

adian Credit Unions and the Canadian Co-op Society will take place. The Canadian Council of Co-operatives and the Co-operative Union of Canada will meet in June. All meetings will be held in Quebec City.

In October, an international symposium on the role, the problems and objects of savings and credit unions will take place in Montreal.

National Ballet in Europe

Ninety-three members of the National Ballet of Canada, including dancers and music, production and administrative staff, left Canada on March 28, for the company's second European tour.

The three-week itinerary included the Coliseum in London (April 2 to 12), the Nederlands Congresgebouw in The Hague (April 15), the Stadsschouwburg in Eindhoven (April 17) and the Stadsschouwburg in Amsterdam (April 18, 19 and 20).

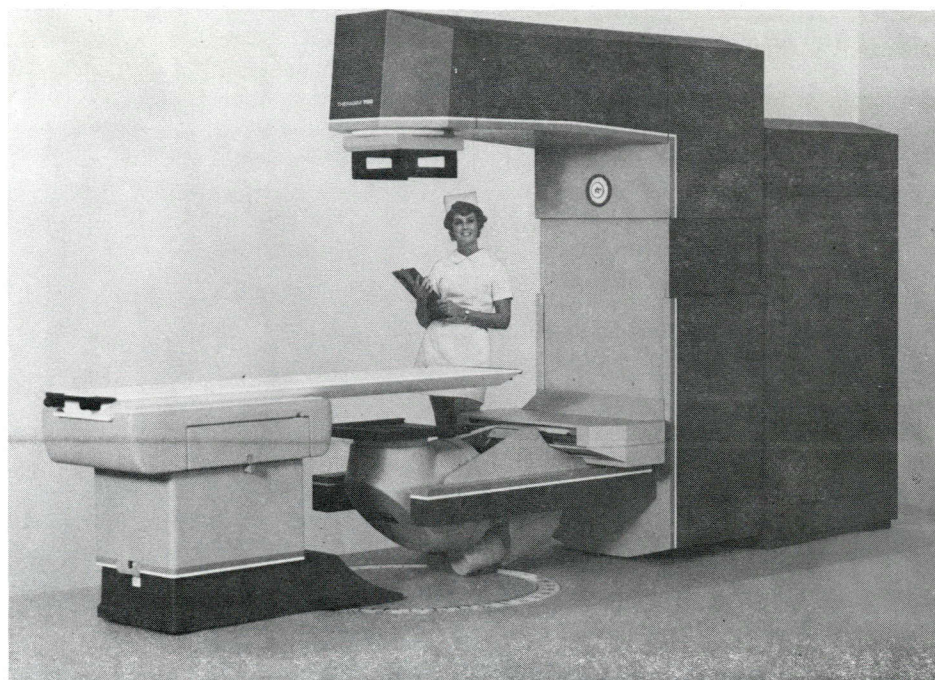
On this tour the National Ballet presented four productions from its current repertoire: Peter Wright's *Giselle*, John Neumeier's *Don Juan*, Gerald Arpino's *Kettentanz* and Erik Bruhn's new production of *Coppelia*.

The opening gala performance in London in the presence of Princess Margaret, was for benefit of the Royal Academy of Dancing and the Cecchetti Branch of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. Rudolf Nureyev and Erik Bruhn made guest appearances in some of the performances in London.

First ballet exchange

In the Netherlands, the National Ballet of Canada took part in a special cultural exchange marking the thirtieth anniversary of the liberation of Holland by the Canadian troops and the seven-hundredth anniversary of the City of Amsterdam. In return, the Dutch National Ballet made its North American premiere in Canada at the end of April.

The second European tour of the National Ballet of Canada was under the auspices of the Department of External Affairs, with the co-operation of the Canadian Embassies in London and The Hague, the Netherlands Ministry of Culture, Recreation and Social Welfare and the Municipalities of The Hague, Eindhoven and Amsterdam.



The THERASIM 750 is one of the newest items in AECL's family of radiotherapy equipment. A model was introduced in October at the Interna-

tional Cancer Congress at Florence, Italy. In December, the unit was demonstrated at the Radiological Society of North America, in Chicago.

THERASIM 750 simulators an aid in cancer therapy

Simulators such as Atomic Energy of Canada's THERASIM 750 are a recent milestone in the treatment of cancer by radiation.

These machines are used in two ways. Simulators look at the patient in the same perspectives, and with the same distance and movements, as a cobalt-60 machine or accelerator. This enables the doctor to plan, rehearse, correct

and verify exactly how the patient will be treated on a teletherapy machine. Equally important, the medical team can also use the simulator to perform diagnostic procedures and check on the progress of treatment.

Simulators such as the THERASIM 750 employ fluoroscopic and radiographic techniques to define the location of the tumor.

Student loans — proposed boost in annual limit

Parliament will be asked to approve an increase to \$1,800 from \$1,400 in the annual loan limit under the Canada Student Loans Plan, Finance Minister John N. Turner announced recently. The \$400-increase would be effective July 1.

The maximum total borrowing by any one student under the plan remains at \$9,800. Mr. Turner said that the boost in the annual maximum is proposed in recognition of higher living costs and educational costs facing students. The last increase was made in July 1972.

To qualify for assistance, students must be engaged in full-time study at

specified post-secondary institutions, and must demonstrate a need for financial aid. Loans are approved by provincial authorities and are made to students by chartered banks and other designated lenders such as credit unions.

The Federal Government pays the interest on the loans to the lending institutions while the borrower is a full-time student and for six months thereafter. The student then becomes responsible for repayment of the loan and the ensuing interest charges and has a maximum period of nine-and-half years in which to complete repayment.