

and qualities of crude oil -- assured supplies for the efficient production and distribution of petroleum products to consumers.

"It is incorrect to suggest that Shell Canada had any reasonable alternative than to obtain its supplies as it did -- supplies which were purchased at a fair price."

#### FEDERAL CABINET CONFIRMS CRTC DECISION PERMITTING ATTACHMENTS TO BELL SYSTEM

Communications Minister Fox and Trade Minister Gray, in a joint statement on May 7, 1981, announced a Cabinet decision not to vary or rescind the August 5 interim decision of the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission permitting the attachment of subscriber-provided terminal equipment to Bell's telecommunications system (see the Record of September 1980).

The CRTC has scheduled a hearing to commence November 17, 1981, to consider a number of issues including standards and the impact on the manufacturing sector before issuing its final decision of the matter.

The Ministerial statement left no doubt about the Government's support for the new policy. It states:

"Liberalized terminal attachment responds to the need for consumer choice, it stimulates the development of new retail and commercial sectors and it has been welcomed by major industrial and consumer groups."