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The visit to the private sector were useful to both sides. Anatoly Berkuta, Deputy Minister of Construction and Architecture, met with several firms. "We would like to see Canadian technology in Ukraine," he said. His colleague, Yuri Luchoshva, Deputy Chairman of Housing and Municipal Affairs would welcome trade shows and exchange programs. Art Eggleton, President of the Treasury Board, Canada spoke on behalf of the federal government at the Toronto portion of the program.

A week later, at the luncheon hosted by the Quebec-Ukraine Business Council in Montreal, the Hon. André Ouellet, Minister of Foreign Affairs delivered a major policy speech (See page 4 for entire text). In response, Yaroslav Fedorchuk, Head of the Secretariat for the Cabinet of Ministers outlined the need for closer ties between Canada and Ukraine in politics and trade. He also asked Canada to be a special

friend to Ukraine during this formative period. Orest Humenny, architect, Terry Didus, Vice-President Montreal Trust, and the Council's President Gordon Lenko organized the event. Ms. Seri Genik, Partner Robert Langlois was the master of ceremonies.

Her performance was noted by the two female deputy ministers from Ukraine, Svitlana Vehera, Social Protection and Hanna Bubnova, Head of the District Council of Parliamentarians, Kyiv. They were pleased to meet so many Canadian women in positions of power including Senator Raynell Andreychuk and Vice-President of Environics. Donna Dasko, both of Ukrainian descent. They explained that women in Ukraine are very well educated and very enterprising but not represented in adequate numbers in positions of power. Both thought that a program to develop upcoming women executives would be good.

There was a general view among the Ukrainian officials that many programs would be "good". Although many have travelled internationally, they are glad to get out into the world to see how other societies work and what good experience they can bring home. "Canada has done a great deal for us through this program", summed up Mykola Solivon.

Meeting with Canada's Ambassador to Ukraine, François Mathys, after their stay in Canada, the Ukrainian deputies praised the entire program. In his letter to Ole Ingstrup, Principal of CCMD, the host organization, the Ambassador went on to say that "Canada has also gained considerably from the visit. We now have twenty excellent friends and contacts in position of authority in the Ukrainian government."



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