

The happy hooter



Citizen

The Great Grey Owl, the world's largest owl, made an unexpected appearance outside Ottawa recently. It was the first time the bird was seen in the area since 1923, according to an ornithologist at the National Museum of Natural Sciences. Great Greys, which usually live close to the tree line in northern Canada, were driven south this year by the harsh winter.

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our NATO allies, we shall in the course of the current session of the Geneva Conference on Disarmament, circulate three proposals to gear down the momentum of new technology. We will thus give additional substance to the strategy of suffocation which I put forward in 1978. These proposals are:

- a ban on high-altitude anti-satellite systems,
- restrictions on the mobility of ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles),
- improvements in the verifiability of future strategic weapons....

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We must also continue to press our proposal for a conference of the five nuclear weapons states. It is a concept whose logic is compelling. Those five nuclear powers are at the same time the permanent members of the Security Council.

News briefs

Canadian General Electric Co. Ltd. (CGE) of Toronto has won a \$60-million contract to supply the main propulsion engines for six new Canadian armed forces patrol frigates. CGE will supply 12 LM250 marine gas turbine engines, including spare parts, tooling and training, to Saint John Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. Ltd. of Saint John, the company building the frigates for the federal government.

Air Canada says it intends to begin flying into Singapore within 12 to 15 months, following an agreement between Canada and Singapore on bilateral air transport. Under the proposed agreement, Air Canada says it will serve Singapore from London via Bombay. The agreement also permits Air Canada to operate unrestricted around-the-world cargo services via Singapore.

Ontario grape growers broke at least four records in 1983. They harvested a record tonnage of vinifer and hybrid grapes, they sold grape processors in the largest volume ever, and they made the most money, \$32.5 million in farm receipts. Furthermore, they produced the largest crop yet of the wineries' favourite varieties, including de Chaunac, Riesling, Pinot Chardonnay and Seyval Blanc.

They have responsibilities as well as vetoes.... The idea will take hold slowly, to be sure, as new ideas do. But I believe that it will take hold....

Throughout my own personal efforts to subject the science of war to the art of politics, I have been sustained by the support of many Canadians, and encouraged by their good wishes. I thank them now...and assure them, as well as this House, that the work we have started will continue. The government of Canada is committed to these purposes and will carry them forward....

Let it be said of the other nations that they saw their own responsibility to work to reduce the threat of annihilation, to forego nuclear weapons, and to serve the purpose of a durable peace.

And let it be said of Canada, and of Canadians: that we saw the crisis; that we did act; that we took risks; that we were loyal to our friends and open with our adversaries; that we lived up to our ideals; and that we have done what we could to lift the shadow of war.

A Eurobond issue of \$150 million (US) of 11 1/8 per cent notes has been signed in London, England, it was announced recently by the Export Development Corporation. The notes, due February 15, 1989, are priced at 100 per cent. The underwriting group includes: Credit Suisse First Boston Limited as lead manager, and Wood Gundy Limited, Banque Paribas, Citicorp International Bank Limited, Daiwa Europe Limited, Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft, Salomon Brothers International, Swiss Bank Corporation International and Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale as co-managers.

A grant of \$3 million made through the Canadian International Development Agency to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) will support the joint UNHCR-World Bank program to assist Afghan refugees in Pakistan. The UNHCR is developing a pilot project to provide employment for Afghan refugees in reforestation, water supply and road-building activities.

Ethiopian Airlines will buy five twin-engine Otter airplanes from de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. for \$15 million, it was announced recently. The airline's general manager, Mohamed Ahmed, said the deal includes a \$3-million engine maintenance package and financing from the Canadian government for 85 per cent of the planes' cost at 10.25 per cent interest.

The Export Development Corporation has signed a \$31.5-million (US) financing agreement to support a sale by de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Ltd. of Downsview, Ontario to Egypt. The sale involves the supply of five Dash 7 aircraft, spare parts and support services to Petroleum Air Services of Cairo, Egypt and is guaranteed by the National Bank of Egypt.

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