister MacLaren to his meeting with his British counterpart. There is a good feeling between these trade ministers.

After the meeting, I rush back home for a quick change before my wife and I dash off to the Canada War Memorial dinner. The dinner is organized to raise money for the Canada Memorial Foundation and its exchange scholarship programme between Britain and Canada. Many veterans and supporters of the Canada Memorial are there. Film clips are provided by the CBC and Vera Lynn sings.

At Heathrow, the Deputy High Commissioner greets the Prime Minister, the Defence Minister and the Chief of the Defence Staff and their wives. The D-Day visit is about to begin.

Être diplomate à Lisbonne

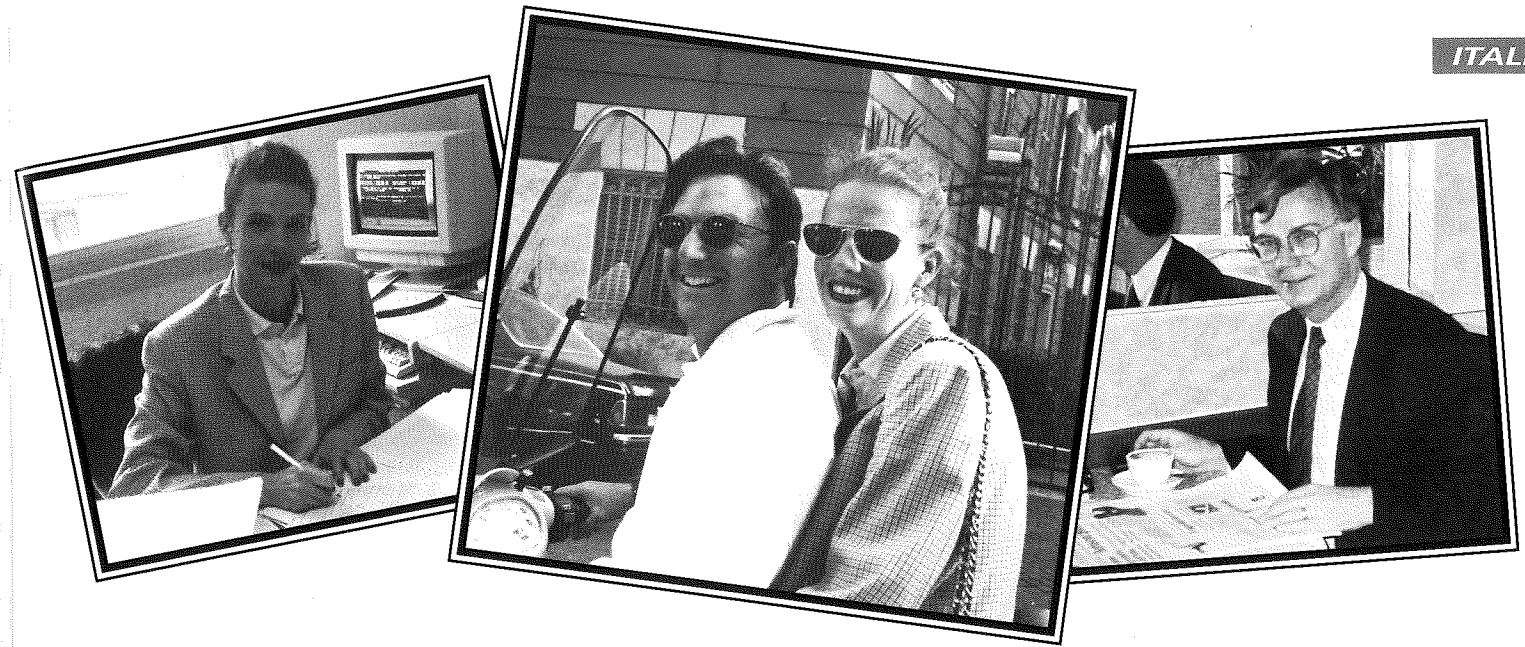
par FXE Loignon, Ambassade du Canada, Portugal

Le Portugal, ce pays acculé à la mer, est venu au monde quasi involontairement, pour reprendre une expression de l'écrivain portugais, Fernando Pessoa. Dernier rempart des envahisseurs celtes, romains et arabes, le Portugal est resté intact dans ses frontières depuis sa création, il y a huit siècles.

Le 2 juin, je traite en fait avec mes interlocuteurs officiels d'événements qui se sont produits non pas au Portugal mais à des milliers de kilomètres; c'est refléter une réalité indissociable de la psyché portugaise. Dans ce cas précis, il s'agit d'un enjeu qui les préoccupe depuis la révolution. Il s'agit du sort du Timor occidental, héritage encore douloureux de la période de la décolonisation. A tort ou à raison, on voudrait bien redresser une situation qu'on a assumée non sans certains remords.

Un autre jour, il me faudra traiter du processus de paix au Mozambique, de l'Angola encore tiraillée par les dieux de la guerre. Là aussi, les Portugais aimeraient entreprendre une nouvelle ère dans les relations avec les anciennes colonies, mais le temps en Afrique a ses raisons.

Mon message sur Timor est envoyé. C'est ici que j'ai été définitivement convaincu que la proposition, souvent attribuée à Pierre Elliott Trudeau, à l'effet que les représentations sont de moins en moins nécessaires puisque les correspondants de presse peuvent faire le travail tout aussi bien, était indéfendable. Les correspondants sont pressés par le temps; l'événement plus que le motif les intéresse. Leurs conclusions souvent vont sous presse encore à l'état de spéculation. Et que peuvent-ils bien faire dans les petits pays hors des moments de crise. Devoir retirer un jugement tout en rapportant ce qui se passe et interpréter ce qui s'est dit dans le cadre des intérêts canadiens, c'est la nature de mon boulot de diplomate.



Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, BUONGIORNO ...

par Ambassadeur de Montigny Marchand,
l'Ambassade du Canada, Italie

L'Ambassade ouvre à huit heures. Le personnel de l'Ambassade, près d'une centaine, se présente au bureau. Dans un bar près de l'Ambassade, des employés des sections de l'administration, de l'immigration et du consulaire font déjà l'échange de potins autour d'un dernier cappuccino.

Il est à peine huit heures cinq. La standardiste reçoit un premier appel téléphonique : une demande d'information sur les visas d'entrée au Canada. *Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, Buon Giorno.*

Dès l'ouverture du portail de l'Ambassade, le personnel se retrouve dans l'accueillant jardin si bien entretenu par le jardinier Claudio qui, ce matin comme tous les matins, accueille les uns et les autres avec un souriant *Buon Giorno*.

Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, Buon Giorno... la secrétaire de l'Ambassadeur arrive.

Une journée particulière à Rome, le président américain Clinton y faisant sa première visite officielle. La circulation automobile sera aujourd'hui encore plus chaotique, l'accès à plusieurs secteurs de la ville étant interdit ou limité pour des raisons de sécurité.

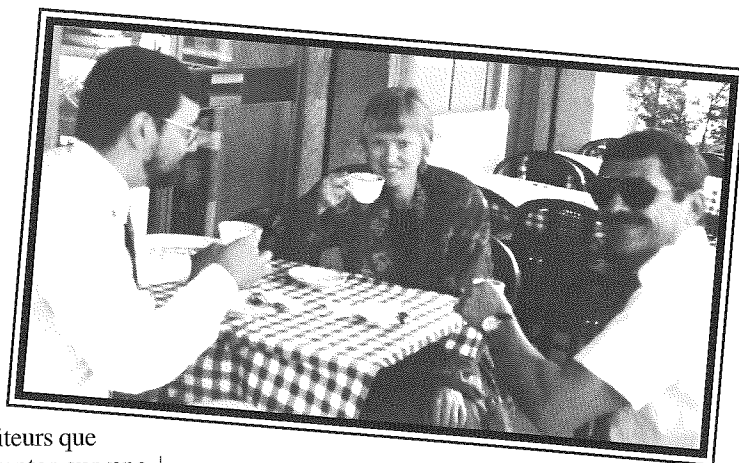
Le couple Clinton vient d'arriver et la classe politique n'a d'oreille que pour l'endossement annoncé du Gouvernement Berlusconi déjà fortement malmené par certains de ses pairs européens pour avoir inclus des représentants du parti néo/post fasciste au sein de son gouvernement. Bisbille en la Majorité, pour la nⁱème fois, on annonce des élections anticipées suite à la défaite de cette dernière, grâce à la défection de certains sénateurs de la Ligue du Nord, dans sa tentative de dominer les divers comités du Sénat où elle est minoritaire. Qu'à cela ne tienne, Clinton déclare son admiration pour la stabilité politique italienne malgré ses 53 gouvernements depuis la Deuxième Guerre mondiale.

Une priorité canadienne: confirmation de la rencontre bilatérale des ministres Ouellet et Martino à la réunion ministérielle de l'OCDE le 7 ou 8 juin prochains (qui a finalement eu lieu à la réunion de l'OTAN, à Istanbul, le 10 juin). La campagne canadienne pour faire élire Donald Johnston au

poste de Secrétaire général de l'OCDE entre dans sa phase cruciale!

L'Ambassadeur doit se rendre au Quirinale à onze heures trente pour présenter les vœux du gouvernement canadien au président de la République à l'occasion de la fête nationale italienne. Comme en de telles occasions, le drapeau canadien claque à l'avant de la voiture, sur le côté droit. La feuille d'érable est instantanément reconnue avec amitié comme partout à travers l'Italie. Il est vrai cependant que dans les rues de Rome, encombrées ce matin pour la visite du Président américain, on peut lire un certain étonnement sur les visages de ceux qui voient passer la feuille d'érable plutôt que la bannière étoilée qu'ils sont venus attendre.

La beauté solennelle du Quirinale coupe le souffle. Ambassadeurs, attachés militaires, chargés d'affaires prennent place par préséance dans l'imposante salle du trône. Le Président Scalfaro, flanqué du ministre des Affaires étrangères Antonio Martino et du corps d'élite des cuirassiers — aucun d'eux ne mesure moins d'un mètre quatre-vingt-dix! — à casques, cuirasses et sabres



rutilants, reçoit les vœux du Doyen, le Nonce Apostolique, qui lui adresse au nom de tous les participants les paroles d'usage. Le réponse du Président est brève et chaleureuse, assurant ses auditeurs que le monde peut toujours compter sur une Italie généreuse, solidaire et fidèle à ses alliances sous le nouveau gouvernement maintenant en place.

La réception qui suit la cérémonie permet de solliciter auprès du ministre Martino une rencontre bilatérale avec notre ministre Ouellet en marge de la réunion ministérielle de l'OTAN à Istambul, la semaine prochaine. Le ministre Martino demande aussitôt à son Chef de cabinet de prendre à cet égard les mesures nécessaires.

Embassy of Canada, Ambassade du Canada, Buon Giorno... Il est dix heures.

Un sous-comité du Comité de gestion de l'Ambassade se réunit pour établir un plan d'action sur les récentes coupures de postes de travail à la mission et au regroupement de tous les services culturels de l'Ambassade. La réunion est suivie d'une rencontre plus restreinte. Il faut discuter de l'appui aux médias lors du Sommet G-7 à Naples.

Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, Buon Giorno... Il est près de onze heures. Les appels téléphoniques au standard

de l'Ambassade n'ont pas cessé depuis l'ouverture. Des articles parus dans la presse locale quelques jours plus tôt sur les bourses d'études à l'étranger ont valu une avalanche d'appels.

Aux affaires publiques et à la culture, la publicité à faire en collaboration avec l'impresario de la compagnie de danse *O Vertigo*, de passage à Rome, fin juin, est mise au point. La rédaction du mensuel de l'Ambassade, *le Canada Contemporaneo*, en vue d'une diffusion spéciale du numéro de juin sur le cinéma canadien, est également terminée.

La liste définitive des invités au dîner que l'Ambassadeur offrira dans une semaine à l'occasion du lancement de la version italienne du dernier livre de John-Ralston Saul, *Les Bâtards de Voltaire*, est mise au point. Une vingtaine de personnes sont invitées; philosophes, critiques, commentateurs. Le nouveau président du Sénat italien, l'économiste Carlo Scognamiglio, a déjà accepté l'invitation.

Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, Buona Sera... Il est treize heures.

Le conseiller culturel rencontre à déjeuner le directeur d'une galerie romaine, *Aperto*, où se tient une exposition de deux artistes canadiens, Lussier et Myriam Laplante. L'exposition est co-parrainée par l'Ambassade et la Délégation du Québec.

Rentrant du Quirinale, l'Ambassadeur fait le point sur l'organisation d'une visite à Rome de l'ancien ministre des finances, Michael Wilson. Puis l'Ambassadeur rédige à la hâte un rapport pour Ottawa sur sa conversation du matin avec le ministre Martino. La fin de son après-midi est consacrée à des consultations avec Ottawa sur la participation canadienne au Sommet économique du G-7 de Naples.

La secrétaire de l'Ambassadeur, pour sa part, s'affaire aux arrangements du voyage de l'Ambassadeur à Florence le 18 juin, et à solliciter un rendez-vous pour l'Ambassadeur

auprès de collaborateurs du ministre Martino. Cette dernière tâche s'avère compliqué du fait que c'est la fête nationale chez les Italiens.

Au service consulaire, les dossiers consulaires se succèdent sans arrêt: un appel à un hôpital de Vergato (Bologne) pour s'informer

de l'état de santé d'un ressortissant canadien; deux appels de la Cour d'Urbino sur les procédures canadiennes de légalisation des documents; un cas médical à Florence-Canadien victime d'une congestion cérébrale à Naples; l'approbation de six passeports d'urgence; et la translation au Canada des restes d'un Canadien décédé en Italie.

S'ajoute à cela, un bilan bien rempli pour le chef des services consulaires: 1 cas de Canadien sans ressources, 2 cas médicaux, 3 Canadiens détenus en Italie et 4 appels aux bureaux de parlementaires canadiens concernant des cas d'assistance consulaire. Et en fin de la journée, il se rend à l'aéroport. Un Canadien arrêté en fin de matinée a pu être expulsé en soirée au Canada.

Une Ambassade canadienne dans un pays de langue étrangère doit pouvoir compter sur les services d'un traducteur/trice. A cet égard, le 2 juin ne faisait pas exception à Rome: textes à traduire pour les sections d'administration et consulaire en matinée, quelques lettres à rédiger en italien, traduction d'un long article sur Naples et le G-7 ainsi que d'un autre sur la chasse aux phoques au Québec.

Canadian Embassy, Ambassade du Canada, Buona Sera... Il est dix huit heures vingt. Brigitte, la secrétaire de l'Ambassadeur, toussotte et annonce la fin de la journée en reprenant une expression célèbre de son patron: « il n'y a plus d'argent à faire ici ».

L'Ambassadeur rentre à la maison n'ayant pas de fonction officielle en soirée. Il se couche tôt puisqu'il doit se lever à six heures demain pour participer aux cérémonies commémoratives du cimetière américain de Nettuno où les présidents Scalfaro et Clinton seront présents.

Buona Notte!

Always on a Thursday

Ambassador John Noble
Kenneth Cook
J. Gregory Goldhawk
Canadian Embassy, Greece

After sweltering in 38 degree heat and intense pollution for almost a week, Athens is almost washed away in a tropical downpour accompanied by a spectacular show of lightning and thunder. The flash floods which sweep through the capital bring a large tree down close to the Embassy. However, unlike last week, today there are no threats of bombs or bazookas aimed at the Embassy.

Six a.m.! It is really time to get up? Gawd, I'm tired. The Greeks, I have learned since my arrival here, are a wonderfully gregarious people, who love to entertain. Unfortunately, like other Mediterranean cultures, they like to entertain at what are, by Canadian standards, very late hours. Last night was a case in point. We arrived at about 9:30 p.m. for drinks, with dinner to follow at some unspecified subsequent hour. Without question, attending these events is helpful in developing commercial intelligence useful to Canadian industry — especially in a country like Greece, where personal contact plays an important role in solidifying a business relationship. Don't get me wrong either — lots of times these social functions are fun, or at least pleasant. It's a little hard to remember these facts, however, when the earliest you can gracefully leave is one a.m., and you know you have to be at the office by 7:30. I'm not sure that I'll ever get used to this late-night routine.

The Ambassador leaves for the office in his 1991 Chevrolet Caprice. As usual it gets more stares and comments than the high priced Mercedes used by most other Embassies. It is the only one in town.

I arrive at the Embassy. The Greek security guards are outside taking their first coffee of the day. I wish them Kalimera — "good morning!" I push open one of the two main doors to the Embassy. It's a heavy contraption of metal grating and thick glass. You have to give it a hefty shove to get it

open. Today I shove too hard. The door swings ponderously open, gathers speed, hits the floor-mounted stopper, flexes... and cracks the big pane of glass in the middle. This is not good. Does this mean bad luck, the same as for a broken mirror? I hope not — I just broke one very large piece of glass. Sheepishly, I report my misdemeanour to the Embassy's administration and ask them to fix it and tell me how much it costs.

The Ambassador follows up on a phone call from Prime Minister Chrétien to Prime Minister Papandreou

Today Ottawa is asking to arrange a meeting between Minister Ouellet and the Greek Foreign Minister on the margins of the OECD Ministerial Meeting in Paris next week. Only trouble is that the Greek Foreign Minister will not be there. The Greeks offer the alternate Foreign Minister, or a meeting with the Foreign Minister three days later in Istanbul at the NATO Foreign Ministers Meeting. We consult Ottawa on their wishes.

The Ambassador follows up on a phone call from Prime Minister Chrétien to Prime Minister Papandreou concerning the Canadian candidate for the post of OECD Secretary General. It was agreed the Ambassador would provide a note to PM Papandreou. He hand delivers the note to the PM's charming chief of staff, Mrs. Dimitra Papandreou! He talks briefly with the Prime Minister who speaks fondly of his five years in exile in Canada during the period of the Greek junta (1969-74) and of his phone call from Prime Minister Chrétien. The Ambassador reviews the note with Mrs. Papandreou, who takes it into her husband. She returns with a commitment — Greece will support the Canadian, Donald Johnston. Mission accomplished! However, the Ambassador worries the decision may not be relayed to Greek authorities and speaks to the Minister of National

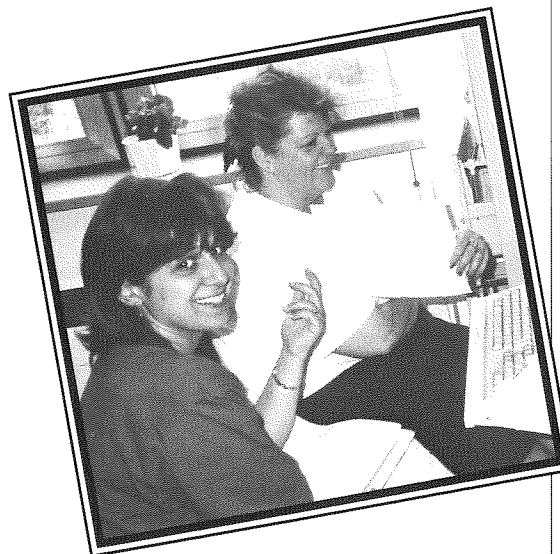
Economy and the Alternate Foreign Minister. His fears are founded, the Ministers have a slightly different interpretation of Greece's position. Urgent reports and phone calls to Ottawa and our mission to the OECD in Paris are made.

The leading Athens business newspaper has a feature article and picture of the Canadian Embassy staff on a visit to the paper's office. The article focuses on possible economic and commercial cooperation between Canada and Greece, ranging from Canadian investments in the mining, oil, telecommunications sectors, to furs, the introduction of McCain's frozen french fries and pizzas into the Greek market and improving Greece's forest fire fighting capacity. A full scale supplement on Canada is being planned for the fall.

The political counsellor puts out a press communique on Canada's involvement in D-Day to remind Greeks that one of the three armies which landed in Normandy on June 6 was Canadian. A report is completed on how the elections for the European Parliament are going.

The Ambassador dashes off quick telegraphic reports on Canada/European Union (EU) cooperation during the Greek Presidency; on a speech by the opposition leader on Greek foreign policy; and an analysis of Greece's dispute with Albania. He also reports that the Greek Foreign Minister has convinced Russian President Yeltsin to come to the Summit of EU Leaders in Corfu at the end of June. With relief, it looks as though accommodations for the Canadian contingent in Corfu are not likely to be requisitioned to accommodate the masses of staff coming with President Yeltsin.

I don't get much time in the office. I have a call from a Greek Ministry of Agriculture official. He wants me to know the details of a recent meeting in Brussels on European Union actions which would damage Canadian exports of fur products to Greece. The information is timely, and I will report it back to Ottawa. On the way back, I stop at the offices of a Canadian telecommunications company. This firm recently lost a bid to supply the Greek Government with digital switches. This still smarts, as both the



Trade and Investment Along the Champs Élysees

by Rick Kohler, Haig Sarafian
Andrew Shisko, Canadian Embassy, France

Embassy and the company had invested a lot of energy over the course of several years in an effort to win the contract.

After this meeting, I return to the Embassy. My telephone rings. It's Ottawa. I look at my watch — it's 3:30 p.m. local time, 8:30 a.m. Ottawa time. He asks me if I remember a recent interview in Athens with a Canadian journalist. The article is out and he wants to fax it to me. Great! When it emerges from the machine, I scan it eagerly. My interest quickly turns to astonishment. The article badly twists my comments. I phone a local Greek contact who was also quoted in the article, and he claims that his comments as well were poorly cited. Overall, the article is very negative on the prospects for increased commerce between Canada and Greece. This will definitely not help the cause. I briefly consider the relationship between broken glass and bad luck.

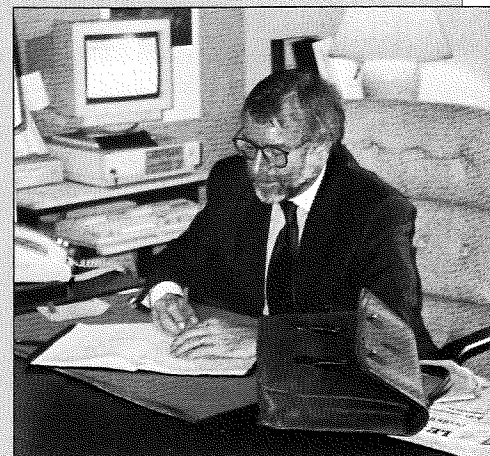
The Embassy is actively supporting a fund raiser for the Canadian Archeological Institute in Athens on June 12. The two Canadian secretaries handle replies to the more than 200 letters signed by the Ambassador to contacts in the business community. It is an opportunity to encourage the many Hellenic/Canadian communities to get involved.

At noon, the Ambassador attends a National Day reception at the Italian Ambassador's. He seeks reaction from the Greek Foreign Ministry officials on the UN Secretary General's report on Cyprus. He tells the French and British Ambassadors of Greek support for the Canadian candidate to the OECD, and engages the Greek Minister of Defence in a discussion of Turkish allegations that Greece is training Kurdish terrorists in Greece.

The administrative officer, having recently successfully managed a large crowd of Ethiopian refugee claimants demonstrating outside the chancery for two and a half days, is relieved they left before the flash floods. Swift work by immigration and political sections convince the Ethiopians to abandon the demonstration. The administrative officer is busy prepar-

Forty of us work here, eight posted from Canada in the Commercial and Economic Section of Ambassade du Canada. We pursue our objectives in Agri-Food, High Tech, Industrial/Primary Products, Strategic Alliances, Investment, Technology, Economic and Finance field.

Today is like any other day... Preparations are reviewed for the upcoming France-Canada Joint Economic Commission. Minister MacLaren will be here next week to preside over the session... The Ambassador and the commercial section participate at the Forum d'Affaires Internationale au Ministère de l'Économie. The President of Torstar, the Chairman of Caisse de Dépôts et Placements du Québec, the President of Crédit Commercial de France and Thomas Bata attend... There is a working group at the European Space Agency headquarters (Canada is the only non-European participating state) on the Agency's transition to all-ECU funding, accounting and contracting system. "Canada asks that "special measures" be



implemented to ensure the same predictability and stability for our contributions as for European member states"....A Paris Club meeting of Western countries which reschedule debts owing to them looks at debt rescheduling for Russia...A black tie dinner at Maxim's for the Forum d'affaires internationales...Breakfast meeting with the Chairman of Sun Life...A speech to the Congrès France Canada in Rouen.

ing for the relocations of various personnel this summer and for meeting accommodation needs of the incoming staff. He is also trying to figure out the ramifications of the closing of the Embassy's medical office in mid-July.

It's 7:30 p.m., and I am attending a briefing at a local hotel by the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority. The Authority is in town to boost the Seaway's image with Greek shipowners. I know many of these shipowners, and I use the occasion to discuss shipping, the Greek economy and the Canadian economy. I also discuss with the Seaway its hopes to expand business from the Greek market. They have some appointments already made, and I suggest a few additional persons they should see, with a promise to line up the necessary appointments by tomorrow morning. By now, it's 9:30 p.m., and I must leave for a dinner engagement with the representatives of

an Ottawa-based electronics manufacturer. The night is cool, and view of the city lights is pleasant. We review their proposal which looks good, and we agree to push it, from various directions, with the relevant Greek ministries.

The Ambassador, informed seven weeks ago that he is being transferred elsewhere, still is on pins and needles awaiting confirmation from Ottawa. Finally, at 7:30 pm the Under-Secretary phones to confirm the move.

Traffic is light going home, and it takes me only thirty minutes. Even so, it is still 12:30 a.m. by the time I lay my head on my pillow. Another day in the life of the foreign service is over. There'll be another one tomorrow — challenging, frustrating, exhilarating, ever-changing — but it starts at 6:00 a.m., and first I need some sleep.

Carnet de voyage en Mecklenbourg- Poméranie Occidentale

par M Bangcoy
Ambassade du Canada, Allemagne

Alors que les collègues de l'Ambassade peuvent mettre de l'ordre dans leur bureau dans la quiétude relative d'un congé férié, la Fête-Dieu pour les Allemands, je me trouve en tournée en Mecklenbourg-Poméranie occidentale. Fédération pointilleuse, l'Allemagne établit ses congés (une quinzaine par an) sur une base géo-religieuse. Les Protestants du nord ne sont pas toujours en congé en même temps que les Catholiques du sud (ça réduit les risques d'embouteillage!). Les Poméraniens sont donc prêts à recevoir ce diplomate canadien (« mais que veut-il bien vouloir savoir? »)

Voici quelques notes dans un carnet de voyage.

Le trajet qui m'amène là où moins de cinq ans plus tôt sévissait un sévère régime communiste... le vol sur Lufthansa avec une place parmi les 4 seules rangées classe touristique contre 23 rangées classe Affaires... la gare de trains de Hambourg, où on ne fait pas que s'imaginer le supermarché de la drogue qui prolifère à ses portes...le train, direction Schwerin, quasiment neuf mais probablement de l'ex-Reichbahn (les mesures de sécurité sont en quatre langues dont le russe).

Le directeur d'un institut de formation à la démocratie et à « l'histoire objective » de l'ex-RDA... Notre interlocuteur, un ex-« Wessie » (l'Allemand de l'Ouest parti faire de l'aide au développement dans l'est de l'Allemagne) se fait un point d'honneur d'indiquer qu'il ne

se fait payer qu'au même tarif moyen que les « Ossies », c'est-à-dire à 85% de la moyenne des « vieux Laender fédéraux ». Parmi les sujets passionnants discutés, le « mal de vivre » de plusieurs Allemands de l'Est ordinaires dans cette nouvelle société qui leur est tombée dessus, à leur grand plaisir. Ils n'y retrouvent toutefois pas le « safety net » mur-à-mur de l'ancien régime, dans lequel on n'avait pas à se soucier de quoi que ce soit, pas même de la politique.

Les bureaux du plus important parti du Land, (les socio-démocrates)... Il s'agit d'un îlot dans la mer de béton qui sert d'habitation à la moitié de la population de Schwerin (60,000 habitants). Il y a vingt ans, on venait y vivre avec plaisir pour y trouver le « tout-à-l'égout ». Aujourd'hui on se retrouve dans une banlieue avec le ciment qui se décompose et dans un Land avec le plus haut taux de criminalité en Allemagne unie. Pour notre interlocuteur, les perspectives de succès des socio-démocrates à l'élection du Land en septembre sont bonnes et on se répartit déjà les sièges de ministres, entre autres selon l'origine des candidats (i.e., on préfère les « Ossies »).

Le directeur local d'une fondation politique allemande... Un « Wessie » laisse sa famille à Hambourg durant la semaine qu'il passe à Schwerin.

Un dirigeant du PDS (fier héritier de l'ex-parti communiste est-allemand)... Chez ces « re-born » communistes, on vise le vote de protestation de ceux pour qui, « au fond, ce n'était pas si pire que ça en RDA ». Les chances de réélection ne sont pas négligeables.

Le Parlement du Land... Le Parlement loge dans un magnifique château modelé sur Chambord.

Le train pour Rostock... On ne peut s'empêcher d'avoir quelques appréhensions suite aux événements de l'été 1992 où des néo-nazis, appuyés en cela par la population locale, attaquent des

étrangers. Le paysage bucolique où paissent les « Holsteins » (puisque on n'est pas loin du pays du même nom) me rappelle le plus mon enfance à Bellechasse.

Rostock. Ville hanséatique, Rostock a souffert des bombardements alliés en 1945 (50% de la ville détruite en quelques heures) et de la déprime institutionnalisée de l'ère communiste. Malgré tout, et peut-être à cause de la détermination de ses habitants, c'est resté une ville très attrayante. Bien sûr la ville a perdu quelques milliers de ses jeunes cerveaux (à la chute du Mur) et la fermeture des chantiers navals (de 50,000 à 5,000 travailleurs) a donné un dur coup au tissu social. Malgré ça, on sent un vent d'enthousiasme mercantile et de rénovation architecturale dont l'appui financier de l'ouest allemand (à coups de 180 milliards de Deutsche Marks par an pour l'ensemble des nouveaux Laender) pourrait faire rêver bien des Lettons et des Bélarusses. Les élus locaux espèrent que le Canada prendra sa part du gâteau de la reconstruction en Mecklenbourg.

Leaving Ukraine

Immigration section,
Canadian Embassy, Ukraine

The first three applicants for visas appear outside the Embassy at seven in the morning. They are from Western Ukraine and have traveled to Kyiv by overnight train.

By the time the immigration staff arrive at work, the number of visitor visa applicants waiting for the office to open has grown to about 15 persons. Monday is usually the busiest day with a crowd of up to 30 people waiting. We processed 725 visitor applications in the previous month.

The immigration waiting room door opens at eight thirty.

Immigration is a story of people and June 2 is no different from any other day.

A Ukrainian-Canadian in the process of adopting a baby from an orphanage in L'viv calls the Embassy. He says that all Ukrainian requirements have been met and he wants to complete the final Canadian immigration steps.

A United States citizen wants a visitor visa for a Ukrainian child that he and his wife have "informally" adopted. The US Embassy will not grant a visa without completed adoption under Ukrainian law. The caller feels this is too "bureaucratic". Instead, he and his wife would like to take the child on a holiday to Canada. It is suggested that it might be difficult to grant a visa under the circumstances he has described.

There are two independent immigration interviews. They are good candidates for Canada—a computer programmer from Lviv and a computer hardware specialist from Odessa.

Another case is more difficult. She is a mechanical engineering technologist and her son. She is sponsored by her husband in Toronto. Normally, this type of case would be "waived" interview. However, she was previously refused a visitor visa and a comparison of her visitor file and her immigration application shows that she "forgot" to mention a husband in Canada when applying for a visitor visa. An interview is necessary to obtain more information.

Doors close at five.

A London Immigration Day

Immigration section, Canadian High Commission, United Kingdom

It is going to be one of those days.

An immigration control officer is at Heathrow airport to help airline officials review travel documents before passengers board a flight for Canada. A counter clerk reports that something is "not quite right" about the Greek passport presented by one passenger. Sure not, the immigration control officer finds that the 6'2" male does not look like an "Angelina", the name that appears in the passport.

Although the passport photo has been substituted, the forger has left the name and the sex of the original owner of the passport unchanged. "Angelina" is led away for questioning by UK immigration authorities.

A visa officer from London flies to Latvia, part of London's expanded territory. Unfortunately her luggage does not fly with her, missing the connecting flight in Copenhagen. Oh, oh. A full schedule of immigrant and visa applicants to interview but no files!

The usual interesting array of personal stories for immigration...A Dutch farmer and his family is interviewed for immigration in the independent category. The farmer had visited Canada, researched the differences between the agricultural practices in Canada and Europe, and decided to purchase a dairy farm in Manitoba. Based on his training, experience and preparations, he is approved for immigration pending satisfactory results of medical examinations for him and his family...A businessman from Sweden receives an employment authorization to go to British Columbia to supervise the installation of equipment which regulates emissions from pulp and paper mills.

En route to the Queens University Forum on Social Policy in Sussex, Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy stops in London. The immigration section arranges a breakfast meeting with the UK Minister for Employment.

A senior provincial official comes to London to scout out possibilities for recruiting skilled workers from the UK. The immigration section organizes a week long schedule of meetings with chambers of commerce, universities, colleges, professional associations and newspapers. An interview with the High Commission's immigration promotion and recruitment officer that appears in a professional journal this week elicits over 200 requests for application kits. Who says no-one in Europe wants to emigrate to Canada!

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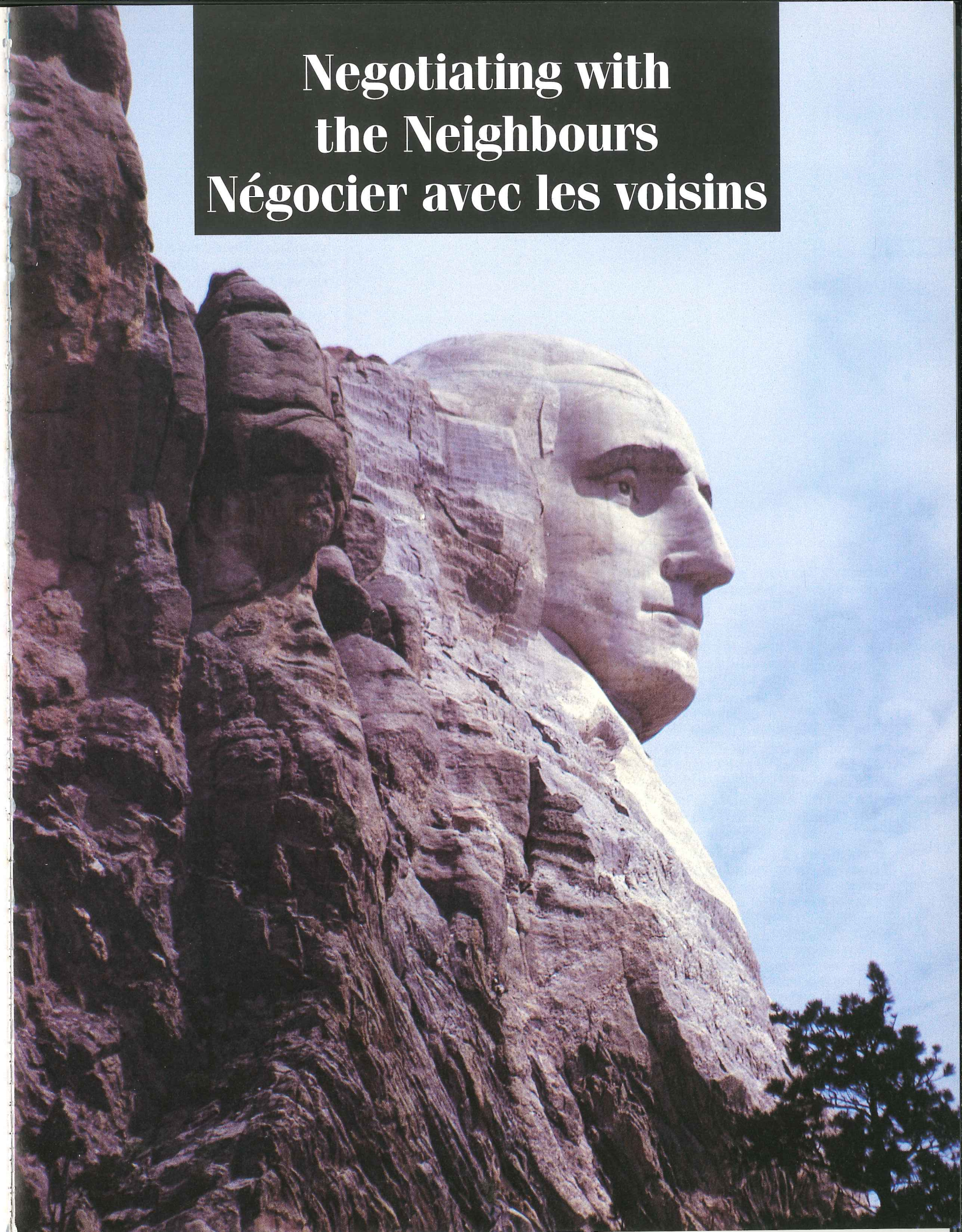
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Negotiating with the Neighbours Négociier avec les voisins



OTTAWA-HULL



On June 2, the Senior ADM, who is also the Coordinator of the NAFTA negotiations, is in Mexico for consultations with the Mexican government on the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. He opens secret negotiations with the Chilean government on its possible extension of NAFTA.

The Acting ADM is back from lunch. His own day is taken up with the preparations for the agricultural negotiations with the US. The issue is typical of the ongoing management of issues with the US which is the bread and butter of the work of the Branch and an enduring priority for Canadian foreign relations. Canada's foreign and economic priorities are:

- *management Canada-US political, trade and economic relationships*
- *marketing of Canadian goods and services.*
- *transboundary environment.*
- *defence and security relations.*

June 2 unfolds...

... « Les Américains ne comprendront tout simplement pas ou n'accepteront aucune action au-delà de la zone des 200 milles. Vous devez absolument avoir un très bon message à l'intention des médias. » Washington s'entretient avec Ottawa d'une stratégie de communication sur la question du saumon du Pacifique.

... Washington reports, "US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor and US Agriculture Secretary Michael Espy will be able to meet their Canadian counterparts in Chicago at the end of the month." A meeting is set up with Agriculture and the Privy Council Office to define the Canadian position.

... Ottawa demande à Washington d'effectuer un suivi de la proposition de certains membres du Congrès et du Sénat visant à imposer des taxes aux raffineries étrangères. Ceci pourrait aller à l'encontre de nos fournisseurs d'essence.

... "We will have to see how we follow up with the Mexicans on the anti-dumping action in the steel trade between the two

countries." The Acting ADM phones the ADM in Mexico to debrief on his dinner the night before with the Chief Executive Officers of Stelco, Dofasco, Algoma and other members of the Canadian Steel Producers Association.

... Il y a un déjeuner avec le nouveau correspondant aux affaires canadiennes du *L.A. Times*: « Vous pourriez vous consacrer aux questions économiques et commerciales ».

... An interdepartmental meeting focuses on a policy document on the convergence of telecommunication and cable regimes. There is consensus on the need to beef up international considerations for the Minister's attention.

... There is a meeting with the Canadian Wildlife Service to prepare Canada's negotiating strategy to modernize the Canada-US Migratory Birds Convention.

... « Nous devons connaître quand les Américains vont agir sur la question de la réduction des tarifs pendant les dernières négociations sur le commerce. » C'est sur cette note qu'a débuté la réunion préparatoire à la visite du 6 juin à Washington qui revise la législation américaine portant sur la mise en oeuvre de l'Uruguay Round.

... The Consulate General in Boston is asked to arrange for a group of US opinion leaders to visit Hydro-Québec facilities in James Bay.

... Washington, New York and Boston are given a press line on the significance of Canadian court decisions on Hydro-Québec's plans.

... The bi-weekly conference call with the Canadian provinces, the Canadian Forestry Industries, Coalition and Quebec Lumber Manufacturers Association on the softwood lumber file takes place.

... Detroit émet à l'intention d'Halifax un rapport sur une adolescente en fugue. Elle est enceinte et se trouve illégalement en sol américain. Son ami ne peut plus subvenir à ses besoins. Les autorités des programmes

de bien-être social de Nouvelle-Ecosse sont informées de la situation et acceptent de prendre les mesures pour son retour dans un foyer d'accueil.

Meanwhile at the Legal Branch

13:30 Lawyers in the department suffer from an image problem.

Just gauge people's reaction to the phrase, "The Law of the Sea". To departmental lawyers, the expression marks the pinnacle of a long and glorious tradition of codifying international law. To most non-lawyers, however, the phrase means little, except perhaps recalling the riddle, "What do you call 500 lawyers at the bottom of the sea?" ("A good start!").

DFAIT lawyers, in particular, are a pernicious oddity, a kind of triple jeopardy. Not only must they overcome the stigma modern society attaches to lawyers in general; they belong to the public service when bureaucrat-bashing is becoming an art form. Finally, they also face derision from colleagues in the legal fraternity, many of whom do not consider practitioners of international law to be real lawyers at all.

What is particularly irksome is that international lawyers are increasingly addressing issues of immediate and practical concern to Canadians. For every esoteric topic departmental lawyers must continue to monitor, such as the United Nations Convention on the Jurisdictional Immunities of States and Their Property, there are issues like foreign overfishing, which directly affect the lives of Canadians.

The Legal Branch focuses on a number of priorities:

- *advice on Canada's international rights and obligations.*
- *development and implementation of international law to advance Canadian interests in all areas of economic, environmental, security, judicial cooperation.*
- *domestic and international aspects of trade law.*

THURSDAY IS TOURISM IN ATLANTA

by Laurel DeWolf, Consulate General, Atlanta

Thursday marks the end of a record week for tourism in Atlanta... Twenty five tour operators request information on sites in Canada..... The City of Vancouver's Visitor and Convention Bureau is planning a visit in the south-east to contact for those interested in planning an event in British Columbia... Preparations are in full flight for Tourism Canada's two big events in the US Southeast: Showcase Canada for business travel and Spotlight Canada for leisure travel... American Express is helped in the planning of an incentive trip to Calgary for Stampeders... The Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants is headed to Vancouver and Whistler Resort... The Saskatchewan Minister of Economic Development is planning a visit in conjunction with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Georgia Police Benevolent Association to promote exchanges.... *Ramblin with Ramsey*, the weekly travel show on the *Sun Radio Network*, will originate from Quebec July 10 and 17... *Rocky Mountaineer* will send a travel writer to the Canadian Rockies.

June 2 unfolds for the lawyers...

... There is a meeting with the ADM. "We must get ahead of the curve. What are the legal considerations of Canada's aggressive fisheries strategy and what will be the impact of the actions on the American negotiating strategy on the Pacific salmon?"

... The ADM International Security calls for advice on possible nominations for the Chief Prosecutor of the proposed Wartime Tribunal for War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

... Sur la base de son expérience en tant que participant à toutes les actions de maintien de la paix des Nations Unies, le Canada joue un rôle de premier plan dans l'élaboration d'un traité qui obligera les états à garantir la protection des « bérêts bleus ».

... There is work on the Canadian Wheat Board's pasta import licensing schemes. The trade law division must determine if they are consistent with Canada's GATT and WTO obligations. This is typical of the trade law division which provides interpretations on trade treaty obligations and on dispute settlement panels

... Protecting Canadian sovereignty means monitoring laws in other countries, primarily the United States. Work is focused

on the use of "Buy America" preference clauses and their consistency with the US's NAFTA, GATT and WTO obligations.

... The Europe Branch has asked for an opinion on legal criteria for a new entity claiming statehood in the context of developments in Crimea-Ukraine.

... The Office of Coordinator, Access to Information and Privacy Protection has fifty one active files under the Access to Information Act at various stages, ranging from Ministerial expenses, information on posts, import controls, human rights, passports, peacekeeping and participation in international organizations.

... The Office of the Coordinator for Environmental Assessment is preparing for National Environment Week.

... Des négociations se déroulent avec plusieurs pays sur des traités qui permettront que des éléments de preuve obtenus à l'étranger (blanchiment d'argent, narcotiques etc) soient présentés devant les tribunaux canadiens à titre de moyens pour combattre les crimes internationaux.

WASHINGTON NEVER

WASHINGTON

by Alexandra Bezeredi and Paul Meyer,
Canadian Embassy, US

The Canadian Embassy to the United States in many respects is a small Pearson Building. It is involved with all the major political and economic foreign policy issues because the Americans are our most important bilateral relationship and also because American views and positions on any international issue carry unparalleled weight.

It is midnight. The Security Section commences the nightly security check and makes regular searches for electronic eavesdropping devices which may be aimed at or located in the Embassy.

Members of the Embassy start entering the impressive Canadian Embassy on Pennsylvania Avenue between seven and eight o'clock. The mailroom staff begins the first of several delivery runs throughout the Embassy.

The first major event for the Embassy today is an important breakfast meeting at eight-thirty with Assistant Deputy Minister (Latin America), the Canadian Ambassador to the OAS and the Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations. The Canadian side is preparing for a meeting with ousted Haitian President Aristide and consultations with the UN Friends of Haiti.

Staff keep arriving. Priorities are putting the coffee on and "reading in". The "reading in" requires going through the department's telegraphic traffic, the US press (New York



Times, Washington Post, Wall St. Journal, Los Angeles Times, Washington Times and Miami Herald are received daily), Canadian media highlights (via CP, Lifeline, Globe and Mail), Congressional proceedings (Congressional Monitor), transcripts of Administration briefings, speeches and Congressional hearings; and Administration releases. Not to mention the periodical literature, which fills the pigeon holes and is duly carried back and forth to work in hope of getting to that major piece in Foreign Affairs, or National Journal, or Washington Quarterly, which Administration official X praised and Congressman Y savaged.

At nine-thirty, the Ambassador chairs the bi-weekly Executive Committee. It brings together the heads of each section (Political; Economic; Defence Relations; Public Affairs; Administration) to discuss key developments and information on various priority issues and deal with the overall management of the Embassy. Today, the Committee focuses on:

- the state of agricultural trade discussions;
- the substance of, and U.S. reaction to, the recent New York speech of Minister MacLaren;
- developments in the Don Johnston campaign for the OECD Secretary-General;

- evolution of the U.S. position on Haiti, and the possibility of sending observers to monitor the Haiti-Dominican Republic border;
- the Naples G-7 Summit, and opportunities for a Prime Minister Chrétien-President Clinton bilateral;
- the Pacific Salmon Treaty, and the results of Fisheries Minister Tobin's recent visit to Washington; and
- developments in Bosnia, both on the ground, and at the negotiations in Geneva.

The morning is now in full swing and the Canadian Embassy is enmeshed in the critical issues of importance to Canadian foreign policy.

The Washington press is calling about the Pacific Salmon dispute. At the same time, the public affairs section is having discussions with the US Branch and with Fisheries and Oceans on a communications strategy to explain Canada's position on Pacific salmon. It is also necessary to prepare the Americans for Fisheries Minister

CLOSES

Brian Tobin's imminent announcement of a Canadian response to the lack of progress in bilateral negotiations. A Canadian "fact sheet" is distributed to local media, environmental organizations, and policy makers.

The Office for Liaison with International Financial Institutions (OLIFI) in the Embassy follows commercial opportunities in the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the International Finance Corporation and the Inter-American Development Bank. There are visits today for B.C. Hydro, the Quebec Ministry of International Affairs, and BG Checo, an electrical equipment manufacturing and distribution company.

Trade and economic opportunities... Preparation for a series of seminars in several Canadian cities for businesses interested in U.S. government procurement policies and programs is finalized... Discussions continue among rival attorneys to sort out a problem on Canadian swine exports... There is a strategy session on ongoing trade disputes (wheat, softwood lumber) and the Uruguay Round implementing legislation... Negotiations take place on Capitol Hill with Senate Finance Committee staffers on the language in the Senate bill on the implementation of the Uruguay Round trade agreement.

Much time is spent explaining to the public that passport services are now handled in Canada and thus the Embassy no longer issues passports.

The major support sections are fully occupied ... medical claims for Canada-based employees, rent increases for privately-leased accommodation, arrival and departure kits for rotational personnel ... hooking up the secure fax and secure communications system...the answering of over 100 queries about Canada by the library, as well as assisting researchers on such topics as mail regulations, banking in Canada,



this year. At a reception, the wife of the Ambassador donates a book on Canada to the school's library.

Luncheons are the preferred hospitality instrument in Washington. They are a key means of getting a full hour and a half with a selected contact rather than the thirty minutes most office calls are limited to. Today the Ambassador hosts a luncheon at the Embassy for the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Canadian Affairs, and her staff. She discusses changes in management of Canadian issues and the future of Canada-U.S. cooperation in NORAD.

The Embassy is in full swing in the afternoon.

Russian policy in the Caucasus and U.S. involvement in UN/CSCE conflict resolution efforts in the former Soviet Union is the main theme of a meeting with the US Coordinator for Regional Affairs of the Newly Independent States at the State Department.

The Embassy speaks to the editor of Washington Technology about an article they are writing on Canadian information technology.

A meeting is arranged with the State Department to discuss the Don Johnston campaign to the OECD and the upcoming OECD Ministerial meeting.

export/import statistics, and NAFTA ... another class of computer training ... the new edition of the Canadian Connection, the monthly Canadian Community newsletter.

The crisis on nuclear facilities in North Korea is moving quickly. Ottawa is asking for an update on the American position. A report is produced, drawing on inputs from three officers, one who covers Asian political matters, another who has attended an intelligence briefing at the State Department, another who covers the Administration's foreign policy.

A sixth grade class is receiving a briefing on Canada and the functions of the Embassy. This class, from a local "inner city" school, has chosen to study Canada

A Canadian Immigration Officer in New York

by Susan Burrows (Immigration),
Consulate General, New York

I walk two blocks to 86th and Lexington, take the subway to 51st and Lexington, walk four crosstown blocks to Fifth and 49th passing St. Pats Cathedral, Saks Fifth Avenue, the Rockefeller Centre with its present rose garden display and the not yet open site of NBC Morning Show *Live From The Street* to 2151 Avenue of the Americas, my office building. I grab a cup of coffee at *Au Bon Pain*.

I arrive at the office at eight o'clock. It is already open. I take five minutes to glance at the paper. There is an article about smuggling the children of illegal immigrants into New York City from Jamaica to be reunited with their parents. I cut out an article for my boss, who is away in Ottawa, about California suing the Federal Government for the costs of illegal aliens.

It is a typical day.

- A strange visitor visa request on a circus owner from the Middle East and his very pregnant Russian wife. They live in Dubai. Her Canadian sister wants her to come for a visit.

The science and technology counsellor goes to the White House to confer with President Clinton's space advisor on the new Canada-US space arrangement for the International Space Station. This new arrangement is to be announced by Industry Minister John Manley at a press conference in Ottawa on June 3.

Appointments with *Les Grands Ballets Canadiens* for their performance at Wolf Trap are made and an Embassy reception is organized.

In the Congressional and Legal Affairs Section, the third secretary ponders a newspaper article with a confession by 12 US Senators that they are aliens from outer space.

The Special Events Coordinator supervises final preparations for the annual benefit for the National Kidney Foundation at the Embassy.

- A high profile investor case for New Brunswick.
- A call from a Montreal law office about a refugee claimant.
- Five hours working on some 30 file attachments ranging from medical results to representations from lawyers to pending documents.
- A call to an adoption agency about expediting two cases.
- Two applicants wanting verification of their landing in Canada.
- Phone my US immigration contact about two probable marriages of convenience who are seeking visas and set up a date to discuss Chinese smuggling rings.

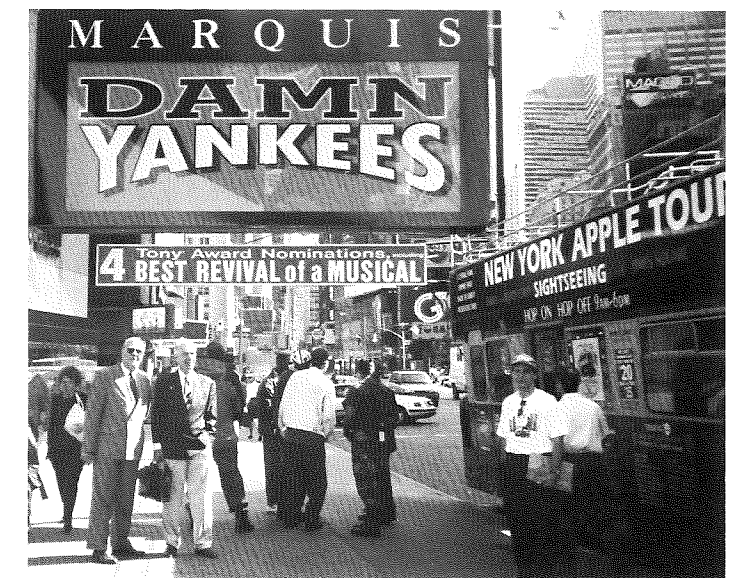
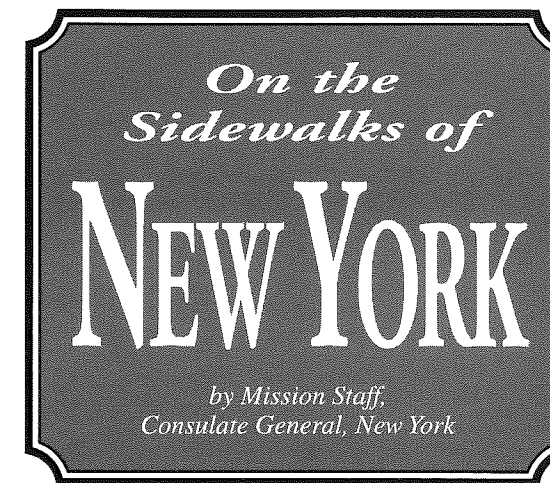
This is only Thursday and tomorrow, Friday means chaos in the visa section. I glance at my watch. Six thirty. — is it that time already?

It is a lovely evening and I think about walking home. Tonight is game 2 of the Stanley Cup; Vancouver has won game 1. I keep a low profile as a Canadian could get lynched for bragging on a night like this.

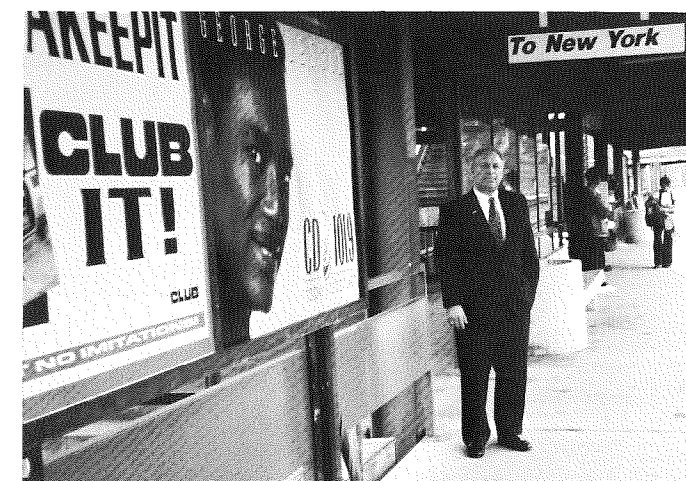
It is nearly six o'clock. The Ambassador has left for a reception. The Embassy building services supervisor rearranges the placement of provincial flags on the Embassy roof, where they will decorate the Armed Services Day reception to be held later that evening. The reception starts at six thirty and is hosted by Rear Admiral Summers.

As the guests are leaving around nine o'clock, the diplomatic courier is being met by the Embassy security guards at the loading dock with classified material. Three hours later, the Embassy security guards commence their rounds to check for security infractions.

Another day in the life of the Embassy which never sleeps is starting again.



Reflecting on trade irritants.



The daily commute.



Seminar on investment in Canada.



Same seminar on investment in Canada.



The morning jog in Central Park, west side skyline from reservoir.

Chiefly Feasts

by Robin MacNab, Canadian Consulate, Seattle

The native arts of Vancouver Island made a major impact on Seattle on June 2. It was a fine example of how separate programs at the post, working together, can achieve greater results than any one program on its own.

The Seattle Art Museum (SAM), a large and influential fine arts facility, was at the origin of the initiative to house the exhibit "Chiefly Feasts: the Enduring Kwakiutl Potlatch". The American Museum of Natural History had assembled the exhibition which had already toured the National Museum of Natural History (Smithsonian) in Washington, D.C. and the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria.

In cooperation with the British Columbia representative in Seattle, our cultural affairs section seized this golden opportunity to arrange a vernissage with the Museum. This brought together a broad cross-section of the key political, media, tourism, trade and cultural personalities. The exhibit received intense media coverage during its opening. Several activities, including a canoe "landing" in Seattle by a group of Vancouver Island Kwakiutls, drew attention to the event.

The B.C. Trade Centre in Seattle, the B.C. Ministry of Small Business, and the International Trade Centre staff in Vancouver in collaboration with our

trade section, then organized a trade mission comprised of sixteen Kwakiutl artists. This took place under the umbrella of the New Exporters to Border States (NEBS) Program which is designed to provide novice exporters with an introduction to the fundamentals of entering the U.S. market.

The participation of the artisans in an exhibition of their products at the Seattle Art Museum just prior to the official Consulate General reception was particularly effective. Local buyers of art and crafts, as well as native art gallery owners who attended the trade show, were invited to stay on for the official reception. Many of the crafts and artwork displayed at the trade show were similar to items included in the "Chiefly Feasts" exhibit.

The tourism program utilized "Chiefly Feasts" to highlight native arts and culture to its travel trade and tourism media clients as yet another attraction of Vancouver Island. The opening of the exhibit also coincided with the inaugural of a new ferry service, the "Royal Victorian", between Seattle and Victoria.

The effort far exceeded all expectations. The Consulate reaffirmed its relationship with a premier arts facility and introduced key contacts to important and unique Canadian culture. We added an exciting new dimension to our efforts to promote travel to Vancouver Island. Through the imaginative use of the NEBS program, we opened up export sales for the native artisans and brought them into the exciting new world of international trade.

To Live and Die in Buffalo

by Jim Lovett, Canadian Consulate, Buffalo

It is seven thirty. The Consular Officer listens to a message from Consular Operations, Ottawa. A Canadian citizen attempted suicide last night by jumping into the river at Niagara Falls. The person was rescued by a tourist just at the top of the Falls, and is presently at the Niagara Falls, NY hospital. The officer begins the process of assistance by gathering information and then contacts the Canadian.

"How are you today?"

"I am terrible! They won't give me any clothes. All I have to wear is this stupid hospital gown — it's downright indecent. Wouldn't you think they would give me some clothes to put on, instead of this thing?"

"Did you bring clothing to Niagara Falls with you?"

"Yes, I did, but I locked them up — I don't remember where, and threw the key away. I am hungry. This stuff they are feeding me isn't fit for the garbage. I want to go home. Who's going to pay these bills? Get me out of here — now."

Reassured that the client appeared to be very much alive and well — at least, concerned about her appearance, nutrition and finances, the Consular Officer went on to assist with arrangements for her transfer to an Ontario hospital.

It is twenty minutes to nine. It is the immigration officer's first interview after a two week vacation.

"But sir, you are now forty years old! You could not have graduated from high school ten years ago, unless you were a mature student. Let's try again, 'what year did you graduate from high school?'"

The car salesperson from Hong Kong's face was a study in concentration. Just as it appeared that he was reaching the answer, his face flushed, his head dropped to the desk and the man crashed to the floor.

Building security arrive, accompanied by paramedics. Together, they attend to him and escort him out of the building. He is unable to complete the immigration interview.

Meanwhile at ten o'clock, in the Trade Department...

It was just another action-packed day which included welcoming a New Exporters to Border States (NEBS) mission (our seventh in eight weeks) from Granby, Quebec. Never mind the accident that the bus had on the way over to the office. On to the interviews... who's next?

The fibreglass casket manufacturer, the doggie bed producer, the erotic leatherwear company, the disposable lingerie designer, or the patented stereophonic pillow distributor? Yes, we've seen it all and yes, they are exporting!! Not only are they thrilled with the advice and info they received, but the real bonus is the view out our window. "Look — there's our mother country!" We aim to please.

It is eleven o'clock and the Head of Mission...

The Consul General and the political officer take advantage of guest passes to the Democratic Convention to listen to the keynote address by Governor Cuomo.

It has been 28 years since the Democrats held their state convention in Buffalo. They are treated to a presentation by the Greater Buffalo Partnership which strongly emphasizes the Canada-US cross-border relationships. The astute political officer notes a significant difference in Canadian and American conventions. Here the rhetoric is delicious and the pace of networking intoxicating; characteristics regrettably not found in the hospitality rooms.

It is evening in Buffalo...

The elitist image of the Foreign Service would no doubt have suffered if the Consul General had not attended a black-tie dinner that evening — fear not, he did — it was the Founder's Day dinner at the Buffalo Club.



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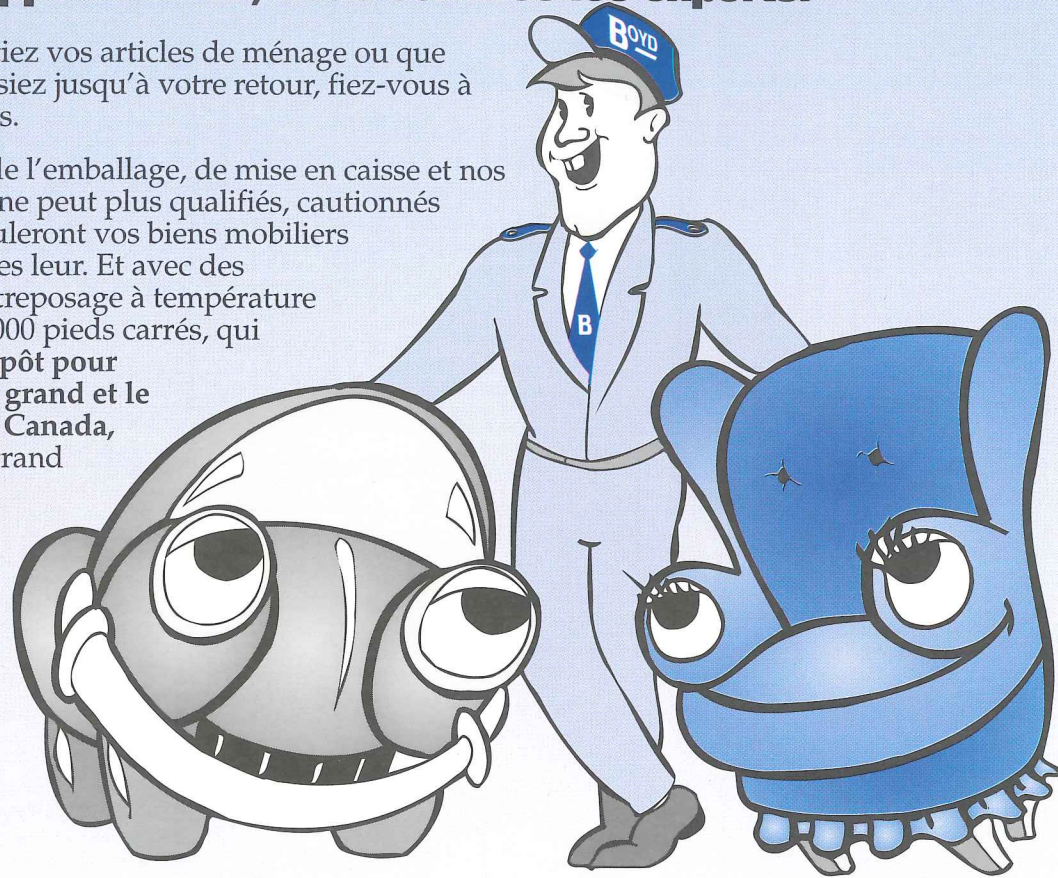


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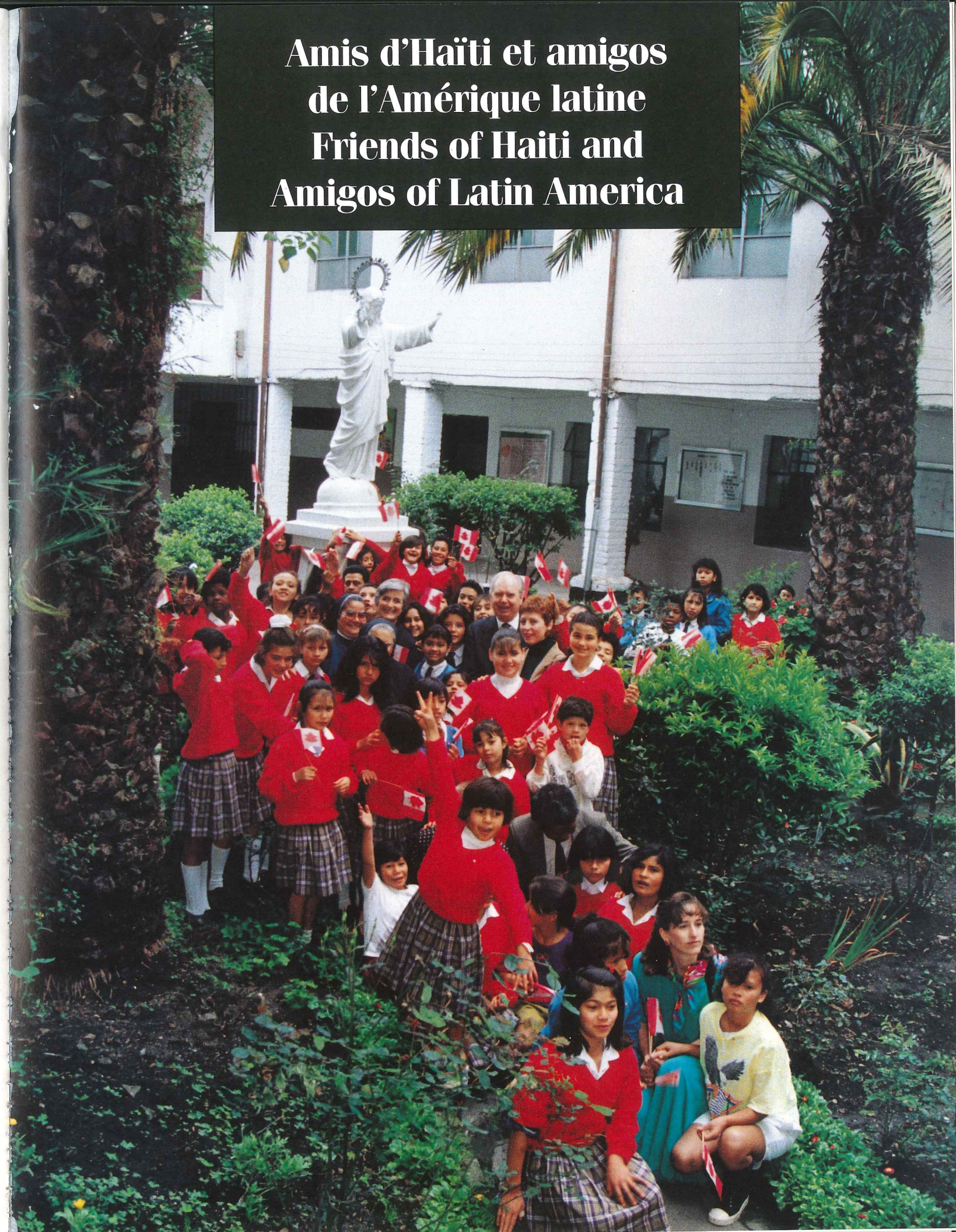
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OTTAWA-HULL

Le sous-ministre adjoint par intérim aperçoit à travers la fenêtre de son étroit bureau une autre tour du complexe Lester B. Pearson, vue peu inspirante s'il en est. Le sous-ministre adjoint est en mission à Washington et New York; il participe à des entretiens avec le président Aristide d'Haïti et les cinq « Amis d'Haïti » où sont examinées les prochaines étapes que pourraient adopter pour Haïti les pays les plus concernés et ceci, à la lumière des sanctions économiques décrétées par l'ONU et de la menace d'une invasion imminente qui aurait pour but de rétablir le président Aristide.

Les priorités politiques et commerciales pour le Canada dans la région sont:

- la mise en place, dans les relations bilatérales et dans le cadre de l'OEA, d'un partenariat actif avec les états de la région
- la défense de la démocratie
- le renforcement des institutions démocratiques en Amérique centrale et dans les Antilles
- la promotion des relations commerciales avec l'Amérique latine et les Antilles

June 2 unfolds...

... The Press Office organizes a meeting on the Secretary of State (Latin America)'s proposed visit to Cuba. The Minister's office tries to get through to Bogota to talk to her but the connection is not made. "CNN Latin America wants an interview with her from Ottawa prior to departure, as well as after the visit while she is in transit in Miami airport."



... At Place du Portage, a meeting starts. "The purpose of this meeting is to begin preparations of the next round of meetings with Mexico and the US on the regulations governing the admission of temporary workers under NAFTA. We might want to look at some new professions for eligibility."

... Le cabinet du ministre Ouellet demande une mise à jour des réunions des "Amis d'Haïti" à New York. Ottawa contacte l'ONU pour s'assurer qu'un rapport des consultations avec les Français soit produit.

... The Honourary Consul in La Paz reports a missing plane carrying a Canadian environmental worker and four colleagues has not been found. A search plane is missing as well. Lima contacts the head of the Peruvian Air Force to arrange for the loan of a helicopter for searching the higher reaches of the Andes.

... Port-au-Prince files its reports on the impact of economic sanctions and needs for humanitarian assistance. The Ambassador calls. "There is increasing tension in the air. The military leaders are starting to panic."

... Selon notre ambassade en Colombie, la visite de la secrétaire d'État M^{me} Stewart s'est bien déroulée.

... There is a meeting in the Office of Protocol with the Argentine Ambassador on the upcoming visit of President Menem.

... A funeral home in Costa Rica details their work in forwarding the ashes of a recently deceased Canadian. They regret that the ashes had not been received in good condition but the transportation company is to blame.

... Le bureau de la presse rapporte que « nous recevons de nombreuses demandes des médias au sujet des sanctions financières à l'égard des partisans du régime illégitime du Haïti, en particulier ceux de nationalité canadienne ou possédant le statut d'immigrant reçu. »

... "The Deputy's office has sent back the urgent memo again. They say we don't have the margins correctly set."

... A Montreal travel agency inquires about the return of the personal effects that had been stolen from 40 Canadian tourists in Venezuela in a daring middle-of-the-night robbery.

... Discussions are finalized on the sale of helicopters to Colombia and a memorandum is prepared for ministerial consideration.

... The families and lawyer of two Canadians imprisoned in Colombia, in a conference call, go over the problems they are having and ask for help to transfer them to a Canadian prison.

... Jamaica reports that the Jamaican judicial system has promptly dealt with yet another of the five to ten Canadians arrested each week on drug charges.

... The Mission to the United Nations sends on the latest draft communique for the UN Five Friends of Haiti. It calls for tough new measures if the military regime does not hand over power soon.

... Les Barbades nous envoient un rapport sur leurs entretiens avec le Commissaire de police portant sur l'assistance aux investisseurs canadiens qui croient avoir été fraudés et qui estiment ne pas avoir reçu l'appui des autorités locales.

UNCERTAIN TIMES IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

by Ambassador Francis Filleul,
Ambassade du Canada, Haiti

Context: Haiti has been placed under reinforced UN embargo since May 20, 1994 in an attempt to dislodge the military and putschist regime and permit the return of elected President Aristide. Many indications now point to some form of unilateral or international intervention in the coming weeks.

Thursday, June 2, 1994

AM
Fête-Dieu. Streets are filled with processions of the devout singing hymns.

Early Morning
Conferred with Embassy media analyst to catch up on latest creole language radio reports. Prepared first draft of situation report for Ottawa. Checked with CIDA programme director on a report on humanitarian aid. It is urgently needed for Canadian representative at meeting of Five Friends of Haiti in New York.

Mid-morning

Held meeting of Canada-based staff on potential effects on mission operations of extra sanctions being considered by USA. Telex to be prepared for Ottawa. Discussion focused on consular responsibilities, revising emergency evacuation plan and renewed consideration of downsizing mission personnel. Administration officer confirms that Embassy fuel stocks are good for approximately 2 months, and further replenishment still possible.

Noon

Received visit from one of President Aristide's close advisors. Review present situation and Aristide's attitude to possible international intervention, armed or otherwise, in Haiti. Received call from French Chargé on timing and content of this week's meeting in New York. Discussed on telephone with CIDA Canadian media reports (inaccurate) that aid funds had been blocked by Haitian government.

Afternoon

At her request, called on Ambassador of Venezuela, one of Five Friends, to discuss



current situation and provide her with info on steps taken by Canada to withhold visas from those closely connected to *de facto* government.

Late PM

Attended vernissage of Haitian painting and sculpture under patronage of right-wing members of Chamber of Commerce.

Evening

Joined RCMP officers lodged in Official Residence to watch satellite broadcast of Stanley Cup Final.

14:30

Meanwhile at the Office of Protocol

The word "protocol" conjures up images of white gloves, gowns, tuxedos and good table manners. Official protocol encompasses a great deal more than that.

The Office of the Chief of Protocol has a number of major responsibilities.

- services the Diplomatic Corps and their families in Canada. It facilitates the presence in Canada of approximately 14,000 foreign representatives and their families.
- plans high-level visits to Canada, and the official international travel by the Governor General, Prime Minister and Ministers of the Department
- administers the Official Hospitality Program which offers government hospitality to foreign guests of the Prime Minister, Cabinet Ministers, Ministers of the Department, and senior public service officials.

On June 2...

... The Chief of Protocol finishes his meeting with Ambassador of Thailand regarding the Thai Prime Minister's visit to Canada in the fall. In the morning, he discussed the visit of Argentine President Menem with the Argentinean Ambassador.

... On the second day of June, the Office of Protocol met four ambassadors, received 153 phone calls and 46 Diplomatic Notes, issued 17 Diplomatic Notes, gave 30 accreditations, registered 9 vehicle registrations, clarified 7 cases of diplomatic privileges and immunities issues, and did not give a partridge in a pear tree. (It is not on the Government Gift list which the Office also controls).

... Immigration and customs clearances for the Lesotho Minister of Transport and Communications, the Crown Prince of Morocco, the Chief Justice of Nigeria, the Minister of Overseas Chinese Affairs of Taiwan are arranged.

... On termine la préparation des visites en juin du ministre tchèque de l'Industrie et du Commerce, du ministre mongol des Relations extérieures, du vice-premier ministre du Vietnam et du ministre croate des Affaires étrangères.

... "Yes, we would be happy to set up a protocol training program for volunteer hosts and hostesses." Staff liaises with the Victoria Commonwealth Games Society to review arrangements for VIP arrival and participation.

... A meeting is held with Africa Branch to finalize training proposals for staff of the Palestinian foreign liaison office.

... Arrangements were finalized for Minister Ouellet's trip to the OECD and NATO Ministerial meetings.

... Menus, guests lists, invitation cards and seating arrangement for the planned events in the coming weeks are prepared.

COLOMBIA

A Minister in BOGOTA

by Mission Staff, Canadian Embassy, Colombia

Dateline: Bogota

The first rule of diplomatic science is, "a Minister can only be in one place at any given time". On June 2 Bogota, Colombia is as good a place to be as any for Christine Stewart, Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.

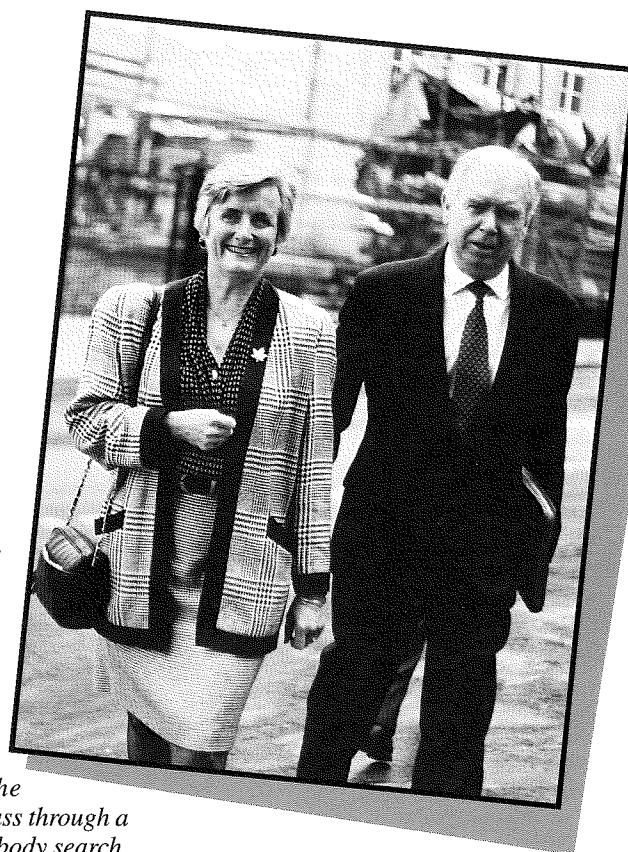
The Minister's visit is the culmination of two hectic weeks (and one panicky day!) of scheduling and cancelling, of confusion and misunderstandings, of planning and revising, of meetings and telephone calls, and of briefings and debriefings. Two weeks of complete dedication focus on two and a half days of high level meetings with the hope that all comes off without a hitch.

The Morning with the Minister

It is eight o'clock (Bogota time; Ottawa is an hour later). The cars are washed and final instructions are given to the drivers. An

advance person goes to the Congressional building to check on arrangements and make sure there will be no security problems. Normally to enter the Colombian Congress, you must explain to a guard why you are there, receive the permission of the appropriate person to enter, pass through a metal detector and undergo a body search. The advance person undergoes this treatment on behalf of the Minister.

At about the same time the Ambassador travels downtown with the Minister and her delegation to the Congressional buildings. The delegation arrives early for the meetings so the Minister and the Ambassador walk around the historic old part of Bogota for a few minutes. The meeting starts at ten. The Minister discusses regional issues and reviews the state of Colombian-Canadian relations with the Senate's Second Commission on Foreign Policy.



While the Minister is in her meeting, her office calls from Ottawa, asking for her exact itinerary for the rest of the trip. They are not satisfied "she leaves tomorrow". Messages are sent over the walkie-talkie to ask her assistant to call the Embassy. As the assistant is in the meeting and out of touch, her office will have to wait a couple of hours. This is hard to explain.

Back at the Embassy, those who are not accompanying the Minister make calls to ensure that tomorrow's appointments are still on. This is a wise strategy. In Colombia a confirmed appointment one day can be cancelled the next because of a soccer game on television.

Meanwhile, back at the Chancery ...

The usual morning routine newspapers are read; coffee is percolated (this is Colombia after all); and horror stories are exchanged about the traffic and violent incidents of the previous night.

A reception for *Les Ballets Jazz de Montréal* who will be performing in Bogota next week is being planned. Who should



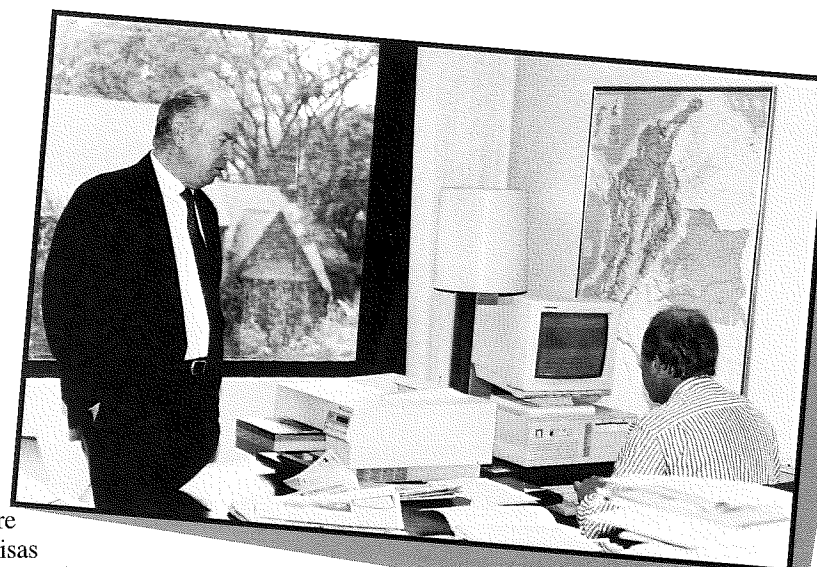
be invited and how many tickets to their performance should we buy? A messenger is sent to buy the tickets.

There is a call from Caracas, one of three satellite offices. The others are in Quito and Guayaquil, Ecuador. Two East European engineers in Venezuela are waiting impatiently for their Canadian visas to start a project in Quebec. They had been promised that the process of issuing the visas could be accelerated. Now the merry-go-round starts. The applicants live in Caracas: the immigration office is in Bogota, the doctor who conducts the medical exam is in Port-of-Spain, and the Quebec Office that issues the provincial certificate is in Mexico City. The visas are not issued that day.

Corporate profiles of the exhibiting Canadian companies for the Bogota International Fair catalogue are being prepared in the commercial section. Up to twenty-five Canadian firms will participate.

The consular section calls Barranquilla, a city on the Atlantic coast, to check on two Canadians who are out of jail on probation but are not allowed to leave the country. Like all Canadians jailed in Colombia, they were arrested for drug trafficking. These two Canadians had been arrested two years ago and are still awaiting the final outcome of their case. The Embassy keeps in touch to make sure they are alright. There is not much it can do to speed up the process. It can only ensure a fair and equal treatment in the best consular tradition.

Towards the middle of the morning, the waiting room in the immigration section is standing room only! Two immigration officers serve them; the third works on the new computer which refuses to print visas. The officer has been working on it



for two hours now. Drastic times call for drastic measures. A low-tech typewriter is called upon for duty.

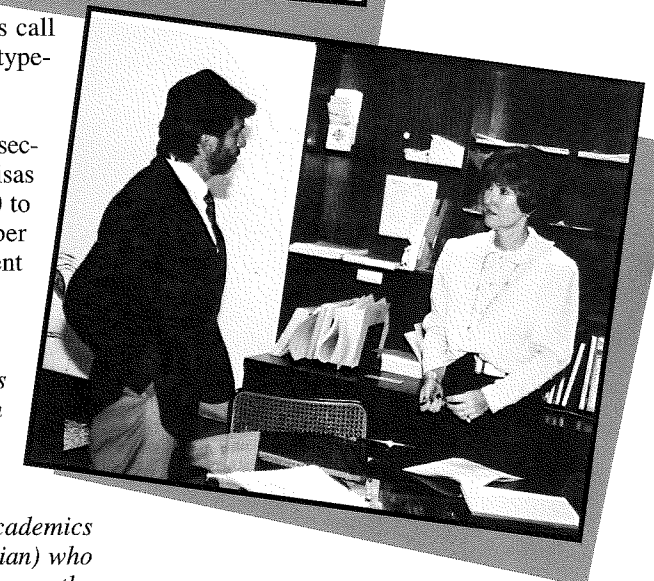
In the summer, the immigration section issues around 1200 visitors visas per month. They typically see 50 to 60 applicants for visitors visas per day and process 30 to 40 more sent by travel agencies.

The Afternoon in Bogota

It is noon time. The Minister winds up her meeting with the Colombian Senators and heads to the Official Residence for a luncheon with various Colombians and Canadians. The guests of honour are two academics (one Colombian, the other Canadian) who are participating in a conference on the black market in small arms and the problem of drug trafficking in Colombia.

The Minister meets the President of Colombia, Cesar Gaviria Trujillo at two o'clock. As Ms. Stewart speaks Spanish quite well and the President speaks fairly fluent English, no translator is needed. The Minister is presented with a gift from the President; her present (a Haida box) will be sent next day by the Embassy.

This is the centrepiece meeting of the visit. It has a double significance. Besides being the President of Colombia, Mr. Gaviria is soon taking up duties as the next Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS). Ms. Stewart had officiated at the meeting that elected Mr. Gaviria to the OAS post. They discuss the future of the OAS and the place Canada and Canadians



play in this international group. The meeting goes well.

Meanwhile, back at the Chancery ...

Former Cabinet Minister Jake Epp, who now works for TransCanada Pipelines, meets to talk about a possible investment in a large oil pipeline project.

The Ottawa CIDA manager meets with the assistance section to discuss Canadian assistance projects in Colombia and Ecuador.

An emergency passport is issued to a young Canadian who is travelling through South America. Somewhere around the

southern city of Cali, he lost his passport. There are more routine applications received by mail from Canadian citizens who are long-time residents of Colombia. There are approximately 1100 Canadian nationals in Colombia who, from time to time, approach the Canadian Embassy for consular services. The most common requests are for passports and information on pensions and taxes.

The immigration section interviews a candidate for permanent residence. A woman with a baby is seeking permanent residence in Canada to join her boyfriend. In order to gain residence she plans to marry a friend of her boyfriend. There is a complication. The boyfriend in Canada already has a wife in Colombia who refuses to give him a divorce. The immigration officer tries to figure out if he should believe this story or not. All the while the baby cries at the top of his lungs.

Canadian technicians in Colombia to install cellular telephones drop by to ask about living conditions in Colombia. They receive a security briefing and hints on survival in the city. Do not go out after midnight and avoid shady looking people.

Night Time in Bogota

At five o'clock the Minister gives an interview at her hotel to two journalists, one Colombian and one Canadian, on her trip and answers questions on Canada's relations with Colombia and the future of the OAS.

The Minister is the guest of honour at a dinner later that evening at the Official Residence with representatives of various non-governmental organizations active in political and economic development in Colombia. The evening ends at eleven.

Those who are not at the dinner for the Minister are at home watching the second game of the Stanley Cup finals. New York beats Vancouver 2 to 1.



ON THE TRAIL OF A CAMPAIGN

by Nick Coghlan, Canadian Embassy, Mexico

The Mexican Presidential campaign is in full swing.

I leave this morning with Claudia, our local political analyst, to cover the day's campaign of Presidential Candidate Cecilia Soto. We arrive at noon at the Irapuato Institute for Biological Investigation which sounds and looks rather like a Mexican Porton Down but is in fact less sinister. Here they investigate germs and other diseases that attack maize. It is Ms. Soto's (the Candidate) first stop of the day.

The Candidate, called simply "Cecilia" by the Mexican media, is standing under a sign that says "Biological Fungicide". She listens to the Director of the Institute talk about the peculiar virulence of Mexican bugs. Did you know that Canadian maize bugs are only one-quarter as strong as their Mexican cousins?

We move to the auditorium where the Candidate answers questions from 200 or so graduate students. The first question is a fifteen minute declaration on a abstruse point of the intellectual property chapter of NAFTA. The temperature climbs toward 40 degrees Celsius, a student faints but the questions become more interesting. "Why does the government lie to us?" "Is it true, Ms. Soto, Lyndon Larouche is your mentor?"

At around five in the afternoon, events move out into the main square of the provincial town of Irapuato. Ms. Soto is to lead a rally. A large crowd is assembling. Many of them wear red or yellow T-shirts, the colours of Ms. Soto's party. The Candidate has not arrived but the warm-up act begins. To a Spanish rendition of "If You think I'm Sexy" a troupe of thirty or so teenaged girls, all in short yellow skirts and tight red blouses, begins to gyrate in a disorganized fashion on the platform. A man shouts "Si, si!" through the microphone.

To a rousing chorus of "Se ve, se siente, Cecilia Presidente!" ("You can see it, you can feel it, Cecilia for President!"), the Candidate strides across the stage to the microphone. She excoriates the Mexican male for his machismo, which seems to put a damper on the enthusiasm of at least half the crowd. An old silver-haired man, who has been patiently holding up a picture of Ms. Soto on a stick, quietly lowers his stick and shambles off. Now the candidate is saying that one of the great failings of the Mexican government is its lack of a professional civil service. My ears prick up when she says "Last October, in Canada, when a new government came in, only twenty people lost their jobs. Can you imagine, only twenty!"

A good crowd I am assured by a Soto team member. We are back at the Embassy by ten o'clock that night. Only eight more candidates to go.

A Naftanoon in Monterrey

by Ian Burchett, Canadian Consulate, Monterrey, Mexico

It is eight in the morning. Robert Noble, the minister counsellor down from our Embassy in Mexico City, appears fresh and ready to begin his round of meetings in the Mexican border town of Reynosa. TRIMEX International of Kitchener, Ontario, active in this part of Mexico for the last ten years, is organizing a series of visits for us to gain a better appreciation of the market for Canadian construction materials and construction technology.

We arrive at the site where TRIMEX is building a new \$US2.1 million plant for Emerson Electric of the United States using Canadian steel. TRIMEX is working with a local partner to build Phase I of a five phase plant. Emerson is so impressed with TRIMEX technology that the plant manager wants TRIMEX to build his home across the border in Texas.

TRIMEX's Canadian construction technology has attracted considerable attention from local contractors who at first were skeptical of the "new kids on the block". Now that they have seen just how fast it can be erected, there is a daily parade of Mexicans proposing joint ventures and strategic alliances.

We depart at ten for Matamoros to visit Auto Trim Inc., a Canadian company, which is making leather-covered steering wheels for US and Canadian auto manufacturers. They also produce small plastic components for the car industry. TRIMEX built Auto Trim's plant in 1987. Since then there have been three more TRIMEX additions to the plant which is located on Avenida Canada. The City of Matamoros had been lobbied by the Canadian firms to change the name of the street to honour of the first Canadian maquiladora in the area.

We tour the Auto Trim plant that is producing 55,000 leather-covered steering wheels a week. All the leather is pre-cut and shipped to Mexico for assembly. Hmm, how many cow hides does it take for 55,000 wheels!

At twelve thirty, we return to Reynosa for lunch with the Mayor. We arrive at one thirty, ten minutes late for lunch. We got lost in the many little side streets. No matter, we are in Mexico and everyone is late. The Mayor of Reynosa and official party have yet to arrive.

Two o'clock and still no sign of the Mayor. We order drinks. Drinks arrive. Noble takes a swig and wonders why he has an olive in his mouth. He has ordered a whisky and soda, not a martini. The olive is actually a cockroach. The drink is sent back and new whisky arrives without condiment. Tequila with worms okay, but whisky with cockroach, no.

Still no Mayor. We order lunch. Three thirty, we finish lunch without Mayor.

Fifteen minutes later, the Mayor and his official party arrive. We fear that we may have to order lunch again and eat another full meal in order to save face and "break bread with the Mayor". He realizes he is a little late and we share a light snack with him. Discussion focuses on the dynamic city of Reynosa and opportunities for Canadian companies. We agree with the Mayor that Canadian Embassy will send representative in July to participate in Reynosa Industrial Trade Show and promote business with Canada.

At four thirty, we bid farewell to the Mayor and go off in search of some road paving equipment that the Mayor recently purchased from Pyrotech of North Vancouver. An hour later, we depart for Monterrey, where my colleague will fly back to Mexico City. As the Canadian Ambassador is out of the country and he is Chargé, he cannot leave Mexico without appointing another Chargé. This means that he cannot fly back to Mexico City via Texas, which is quicker.



The two hour trip back to Monterrey allows me to retell the story of the recent Consulate reception for 150 people, when the caterers did not appear. Incredible efforts were made to keep the masses happy and fed by wrapping Canadian smoked oysters in tortillas and serving smoked salmon enchiladas. Guests commented the next day on the interesting canapes. I momentarily pondered a career move into catering business and cross-cultural cuisine.

We arrive in Monterrey and Noble checks-in and heads home to Mexico City.

As for me, the City of Montreal is arriving with a 20-member delegation and the Consulate will host another reception to celebrate the new agreement between Montreal and Monterrey on June 5. Not tempting fate, I decide to stop and buy more tortillas.

Post Script The next day, the Reynosa newspaper reported on the visit of Canadian Ambassador, J. Ian Burchett and his secretary Mr. Robert Noble.

Visas for Argentina

by Regis Beauchamp, Canadian Embassy, Argentina

As the program manager in the Immigration Section, I check to see how many visitor visas had been issued to Argentine nationals planning to accompany President Carlos Menem on his state visit to Canada in mid-June. Many! The arrival of the President's passport later in the morning generates some interest in the section. We decide to grant him a visa.

Letter from the Caribbean

Thank you for your facsimile dated May 30, 1994 regarding "A Day in the Life of the Foreign Service" requesting input from the Canadian High Commission regarding events that happen at the Chancery and Residence on June 2, 1994.

I sincerely regret that due to a recent down-sizing exercise, the mission no longer has the personnel resources to adequately reply to requests such as yours. It is unfortunate that my reply cannot be more positive, but I do wish you success in your publication, one I might add, I would be interested in perusing.

On Consular Alert in Jamaica

by Marguerite Duncan, Canadian High Commission, Jamaica

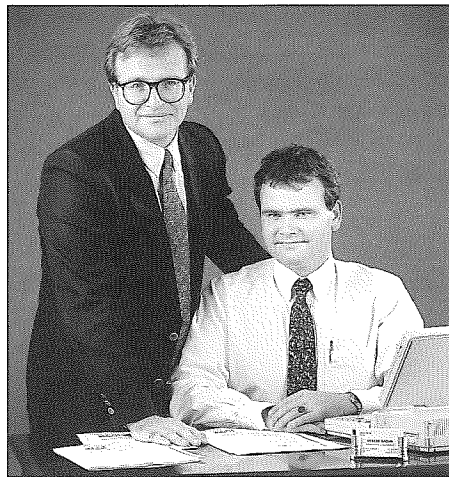
Upon entering the office I open the filing cabinets and turn on the "good ole" laminator for passports. "Millions" of passport applications flow in from the Honourary Consulates in Montego Bay, Belize and Nassau, not to mention applications from the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Cayman Islands and those citizenship applications to be processed for the "zillions" of babies born to Canadian citizens outside of Canada!!

It is Thursday and these passports must be ready to go to the Honourary Consulates by package by Friday morning.

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"There is a young lady here to see you. She says she came to Jamaica on an expired passport and on her Canadian Birth Certificate which is now lost and who needs to travel on Sunday".

I go to the glass window where I meet an attractive 19 year old young lady, laden with jewellery. She has at least five earrings in each ear and two tiny studs in her nose.

Her arms rattle with gold bangles. Luckily she has her immigration card which shows that she entered the island on her birth certificate. After discussing the matter with my supervisor, she receives an emergency passport. I give her the relevant form and send her to get photographs at a nearby photo studio.

I am not back at my desk for five minutes when the receptionist calls me saying that there is a young man at the passport window. Off I go. There at the window is a ragged youth clutching a Jamaican passport.

Michael claims he had been adopted by parents in Canada who had brought him back to Jamaica at age six. He wants us to help him find his adoption papers because he wants to go back to Canada. I ask him if he had a Canadian Citizenship card or a Canadian passport. He can't remember.

I take down the details about his adopted parents in Canada. He can't "quite" remember the present address or phone number. I look in his Jamaican passport. The photo bears a likeness to him—a younger version.

I give him a Citizenship Application Form and advise him of all that was needed should he apply for a replacement. I also advise him to contact the Jamaican Adoption Board to see if there were any documentation of his adoption.

Back at my desk I laminate and laminate and laminate and answer query after query after query.

"I have a son born in Jamaica, how do I get him registered as a Canadian Citizen?"

"I have lost my documents ..."
"...all my money was stolen..."

On June 2, 1994, no one drowned, no one was arrested, or murdered. No one kidnapped her children and fled with them to Canada. A good day. Even better than that.

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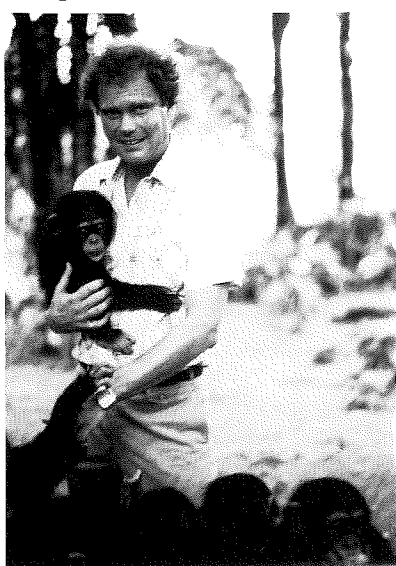
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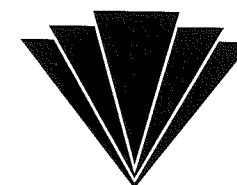
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On the Road to Halifax

The Policy Chief stares at the large yellow canvas speckled with red and blue spots which covers part of one of his walls in his office. He sits, not at his desk, but at the oval table in the middle of the office.

The Policy Office is the central think tank within the department on foreign policy. The Policy Staff anticipates and provides foreign policy advice on trends and issues that shape the

Government's international political, economic and trade priorities. It manages the department's participation in Cabinet meetings, it ensures parliamentary liaison, it produces the annual Foreign Policy Framework and it writes major policy speeches for the Minister and the Prime Minister. The Policy Staff also co-ordinates Canadian participation in the G-7 Summits.

June 2 unfolds...

... There is a meeting to discuss the preparation of major speeches for the Prime Minister and the Ministers. "We need to

devise a system of producing policy speeches which read better than Part III of the Government Estimates."

... On entame le compte à rebours final des préparatifs du prochain sommet du G-7. Le sous-ministre est le "Sherpa" canadien, appellation des plus pittoresque dont on affuble les représentants personnels de chacun des chefs d'état participant au sommet du G-7.

... "Everything is in hand. The international trading system, unemployment and Ukraine will be the Prime Minister's priorities at G-7 Naples Summit. The call for briefing notes has gone out to at least twenty divisions for updates on different issues. That should make a lot of happy divisions in the department! And the Mounties are planning a security advance trip to Naples."

... There is a briefing with the Prime Minister's Office to discuss the planning for the Halifax Summit in 1995. A fact finding mission to Halifax has returned. The RCMP and National Defence join a later briefing on the security arrangements.

... On procède au lancement du « Sommaire et analyse des nouvelles du sommet », publication qui donnera les mises à jour des positions du G-7 jusqu'à la tenue de la rencontre de Naples.



15:00

... La revue parlementaire de la politique étrangère canadienne siège à Ottawa cette semaine. Le rapport pour les participants d'aujourd'hui est en préparation.

16:00 OECD: A Four Letter Word

The Acting ADM has come back from his second meeting on the candidacy of Don Johnston for the Secretary General of the OECD. He thinks to himself that the various strategies and their implications have as many possibilities as a Rubic Cube. There is no consensus on a common European candidate amongst the Europeans. The choice is also tied up with the choice of a new head for the European Commission, the new World Trade Organization and the new Secretary General of NATO.

Canadian priorities on the international economic and trade policy agenda are:

- *international economic relations (the G-7, OECD, EBRD, APEC).*
- *trade negotiations (GATT, new World Trade Organization)*
- *import and export controls.*

- *economic relations with developing countries (aid, international financial institutions such as World Bank)*

- *environment*

- *energy and nuclear affairs*

June 2 unfolds...

... Le gouvernement du Canada a proposé la candidature de Donald Johnston, ancien ministre fédéral, à la tête de l'OCDE, instance qui constitue le principal forum économique des pays industrialisés du globe. Avec un secrétaire général canadien, le Canada jouira d'un outil privilégié pour diriger cette organisation au cours des prochaines années.

... "Yes, everything is in hand for the OECD Ministerial meeting. The briefing book is going to print. The speeches have been approved for the Ministers Ouellet, MacLaren and Axworthy. We will stress how the OECD should focus more on unemployment in a changing world, much in line with the Red Book and how the OECD should open up to new members like Mexico, Korea, and countries of Central and Eastern Europe."

... Un groupe de travail regroupant le gouvernement, la communauté d'affaires et les

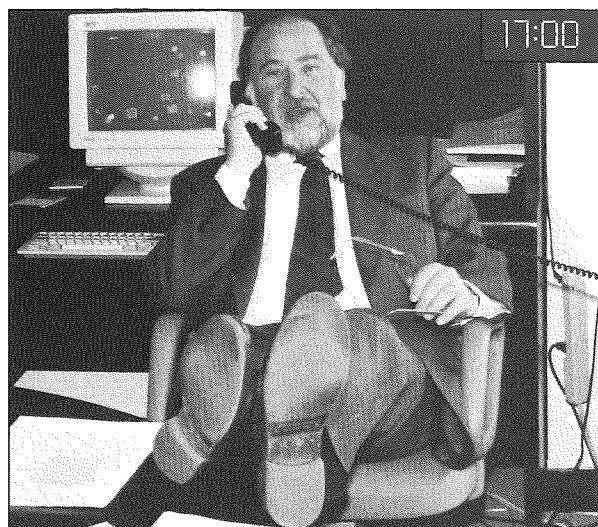
groupes environnementaux se réunit à Regina sur les actions à prendre par le Canada dans le cadre du plan d'action national découlant des engagements pris lors de la convention sur les changements climatiques.

... There is a meeting with the Europe Branch on the funding for the program of assistance to Central and Eastern Europe.

... An irate company calls to complain why the government will not issue them an export permit for some technology export to China.

... Charles Caccia, Chairman of the House of Commons Standing Committee on the Environment, will attend on the signing ceremony for the Second Protocol on Sulphur Dioxide Emissions. The agreement will commit Canada to reduce its emissions which cause acid rain. There is a meeting to brief him on the issues.

... La politique canadienne sur la préservation des forêts tropicales est en voie d'élaboration. Une réunion est en cours avec le Service canadien de la forêt où on discute d'une stratégie relative à l'initiative internationale canado-malaysienne en matière forestière.



... The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment is briefed in New Brunswick on the newly-created UN Commission on Sustainable Development. The Commission is setting down guidelines for the types of policies governments should be undertaking to ensure economic growth is compatible with the environment. Canada has to produce an annual national report.

... Preparations are underway for bilateral textile and clothing negotiations with Lebanon, Bangladesh, and Russia. These discussions will determine the import figures for these countries. The Lebanese Ambassador drops by to get a preliminary feeling for the Canadian position.

... Les producteurs canadiens d'acier sont insatisfaits des décisions américaines récentes d'imposer des limites sur les exportations canadiennes. Des pourparlers sont en cours pour tenter de définir les actions que le Canada pourrait entreprendre.

... Les négociations sur les accords de coopération nucléaire se poursuivent avec la Chine, la Lituanie et le Mexique. Un tel accord de coopération nucléaire est un préalable pour le Canada au transfert complet de technologie nucléaire à un autre pays.

... A G-7 Working Group is discussing an Action Plan on Chernobyl in Rome for possible announcement at Naples. The G-7 is meeting to see what financial sums of money can be provided by the West to help accelerate the closing of Chernobyl.

Partnership for Peace

Le sous-ministre rentre à son bureau. Il est dans l'attente des plus récentes mises à jour sur la situation du maintien de la paix en Bosnie et au Rwanda.

Les priorités pour le Canada en matière d'affaires politiques et de sécurité internationales sont les suivantes:

- *les relations en matière de sécurité internationale et de défense (par ex. la Conférence sur la sécurité et la coopération en Europe (CSCE), l'Organisation du Traité de l'Atlantique Nord (OTAN), le Commandement de la défense aérospatiale de l'Amérique du Nord (NORAD) et le Conseil de coopération nord-atlantique (CCNA).*
- *politique et opérations de maintien de la paix*
- *contrôle des armements, de désarmement, de non-prolifération et d'armes conventionnelles*
- *terrorisme international, sécurité et protection des locaux du gouvernement canadien à l'étranger et questions des renseignements*
- *institutions internationales (les Nations Unies et leurs agences, le Commonwealth, la francophonie etc.)*

Le 2 juin se déroule...

... Torture, summary executions, arbitrary arrests, freedom of speech, children's rights, women's rights, rule of law, and democratic governance. Ottawa sends a request to all posts asking them to report on human rights and democracy in their host countries. The reports will be important in forming Canadian foreign and aid policies to these countries.

... The Iranian Embassy calls to launch a "dialogue on human rights".

... Les préparatifs vont bon train pour les réunions ministérielles de l'OTAN et du CCNA à Istanbul. Le CCNA regroupe tous les alliés de l'OTAN et les 22 pays partenaires d'Europe centrale et de l'est.

... At the NATO and NACC ministerial meetings, the key issue will be Russian proposals on the NATO-Russia relationship.

... "I am sorry, Senator. We do not have the final list of election monitors and observers for the elections in Mozambique. The Minister still has to take a decision on whether Canada will participate and who will go."

... Selon notre mission à Bucharest, « le Canada doit participer à la mission d'observation de la CSCE en Moldavie afin de s'assurer que le conflit ne déborde pas au-delà des frontières de ce pays. »

... The CSCE is asking Canada to extend the participation of its observers on the border of Macedonia and the former Yugoslavia to see that the sanctions against the former Yugoslavia are not violated.

... Les préparatifs se déroulent comme prévu pour la Conférence internationale de 1994 au Caire sur la population et le développement. L'avortement, le contrôle des naissances et la relation entre le développement et les questions relatives à la population sont des sujets d'intenses discussions. Un ensemble de consultations auprès des groupes d'intérêts ont cours au Canada.

... The UN is asking Canada to extend its peacekeeping activities in Rwanda. As a strong supporter for the UN in resolving conflict, Canada continues to play a leading role in providing financial and human resources to peacekeeping operations around the world.

On the Global Stage: Canada at the UN



by James Trotter, Canadian Permanent Mission to the UN, New York

The Canadian mission to the United Nations is Canada's eyes, ears and voice in the largest diplomatic community in the world. The activities of the mission reflect virtually every aspect of Canada's multilateral involvement. Much of this activity is the stuff of newspaper headlines. Massacres in Rwanda, repression in Haiti, international performance in child nutrition and human development, the protection of human rights, the global environment, and the laws of war to the law of the sea are on the agenda of the Mission.

Morning on the global stage

The Canadian Ambassador to the UN is in Washington with the Assistant Deputy Minister Latin America to meet with President Aristide of Haiti. Canada is one of the five members of the "Friends of Haiti" group (consisting of Canada, France, Venezuela, Argentina and the USA), chosen by UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to seek a resolution of the Haitian crisis and the return of President Aristide to power. The Ambassador flew to Washington on the evening of June 1 and will return to New York on June 2 at noon.

Usually on Thursday, there is a staff meeting at nine o'clock with all fifteen members of the mission to discuss upcoming events. In the absence of the Ambassador, the meeting is chaired by the Deputy Permanent Representative. Today the briefing is postponed. The Deputy Permanent Representative is participating at a conference on the future of UN peacekeeping sponsored by the Royal College of Defense Studies, Cambridge University. Canada's standing

within the peacekeeping community means that invitations to such events pour into the Mission. Helping to influence public perceptions and debate in Canada and elsewhere on the management of global crises is an important facet of the Mission's work.

June 2 is one of the few days free of formal UN meetings. It is only the second week in five months when there are no formal meetings of the numerous bodies of the UN or the Security Council. This allows officers to concentrate on the work they normally leave until the evening. The work schedule reaches its extremes during the annual September to December session of the General Assembly when the workday often stretches to 14 hours or longer.

The morning is now well underway. The Secretary General's Agenda for Development is just out. It may be the one true opportunity to reform the economic and social sector of the UN which lacks credibility,

DRAFTING A NATO MINISTERS' STATEMENT

by R. P. Kirby, North Atlantic Treaty Organization

visibility and identity. The minister-counsellor (Economic and Social) takes the time to analyze it. This will be the most important task of the next year and would be a particularly opportune way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the UN in 1995.

A statement on human rights in Rwanda is being drafted. The first secretary (Human Rights) will deliver it a few days later at a meeting called to endorse the results of an emergency session of the UN Commission on Human Rights. Canada requested this extraordinary session as part of an international response to the massacres underway in Rwanda. The Rwanda emergency is the first test for the new High Commissioner for Human Rights. The creation of this new position, designed to serve as a focal point for human rights in the UN system, had been a long-time Canadian goal.

Like the Ambassador, the first secretary (Security Council-Americas) has a day focussed on Haiti. The "Friends of Haiti" group is scheduled to meet at senior officials level on June 3. The group has imposed tough new sanctions and will discuss further steps. Representatives of the "Friends" are to meet twice on June 2 with the Secretary General's Special Representative for Haiti to prepare an agenda and work on a final communique for the meeting at senior level. The Canadian representative agrees on the basics of the final communique to be finalized by the senior officials on June 3.

The development counsellor prepares for the executive board meetings of the UN Development Program/UN Food Program in Geneva. He has a final telephone conversation with Ottawa to firm up the Canadian position.

The legal adviser is involved in on-going negotiations over the remaining issues related to the deep seabed mining provisions of the 1982 UN Convention on the

The preparations for the regular NATO Spring Ministerial Meeting and the seventh North Atlantic Cooperation Council (NACC) Foreign Ministers' meeting in Istanbul on June 9-10 dominates our work June 2. NACC includes all the NATO Allies and the twenty two Central and Eastern European partner countries.

I am on leave of absence from Foreign Affairs in Ottawa on contract to the NATO International Staff. I am responsible for preparing the agenda, the political-security issues that are the main business and the drafting the Ministerial statement for the Istanbul meetings.

The most difficult issue is to finalise a draft Ministerial statement. I had prepared an original draft. Senior political advisors from all the member states had made amendments. The Partnership for Peace, former Yugoslavia, Russian troop withdrawal from Estonia, the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, the recent extension of association status in the Western European Union to nine Central and Eastern European states and the CFE Treaty are all unresolved issues. A new drafting session goes through late into the night on June 1.

On June 2, we brief the Deputy Secretary General. The briefing focuses on the NATO Ministerial meeting. There are a number of issues, in particular how to handle recent Russian proposals on the NATO-Russia relationship.

The briefing does not cover the more difficult issue of how to bridge the disagreements over the draft Ministerial statement.

On June 3 the Ambassadors meet to finalize preparations. They send the draft NACC statement back to a drafting group. The group meets for the rest of the day on June 3 but without success. There are further drafting sessions in Istanbul. On the eve of the Ministers' meeting and in parallel with the morning session of the Ministerial meeting, there is still no consensus on portions of the statement. Consequently, at the afternoon session, Ministers debate for four hours before reaching compromises. The statement is issued on Friday evening, June 10.

Based on the NATO communique in Istanbul, NATO's Deputy Secretary General and Russian Foreign Minister Kozyrev sign the Partnership for Peace Framework Document on June 22. All the work of June 2 and other days before the Ministerial have therefore not gone to waste.

Law of the Sea. Work on harmonizing the text of the agreement in all six official UN languages takes place in a meeting open to all members of the UN. Negotiation of outstanding issues occurs in a limited group, called the "boat paper" group after the logo that appeared on the first draft agreement that it produced.

The recent visit to the U.N. of South Africa's Vice-President Mbeki on the occasion of the lifting of the arms embargo against South Africa is covered in a report by the second secretary (Political). He also works on an analytical report on the role of the non-aligned movement at the U.N. The counsellor (U.N. Budget) attempts to make sense of the mass of budgetary documentation on the U.N.

Wearing his other hat of mission press officer, the first secretary (Security Council) attends the daily briefing by the Secretary-General's spokesperson in the press theatre down the hall from the Security Council. The spokesperson focusses today on Rwanda and Bosnia while also commenting on Yemen, Lebanon and North Korea. On returning to his office, he receives calls from journalists wanting to speak with the Ambassador on deployment of Canadian troops to Rwanda. The New York Times also calls with a question on Haiti.

Afternoon of Deliberations

All formal U.N. meetings adjourn at one o'clock in the afternoon. Much business is conducted, contacts established and

information exchanged at the many lunches held each day in the numerous restaurants around the U.N.

Lunches are a pot pourri of nationalities, issues and friends: a lunch with the Finnish on the Agenda for Development; a lunch with the Mexicans and Spanish who are members of "friends of" groups for El Salvador and Guatemala; lunch on international coordination to combat HIV/AIDS with Dutch and Australian colleagues; lunch with the Irish, Australians, Americans, Germans and British to discuss a common strategy to follow up the results of the World Conference on Human Rights. The American advises that the US plans to insert language concerning human rights in a parallel resolution on Rwanda at the Security Council.

Time slips into the mid-afternoon. The latest developments on a draft Security Council sanctions resolution against North Korea for alleged violations of its obligations under the Non-Proliferation Treaty and the International Atomic Energy Safeguards Agreement are moving quickly. The second secretary (Political) pursues this and also keeps an eye on the Rwandan crisis. He phones the UN Secretariat and Security Council colleagues and relays information to Ottawa. He liaises closely with the Deputy Military Adviser.

The representatives of the "Friends of Haiti" group meet again to discuss the final draft of a communique for the June 3 meeting on Haiti.

The first secretary (Political) drafts a statement on the rights of women which he will deliver to a group of non-governmental organizations next week. It is now four in the afternoon. Telephone calls from Ottawa on UN operations, from the UN on Canadian policy and from other missions seeking views on a variety of issues bombard him. At the request of Ottawa, he inquires at the UN budget office concerning the 1995 World Summit for Social Development in Copenhagen.

The first secretary (Security Council) works the phones, keeping in constant touch with colleagues to ensure there are no

sudden unannounced Security Council meetings. Work at the U.N. involves constant liaison with the other 181 missions. Silence is unnerving in New York. Being on top of developments can become somewhat of an obsession, particularly for those covering high profile, volatile issues, who share a common concern that they (and their capitals) will be caught off-guard by a sudden emergency session of the Security Council, or a fast-breaking crisis. When Security Council members meet in closed sessions, officers of non-member states such as Canada haunt the corridor outside the meeting room, often late in the evening in order to receive, in the midst of noise and cigarette smoke, a briefing from a colleague on the meeting. This is usually followed by a return to the Canadian Mission, sometimes long past midnight, to draft a report (and to check details with colleagues engaged in identical tasks at other missions) on the latest Bosnian or Haitian or Rwandan twist for policy makers in Ottawa to read first thing in the morning.

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The development counsellor deals with the proposed joint program for HIV/AIDS of six international agencies (WHO, UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO and the World Bank). This will be the subject of a July meeting.

The property manager returns to her office after five hours on the streets of Manhattan ensuring the safe unloading of computer equipment. It is five o'clock. Time to think about heading home.

In the boardroom of the Canadian Mission, the legal adviser convenes a meeting of the "expanded midnight group", a group of ten countries with important deep seabed mining interests. Four years of negotiations will finally conclude successfully

on June 3. Following its passage through the UN system, the agreement will enter into force on or before November 16, the date the Convention on the Law of the Sea itself will enter into force. The agreement will facilitate accession to the Convention by industrialized states, and make the Convention truly universal.

The first secretary (Human Rights) telephones several other missions to coordinate action at the special meeting on Rwanda. He urges several African delegations to speak out at the meeting. He seeks out the latest information about the Rwanda crisis, and sends a final report to Ottawa.

Evening of Diplomacy

An inescapable part of life at the Canadian Mission is the huge number of documents that are received each day (the UN is reputed to print 1 billion pages a year), either to be discarded immediately, filed for future consideration or, in some instances, read. The press of activities during the day, especially during the four month annual session of the General Assembly, means that the evening is often the only opportunity to review these documents.

The day's activities on Haiti culminate in an evening bilateral meeting. The Canadian Ambassador, the Canadian ADM, the French Representative and a few officers from the Canadian and French Missions meet at the Canadian mission. The Canadian Ambassador reports on her consultations with President Aristide and the two sides exchange information on expectations for the June 3 meeting.

It is now nine o'clock. After the meeting with the French, the Canadian team decides that the draft communique lacks focus; it should deliver a simple, clear and direct message to the Haitian military with an emphasis on actions we are ready to undertake. A Canadian alternative to the communique should be drafted.

At eleven in the evening, the revised draft communique is completed. The last officer locks up the Mission, early by U.N. General Assembly standards, and leaves the building for his nearby residence. Thus ends another day on the global stage.

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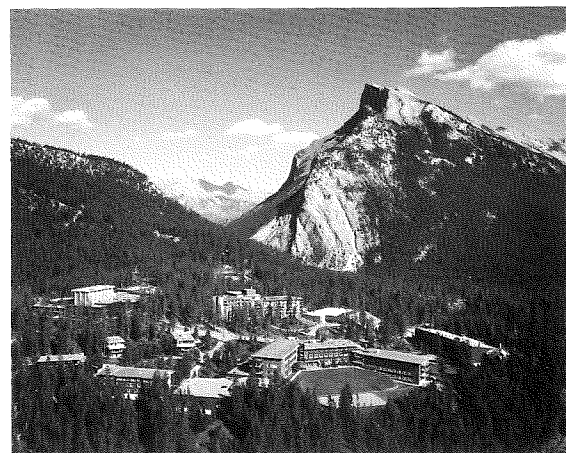
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... The Deputy calls, "Let's bite the bullet on the new restructuring of the department. I want a presentation to Ops Committee tomorrow on the proposed consolidation of the Corporate Management

18:00 Au coeur des Services ministériels

Le SMA (Services ministériels) fait ses bagages à la fin de la journée. Il est heureux du déroulement d'une autre journée de gestion et d'administration des Services ministériels. En outre, il a reçu confirmation de son affectation à Hong-Kong. Les priorités de son secteur sont :

- l'administration financière du Ministère et de son réseau de bureaux;



Branch and the Personnel Branch into one branch."

... On tient une brève séance d'information sur les conclusions du Vérificateur général concernant la gestion du Ministère.

... The Canadian Ambassador to South Korea discusses the property purchase for the new chancery project. This is a typical enquiry for the Physical Resources Bureau which manages all Canadian government property overseas

... The Minister's Office calls on the issue on costs for Ministerial travel. The press is interested.

... The Inspector General reports on the latest audit reports on Canadian missions. Inspection report on Teheran, Damascus, Tel Aviv, Kuwait and Riyadh are being drafted. All the reports will go public.

... La Direction générale du personnel achève la séance intensive de consultations pour les plus récentes affectations étrangères. Déjà, 95 % des affectations outre-mer ont été confirmées.



A day in the life of the foreign service ends but a new generation of foreign service officers (in the trade, political and immigration streams) is born.

... The processing of transactions for a new pay period for 4,000 employees, of which 1,800 are abroad, has begun.

... On examine les questions relatives à la rémunération et à la retraite pour les plus de 4800 employés locaux qui travaillent dans les missions canadiennes à l'étranger. Le haut-commissaire du Canada à Dhaka vient chercher des renseignements pour son personnel local.

... It is the busy season for relocations. The majority of foreign service employees return to Canada or are posted out of Canada from May to August. The group that manages incoming relocations alone receives 150 voice mail messages today. The final arrangement for a dozen moves are completed today. Messages are sent to missions on another thirty moves.

The Day Winds Down

19:00

The staff of the Ministers review the results of the day. Minister Ouellet did not have a busy day in the House of Commons, although Minister Marchi has a number of questions on immigration



policy. Fisheries Minister Tobin had handled the questions on overfishing. The intense preparations for questions on Haiti, Rwanda, Korea, and numerous other issues had been for naught. Despite this fact, similar preparations would be take place the next day on these and other issues "just in case".

The Deputies prepare to leave their buildings in Ottawa and Hull. The Deputy for Foreign Affairs is happy that the planning for the Halifax G-7 Summit is so far advanced. The Deputy for International Trade clears a number of key commercial memorandums for the Minister and quickly checks to see if there are any issues to followup for the Minister from Europe. The

Deputy Minister of Immigration reminds himself to follow up with the Minister tomorrow on the possible implications for refugees into Canada from Haiti in light of the action suggested by the US Ambassador to the UN and the meeting of the five Friends of Haiti in New York.

20:00 Le quart du soir

L'agent de quart du soir est à son poste. Son quart a débuté à 16 h. Il vérifie avec le Service des relations avec les médias, la Direction générale des affaires consulaires et l'agent de service au pays, ses principaux clients durant les heures silencieuses. Le quart du soir au Centre des communications est, lui aussi, en cours.

La soirée est calme. À 20 h, un membre du cabinet du sous-ministre du Commerce demande la communication avec l'ambassade à Bangkok. Un appelant d'une entreprise de semences désire obtenir les numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur de nos missions à Taïwan, à Hong-Kong, à Singapour et en Corée.

The Day Ends

24:00

The Peace Tower rings with a solemn tolling of the heavy copper bell twelve times. June 2 is over in Ottawa.

Meanwhile, overseas, Canadian missions in Europe and Africa are waking up and heading to work; it is noon in Asia; and another day in the life of the foreign service is well underway....



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CANADA'S ENEMIES. (SPIES AND SPYING IN THE PEACABLE KINGDOM) by Graeme S. Mount, Dundurn Press, Toronto, 158 pp., \$24.99

Reviewed by John Starnes

John Starnes is a former Assistant Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs who later became the first civilian Director-General of the RCMP Security Service from 1970 until 1973.

Canada's Enemies is a curious collection of apparently unrelated stories about espionage carried out against Canada, and quasi-espionage activity carried out by Canada abroad from 1900 on. The book is well-written and some of the stories are interesting and amusing, but it is 'neither fish, flesh nor good red herring'. It is difficult to escape the impression that it was written in part to satisfy the author's interest in intelligence and security matters. Whether this is sufficient to produce a book on such a specialized, complicated subject is another matter. I found the system of end-notes awkward to use and generally unsatisfactory and the list of abbreviations irritating.

It is unfortunate that Mount was unable to include in the bibliography the excellent book by John Bryden, M.P., about Canada's wartime and post-war involvement in communications intelligence activities. Both books were published about the same time. Had Mount been able to read Bryden's book he might know more about communications intelligence matters and have avoided some of his uninformed comments about ciphers. He could also have benefited from reading the slightly expurgated history of the Examination Unit by its acting director G. de B. Robinson and the history of CBNRC

written by Kevin O'Neill, a former director, made public in 1989/90 under the *Access to Information Act*. His various comments about the Examination Unit (which for some reason he dubs the WEU) would have been better informed.

My principal criticism, however, concerns the chapter entitled "The Futility of the Dupuy Missions: Vichy-France and Canada 1940-42," and the author's conclusion that "Vichyite diplomats and consular officials in Canada ... were able to do more for their cause than Dupuy ... could do for the Allies in Vichy France." Mount may be right. The truth is probably to be found in the archives controlled by the SIS. Unfortunately, it seems quite unlikely that any of the relevant documentation will be released by the SIS in the foreseeable future.

Pierre Dupuy was my first boss in External Affairs when, in 1944, I was seconded from the Canadian Army and worked for him in the Canadian Legation to the Allied Governments in London. I got to know him well and, despite his maddening disregard for security precautions and administrative detail, I came to like and admire him. I often have thought that Agatha Christie must have had Pierre in mind when she created Hercule Poirot!

From my knowledge of him at this time I believe that he may have carried out various intelligence tasks in Vichy for the British about which the authorities in Ottawa were unaware. Pierre had a romantic streak in him, and the idea of conducting clandestine, dangerous activities for the British would have appealed to him. If I am right, Dupuy was operating in Vichy on at least two levels; overtly, at the diplomatic and consular level, and at a completely different, secret level, on behalf of the British intelligence and authorities. The success of his missions in terms of the "Allied cause" cannot be assessed

properly without knowing what secret activities he carried out for the British and how successful they may have been.

Additional support for my theory is to be found in volumes I & II of F.H. Hinsley's "British Intelligence in the Second World War," and officially authorized history. For example, on page 277 (Vol. I) it states that the problem which bedevilled relations with the French, "...was made all the more intractable by the failure or the inability of the SIS to make a clear division of responsibility between two of its own sections — that which dealt with de Gaulle's Free French SIS, and that which was trying to revive contacts in Vichy France and establish a British network there." I believe one of the tasks given Dupuy by the British could have been to assist their efforts to re-establish a British intelligence network in Vichy.

Mount also appears to offer support for the theory when he quotes from a lengthy interview which the historian Raymond Tournoux had with Dupuy, decades after his Vichy missions. Mount writes; "Dupuy told [Tournoux] that when he went to Vichy he was on loan to the British government; he did not really travel there as a Canadian agent. Much of what he learned he reported directly to Churchill, some to Mackenzie King. Some he included in other reports."

Although at the time Pierre gave me no hint of having been given such a tricky assignment, I remember being struck by the fact that he had so many acquaintances among various British intelligence agencies, many of whom I had come to know in 1942-43. At that time I had responsibility at Canadian Military HQ in London to seek out in the ranks of the military, suitable potential recruits willing to volunteer to work in Europe

(mainly in France) as British secret agents. Once they were identified and agreed to work for SOE, SIS or some other such British agency (e.g. MI9 — the escapers organization) my job was to arrange for their delivery to the British and, if they were found suitable, to prepare the necessary paperwork for their transfer, etc. In the process I met quite a number of officers from various British secret intelligence agencies. I remember being surprised to meet some of them again at superb lunches and dinners given by my new boss. I was, of course, intrigued and drew my own conclusions.

Mount states (page 78) that; "Pierre Dupuy was not allowed to use the cipher (sic), and this was a serious matter. Diplomats depend on ciphers for sending messages that might fall into the wrong hands or otherwise be intercepted." I think it would have been a serious matter if Pierre *had* been given the ciphers. He would have been quite incapable of using them. In the legation, for example, all such communications were encyphered for us by Canada House and despatched to Canada by marine cypher. Moreover, I am not sure what ciphers he would have used. The only such device in the legation was a large, heavy book entitled *Government Codes and Ciphers* issued by the British. The system was quite unsophisticated and could quite easily and quickly have been broken by skilled cryptographers. The British could have given him a set of "one-time pads" of the kind issued to their secret agents in Europe. I do not think they would have done this for obvious security reasons, and they probably would have known he was not competent to use them.

An additional reason in support of my theory lies in the fact that following his Vichy missions Dupuy was honoured by being made a member of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, the kind of recognition usually reserved for those who have given signal service to the Crown. If the British had regarded Dupuy's missions as failures it seems unlikely they would have proposed such an honour since, at the time, the acceptance by Canadians of non-military honours from another country was frowned upon by the Canadian authorities. The British could quite easily have done nothing!



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE: CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES TO THE 1990s by J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, Toronto, Copp Clark Pitman Ltd., 1991, 334 pp. \$19.95. CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES: THE POLITICS OF PARTNERSHIP by Robert Bothwell, Toronto, University of Toronto Press, 1992, 190 pp. \$18.95.

Reviewed by Donald Barry

Donald Barry teaches political science at The University of Calgary. He is co-author, with John Hilliker, of Canada's Department of External Affairs: Coming of Age, 1946-1968, and editor of Toward a North American Community? Canada, and the United States, and Mexico.

Although Canadian-American relations have been widely studied there have been surprisingly few book length accounts that put the relationship in perspective. These two volumes go a long toward filling the gap. They are also important reading in light of the government's review of Canadian foreign policy.

Written for a general audience, *For Better or for Worse*, by J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, is a highly readable, fast-paced historical survey of relations between the two countries. Organized around the theme of "continued tension between conflict and co-operation," it traces the relationship from the pre-confederation period, through the reciprocity debates of the 19th and early 20th centuries, two world wars and the cold war, and the competing nationalisms of the 1970s and early 1980s, to the era of free trade.

Robert Bothwell's *Canada and the United States*, which was short-listed for the 1992 Gelber Prize for the best book on international affairs published in English, is an engagingly written, scholarly written, scholarly account of the relationship in the postwar era. It is especially valuable in exploring the shifting patterns of domestic politics in Canada and the US, the management of which has become as critical a factor in Canadian-American relations as the conduct of the relationship itself.

A major theme in both books is the remarkable stability of the relationship and how Canada survives in an association of extraordinary interdependence and persistent asymmetry. For Granatstein and Hillmer the answer lies in the combination of American self-restraint and skillful Canadian diplomacy. For Bothwell an important point of difference is Canada's social welfare system.

The relationship has been well served by this state of affairs. But circumstances have changed in recent years. Growing fragmentation of the American policy process and resurgent strains in Canadian federalism have complicated the conduct of Canada-US relations. At the same time, debt and deficits have put pressure on Canada's social programs.

How can interdependence and separateness in contemporary Canadian-American affairs be reconciled? The answer lies in finding the right balance between the two countries' national and bilateral interests. In the past, both books show, the relationship has been approached at various times from "partnership" and "nationalist" perspectives. The volumes also demonstrate that neither perspective provides a durable basis for managing Canada-US relations; the former because it obscures important differences between the two countries, the latter because it precludes the cooperation necessary for both sides to realize their interests.

There is no immutable balance of interests in Canada-American relations because the relationship itself is not static. Nevertheless, useful guidelines for calibrating relations between the two countries can be extrapolated from these accounts.

First, given the range and extent of Canada-US interdependence the two countries should take each other's interest into account in forming their policies. In the final analysis, however, each side's approach must be grounded in its own national interest. Too much bilateral intimacy encourages Canada and the US to subordinate legitimate individual interests to common concerns, or risks giving that impression. This eventually precipitates a nationalist backlash in both countries, especially in Canada where concern about American influence is never far below the surface. Increased nationalism in turn leads to more restrictive national policies and growing bilateral discord.

Second, Ottawa and Washington should be responsive to each other's foreign policy priorities and accommodate them when it is in their interests to do so. This would not only enhance the pursuit of those priorities, but also affect each government's disposition toward the other and hence its willingness to promote the other's concerns within its own political system. Although public and institutional pressures have constrained both governments' capacity to manage the relationship, especially on the US side, they still wield enormous clout.

Third, both sides should keep their commitments. There is no surer way for a country to damage its credibility than to renege on its obligations. Some of the lowest points in the relationship were reached when the Diefenbaker government failed to act on its commitment to acquire nuclear weapons in 1963 and when the US Senate refused to approve the 1979 East Coast fisheries agreement.

Finally, neither government should expect preferential treatment from the other. Concessions can engender an unhealthy dependence on the part of the recipient, and a feeling of having been too generous on the part of the donor, thereby creating pressures for more detached relations. Moreover, special treatment is not earned; it is extended as a favour. And what is freely given can be freely taken away.

In sum, these two volumes offer informative accounts of the evolution of Canada-US relations. They also constitute an important point of departure for assessments of the future of the relationship.



ABOVE THE LAW. THE CROOKS, THE POLITICIANS, THE MOUNTIES, AND ROD STAMLER by Paul Palango, McClelland & Stewart, 314 pp., \$29.99.

Reviewed by John Starnes

It is a disappointing, sometimes misleading book. The author leaves the unfortunate impression that he allowed himself to become captive to his sources who, among other things, appear to have tried to use him to settle old scores. The author's most important failure is to make the case, in the rather breathless words on the dust jacket that, "A once proud and independent police force had been leashed by its self-proclaimed political masters." There is no documentary or other convincing proof offered to support this statement of the more serious allegation that RCMP Commissioner Inkster and his immediate predecessor leaked sensitive information about police investigations of politicians to cabinet ministers.

At times the book reads rather like a 14th or 15th century morality play but with none of the clarity of language or purpose

characteristic of such medieval entertainment. In a more modern context, the characters and the plots are reminiscent of the TV program *Batman*; the good guys and the bad guys. In real life, of course, nothing is so simple or black and white.

The book suffers from an evident lack of research. I found it especially irritating that there are no end-notes, and there are far too many minor inaccuracies. For example, on page 15 Palango writes: "the RCMP's Security Service had burned a barn and broken into Parti Québécois headquarters; the McDonald Commission had been set up to investigate; and I was starting to realize just how the commission's recommendations had really affected the RCMP's ability to do its job."

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The specific inaccuracy about Parti Québécois headquarters is repeated on page 193; "There had been break-ins, including one at the headquarters of the separatist Parti Québécois in search of a list of supporters." Even a cursory study of the McDonald Commission's reports and newspaper accounts of their proceedings would have shown the author that Parti Québécois headquarters was not involved but rather Les Messageries Dynamiques (Les Éditions Peladeau), a commercial enterprise, one of whose clients was the Parti Québécois.

On page 243 there is a more substantial inaccuracy when Palango writes; "on Sep 1, 1987 Norman Inkster became the eighteenth commissioner and the deputy solicitor

general." (The emphasis is mine). The record shows that on that day the deputy solicitor general was John Tait who was appointed to the position in August, 1986. He remained in the appointment until October, 1988 when he was succeeded by Joseph Stanford in November of that year. Any number of reference books could have established the facts for the author.

The contention that Inkster was appointed a deputy minister is interesting and perhaps significant given the curious thesis advanced subsequently that Inkster's ability to act as commissioner somehow was sullied by this. I can find nothing to support Palango's contentions or his statement on page 203, "The commission's recommendation was that the commissioner of the RCMP be a deputy-commissioner. Since deputy-ministers are the prime minister's appointment and directly serve the prime minister, the net effect would be to convert the RCMP from a police force into a government department."

Recommendation 255 (McDonald Commission, Second Report, Vol II) proposed the exact opposite; "We recommend that the Deputy Solicitor General be considered as the deputy of the Solicitor General for all purposes related to the RCMP and that the Commissioner of the RCMP report directly to the Deputy Solicitor General rather than to the Solicitor General as at present."

The author makes no attempt to explain that the recommendations of a Royal Commission are no more than recommendations and to have any force must be approved by the government of the day and, if necessary, eventually must be approved by Parliament. The principal recommendation to separate the security/intelligence function of the RCMP from the rest of its responsibilities was accepted and after some delay resulted in the CSIS Act. By no means were all of the recommendations accepted.

It is sheer nonsense to argue that, "since deputy ministers are the prime minister's appointment they directly serve the prime minister" and that, if the commissioner had been appointed deputy minister, "the net effect would be to convert the RCMP from a police force into a government department."

The author has a seriously flawed understanding of how the upper echelons of the federal bureaucracy interact and of the delicate, complicated nature of the relationship

existing between senior public servants and cabinet ministers. It may explain why the book generally is so far off the mark. Of course there are tensions and differences between cabinet ministers and their senior public servants! Given that they are human, how could it be otherwise? But to claim in an aggrieved tone that the right of the prime minister to make order-in-council appointments somehow made the RCMP subject to his political will is rubbish. Every RCMP commissioner since Confederation has been appointed by order-in-council and there are literally hundreds of other such appointments, from royal commissioners and ambassadors to the chairman of the National Farm Marketing Products Council.

I guess that because of Norman Inkster's personal attributes, the level of his emoluments, his ranking in the senior executive ranks of the bureaucracy and the size of the RCMP (a two billion dollar plus budget and over twenty thousand employees) and the national scope of its work he was recognized by his peers, senior public servants and ministers as having the status of a deputy and was treated accordingly as are certain other senior public servants.

The best parts of the book are the reasonably well-written accounts of various criminal investigations pursued over the years by the RCMP. The worst parts of the book concern unconvincing arguments attempting to show that the RCMP allowed its criminal investigations to be influenced by political considerations and that this trend was the result of recommendations made by the McDonald Commission which was established principally to look into certain activities of the RCMP Security Service.

Palango writes that at one point in his career, Rod Stamler, his principal source, considered joining the Security Service. "What it came down to for Stamler was that SS (sic) work had little, if anything, to do with the enforcement of the law." It is a pity that Stamler did not join the Security Service. Had he done so the author's comments might have been better informed. Palango ignores the fact that while there are fundamental differences between a security service and a police force there are a great many similarities in operational techniques and in the fact that politicians are no less likely to attempt to interfere in the

work of a security service than they are in the conduct of some criminal investigation of particular interest to them or their party, as various documents concerning the security service recently released under the Access to Information Act demonstrate.

The only truly effective weapon against such interference which the RCMP commissioner or the head of CSIS possess is to threaten to resign and to make public their reasons for so doing. Such threats have been made from time to time. For example, the ninth commissioner, L.H. Nicholson, resigned in March, 1959 for such a reason.



GEORGE COSTAKIS, A RUSSIAN LIFE IN ART by Peter Roberts, published by Carleton University Press, Ottawa, 1994, 216 pp. \$25.95.

Reviewed by Marshall A. Crowe

Marshall A. Crowe served in the Department of External Affairs from 1947 to 1961. He was twice posted to Moscow: in 1948 as Third Secretary and in 1958 as Counsellor. Later, he was an Economic Adviser to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (1961-67), Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet (1967-69), Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (1969-71), Chairman of the Canadian Development Corporation (1971-73), Chairman of the National Energy Board (1973-77), and President of M.A. Crowe Consultants (1978-1994).

Peter Roberts has written an admirable, a memorable book. To begin with he writes in simple, elegant, flawless English, a rare talent indeed which has miraculously survived many years in the bureaucracy.

His book is a biography of George Costakis and the story of his magnificent collection of the art of the Russian *avant garde*. But it also is an account of the early days of the Canadian Embassy, beginning at Kuibyshev on the Volga, under Mr. Dana Wilgress assisted by two officers, Jack McCordick and Arnold Smith, who, like Wilgress, became life-long friends of Costakis. There is much perceptive comment on the Soviet regime under Stalin and his first two successors, Khrushchev and Brezhnev, in particular its stupid and arbitrary corruption of all literary and artistic activity. Finally there is a history of the *avant garde* art itself, much of it put on tape in Russian by Costakis and translated by the author. The quotations from Costakis

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on tape are particularly moving and vivid for anyone who knew and admired him. I can almost literally hear his voice and see his gestures.

I suppose a reviewer should reveal his biases. The author of this biography is, and its subject was for many years, a close personal friend. My wife and I first met "Mr." Costakis, as we called him throughout most of the years we knew him, when we arrived at our first posting in Moscow in October or November of 1948. According to Costakis' recollections on tape for Peter Roberts that would have been just about the time when he disposed of his "old" collection of "so-called minor Dutch masters" and began the collection of Russian *avant garde* which was to consume the rest of his life.

But at the time we knew nothing of this. Mr. Costakis was the locally-employed Greek citizen who had been hired by our first Ambassador, Dana Wilgress, as embassy administrator. He dealt for us with the infuriating Soviet bureaucracy on everything to do with the physical operation of the embassy and supervised the locally-hired Russian crew of drivers, household help

and other employees. All the Canadians, from the clerks and secretaries up to the Ambassador, or as it was then, the permanent chargé d'affaires, took their administrative problems to Costakis. He gave his full and courteous attention to everyone, whether junior or senior, and usually had a solution. This side of his life, what he did for a living, is carefully described in Roberts' book and corroborated by Mr. Wilgress' memoirs, and by the experience of all of us who were at the embassy in Moscow.

Particularly in those early years during and after the war life in Moscow without Mr. Costakis would have been very difficult indeed. Without him we would have had to spend a large part of our time struggling ineffectively with obstructive or indifferent officials. Everything the embassy needed in order to carry on its work had to be arranged through Soviet agencies. Even the important supplies took up days of Costakis'

time, whenever a shipment arrived, to supervise and facilitate passage through the customs labyrinth in order to achieve the duty-free admission supposedly our right by diplomatic convention.

I emphasize these matters to support from my own experience what is set out in the book. Mr. Costakis had a full-time job at the embassy and earned every dollar and ruble of his pay.

Peter Roberts also disposes, I hope definitively, of the notion that Costakis could never have bought up his collection with money saved from his embassy salary and that somehow he must have been protected by the KGB or its predecessors. Some of this goes back to ignorant and ill-considered speculation at the end of an otherwise reasonable article in the *New York Times Magazine* by Hilton Kramer on October 11, 1981. Roberts deals with this in detail.

Anyone familiar with Moscow for at least the first fifteen or twenty years after the opening of the Canadian Embassy in 1943 knows the miserable hardships suffered by ordinary Russians in the struggle to survive. One consequence was that family valuables of all kinds turned up in commission stores where goods were sold to the public in return for a percentage kept by the state-owned store. Some of Costakis' first collection came from this source. He had a natural collector's eye for real value and it would not have taken large amounts of cash to make some important acquisitions. As for the *avant garde*, as Costakis himself has explained in his preface to *Russian Avant-garde Art: The George Costakis Collection*, published in 1981 by the firm of Harry N. Abrams, and on tape to Peter Roberts, the paintings were regarded as rubbish by other collectors and by Soviet cultural authorities. They were mostly in the hands of desperately poor relatives of the artists who were only too happy to meet someone ready to pay for them. Costakis dealt as generously as he could with these persons but the prices were minimal.

The chapter in the book, "Facing the Apparatchiks", examines very thoroughly and dispassionately every aspect of any possible KGB use of Costakis. Anyone with doubts on that score should read it. The KGB and its predecessors hounded Costakis and his family from the beginning. He believed on good grounds that they had murdered his beloved elder brother. His mother and another brother spent time in the gulag. Eighty percent of his *avant garde* collection was expropriated before he was, in effect,

hounded out of the country to unwelcome exile in Greece. In any case Costakis had no possible access to "diplomatic" secrets such as they were. In his thirty-five years at the embassy a very few of the hundreds of Canadians who served there got into "difficulties" as a result of their own proclivities and bad judgment. There has never to my knowledge been the slightest suggestion that Costakis ever had any involvement in any entrapment. As Roberts points out he used up a key position in the embassy which the KGB would have loved to occupy. The only protection he had was that he was a Greek citizen and a highly valued employee of the Canadian Embassy. Any of our ambassadors or chargés d'affaires, until almost the very end of his career at the embassy, would have vigorously defended him from improper Soviet interference with a non-Soviet citizen working for our embassy.

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For many readers of this journal the section of the book on the "Canadian Connection" will be of particular interest. It has sketches of many of the remarkable and capable people who headed the embassy and of their relations with Mr. Costakis. As a key member of the embassy staff he worked directly with all the ambassadors and "permanent chargés" from Wilgress to

Ford, and with the large array of secretaries, counsellors, service attachés and other Canadians. Among the heads of mission during Costakis' years at the embassy Dana Wilgress, John Holmes, John Watkins, and Arnold Smith became very close friends, and Ambassador David Johnson always treated him, as he did everyone, with courtesy and respect.

When we first arrived in Moscow John Watkins was the chargé d'affaires, a person every bit as remarkable as Costakis, and the first Canadian, I believe, to see and appreciate the growing collection of *avant garde* art. Watkins' wide range of learning and outstanding skills as a linguist were matched by his down-to-earth manner and modesty. He certainly encouraged Costakis in his quest for the *avant garde*. Not only for Costakis but for the rest of us who were privileged to know him having John as a friend and colleague was unalloyed pleasure. Next to McCordick, a linguist of genius, John's Russian was the best and most fluent of any of those I have known who served in Moscow.

Costakis' various visits to Canada helped keep up his friendship with many who had known him in Moscow. He came in 1967 as part of an arrangement for long-term employees of Canada abroad to visit Expo '67, and again in 1973 as part of a lecture tour on his collection, a visit marred by a mix-up of dates for his talk at the National Gallery and by heavy-handed RCMP interrogators. His happiest visits were later when he came with an exhibition of his collection: in 1982, at the National Gallery, and, in 1989 for a major and beautifully presented exhibition at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. On all these visits there were happy reunions with his many ex-embassy friends. On two occasions he stayed with us at our farm and recounted some of the experiences covered in this book. At Montreal he was in a wheelchair but he came on to Ottawa for a reception with all his friends who could be rounded up. That was I guess the last time any of us but Peter Roberts saw him.

Canadians can be proud of their connection with George Costakis. From his work at the embassy he acquired security, employment, and many, many dear friends. From this base he literally saved a priceless heritage of Russian art from loss and destruction. Most of it remains in Moscow to be enjoyed, one must hope, by many future generations free from the hateful oppression of the Soviet system.

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organized schedule to view it. Even worse, his "thank you" invitation to a Kennedy reception in Moscow was addressed to Mr. George Costakis, Canadian "Ambassador," an obvious mistake for "Embassy." His Excellency received the letter, was not amused, and did not release it to Costakis until it was too late for him to go to the reception. In his memoirs, Roberts reports, "Ford does not mention Costakis or his collection at all."

Both Peter Roberts and I accompanied Prime Minister Trudeau on his official visit to the USSR in 1971. I recall that Costakis was pointedly excluded even from a gathering in the embassy garden for embassy staff to meet the Prime Minister. I found him in his office where he had been told to stay and took him myself to be introduced. Later on that visit, Roberts reports, Mr. Trudeau went to the Costakis' apartment to see the collection. I was not aware of that but I did arrange for Marc Lalonde and Jake Warren, also on the delegation, and for Christina McCall, then representing Maclean's magazine, to go with me to the Costakis' home to meet them and see the paintings.

Costakis was allowed later to return to the embassy without pay while he made his final deal with the regime to take about 20% of his collection and emigrate, leaving 80% behind, an arrangement he did not object to since he had always thought of his collection as a Russian heritage and he saw to it that many of the best items went to the Tretyakov Gallery.

The final episodes of the Costakis story are happier. Under the Gorbachev regime of *glasnost* he was invited back to Moscow, treated royally, and opened an exhibition of his collection. Peter Roberts' fine book repairs the ruptured Canadian connection, does justice to Mr. Costakis, and will warm the hearts of all George's friends.



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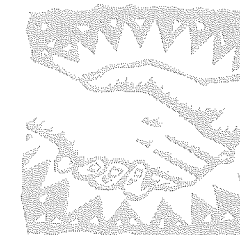
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Another stellar puzzle by A Aalto

"The oddest think has happened, Liebnitz," said Chief MacBannock as the ace logician entered the conference room. "This morning, as I logged onto my computer, I noticed an E-mail dated 12/15/94 with the subject line 'PROXIMA MISSION'. When I brought it up, it turned out that the date was December 15 of the year 2094, and the message dealt with the first Solar Federation permanent mission to Qbic, the inhabited fourth planet of the Proxima Centauri system."

"SIGNET's still having problems, I see," replied Liebnitz. "That's hardly fair, Ludwig!" retorted Gearloose, the Centre's head of communications. "As far as we can tell, it's a flaw in the Federation's system — the High-Amplitude Interplanetary Relay or HAIRNET. They seem to have overcome the problem of time delay in interplanetary transmission — messages to Qbic would take three or four years even at light speed, for example — by creating an E-Mail system that sends messages backward in time, so as to arrive anywhere in the universe at the same time as they were sent. In this case, however, a piece of green cheese appears to have shorted the main server on Luna, distorting the flux capacitor and sending the message back exactly a century."

"If you say so, Harry," said Liebnitz. "I can see where a time machine with E-mail capacity could be useful for other reasons too. You could wait until you see how a bureaucratic fight comes out, for example, and then put a memo back into the files a month before, supporting the side that was going to win..."

"I'm upset to hear you take such a cynical line, Ludwig," said MacBannock. "I may have seriously underestimated your management potential. But to get back to the business at hand, we need your help to piece together the message, which was scrambled in transmission. It seems to be a list of Qbic mission personnel, in protocol order, with some notes on their responsibilities and backgrounds. All we have been

able to reconstruct from the garble are the following facts, however."

1. The protocol listing of the ten mission personnel is also in alphabetical order, except that two names are exchanged (ie one of the names is where a second name would fall alphabetically, and that second name is where the first one would be).
2. Streaming is more complicated in this future Foreign Service. Everyone has a first specialty and a back-up specialty. On the Qbic mission, each member has a different specialty and backs up a different one of the members.
3. The general rule is that a specialist and his/her back-up are of the same gender, and this is the case with eight of the ten specialists on the Qbic mission. In the other two cases, the back-up is of the opposite gender.
4. The protocol list is headed by a Martian. ["Not much has changed there," quipped Liebnitz.]
5. The trade specialist backs up the aid specialist, Eagleclaw, and the two women often play zero-G squash together.
6. Fujii comes from the Asteroid Belt and backs up the customs specialist.
7. Douglas backs up the administration specialist, who backs up Barents, who backs up the immigration specialist.
8. Hamidi falls directly between the defence specialist and the cultural specialist on the protocol list.
9. The woman from Triton falls directly between the woman who backs up the consular specialist and the man who backs up defence.
10. The consular specialist from Earth backs up the trade specialist.
11. Andichari, the political specialist, backs up culture. The man next to her on the list comes from Ganymede.
12. The immigration specialist's place on the list is between the back-up political specialist and the woman from the L5 orbital colony (a permanent habitat between Earth and Luna).
13. The customs specialist and Gwanda are husband and wife (respectively).

They come from the same tunnel complex on Luna.

14. Chan's place on the list is between Iglesias and the economic specialist.
15. Jellicoe, who comes from the Oort Cloud Station, is next on the list to the mission member from Mercury Coldsides. Although from opposite ends of the Solar System, the two are in fact half-brothers, conceived *in vitro* from exported genetic material.

"This isn't all that tough," said the ace logician after a few moment's work. It's interesting — there are five men and five women on the mission, and nowhere on the protocol list are there more than two people of the same gender in a row."

"PC clearly remains important in the future," said MacBannock with approval. "Not so, Chief," replied Gearloose. "Indications are that HAIRNET is a Macintosh-based system." Looks of incomprehension appeared on all sides.

Can you duplicate Liebnitz's feat by providing a list of Qbic mission personnel in protocol order, including the name, gender, specialty, back-up specialty and home for each? Replies submitted before creation of this puzzle have been disqualified.

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