

# EXPO 86

## DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR PERSONAL INVITATION?

For the third time in 19 years Canada is about to host the world.

At this very moment over 60 nations, provinces, states and corporations are transforming 70 hectares of Vancouver's shoreline into a glittery, futuristic world.

### WORLD IN MOTION, WORLD IN TOUCH

EXPO 86 — The World in Motion, The World in Touch — the international showcase dedicated to the theme of transportation and communication, is rapidly taking shape.

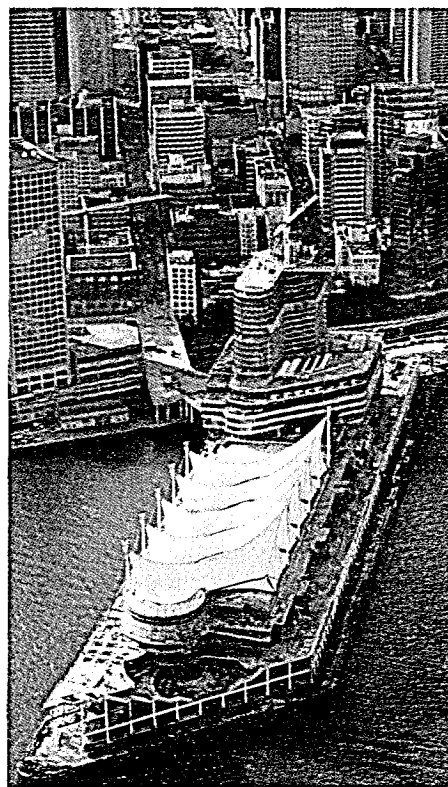
Geodesic domes, fanciful sculptures, gardens, ponds and skyrides are beginning to span the northern shores of False Creek where warehouses and railway tracks once prevailed. Two kilometres away, on Burrard Inlet, where the city of Vancouver was "born" 99 years ago, the sails of Canada Place are flying freely.

It hasn't all happened magically. Hard work by innumerable people has made it happen. Our own Department has been integrally involved from the very beginning. The Commissioner General, Patrick Reid; Bob Dawson and Dick Noyes Roberts, to name three, have logged in over 500 000 kilometres of air travel to promote international participation. Plus all our men and women abroad have, to greater or lesser degrees, been directly responsible for attracting so many international participants including, for the first time at a North American exposition, all three superpowers: the United States, the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China.

Hard work, yes; but it hasn't been without its lighter moments.

Did you, by chance, receive a personal invitation from Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth to attend EXPO 86? Way back on March 9, 1983 when she visited Vancouver the Department arranged (not easily, it might be said) to have all our posts abroad receive, at the same time, by phone, a personal invitation from her. Whether it was 3:00 p.m. or 2:00 a.m., whether the receivers were awake or wishing they were asleep, the message was relayed.

So, now that we've all received our personal invitations and feel compelled to do our part for Canada, what can we expect?



Canada Place on Burrard Inlet — the site where the city of Vancouver was born in 1886. When EXPO 86 ends, in October 1986, it will become a permanent trade and convention centre.



An aerial view of downtown Vancouver showing the two EXPO 86 sites (in white). The main site is along the north shore of False Creek; the second is two kilometers away of Burrard Inlet, where Canada Place is located. The two sites will be connected by Canadian designed A.L.R.T. (advanced light rapid transit) plus by hydrofoil and hovercraft touring around the peninsula.