

## Montreal twins triumph in triathlon



Canadian athlete Patricia Puntous (right) edged out her twin sister, Sylviane, to win the women's competition in the Bud Light Triathlon held recently at Long Beach, California. The sisters, both 23, from Montreal, finished in first and second place after completing the swim-bicycle-run events. Over 1 800 men and women took part in the event.

### News briefs

**External Affairs Minister** Allan MacEachen announced recently plans for the creation of the Asia-Pacific Foundation, designed to improve ties between Canada and Pacific Basin countries. Speaking to the 17th annual meeting of the Pacific Basin Economic Council, Mr. MacEachen said the federal government would introduce the legislation this month. The Asia Pacific Foundation, to be based in Vancouver, will promote knowledge of Canada abroad, coordinate government and private-industry development projects and initiate education programs.

**The federal government** has released details of plans for next month's royal visit to Canada. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will arrive in New Brunswick on July 14 and visit the province for three days in connection with its bicentennial. On July 16, they will fly to Ottawa for an eight-day visit that will take them to Eastern and Southern Ontario and as far north as Sudbury, with two visits to Toronto. Beginning July 24, they will visit Manitoba, including northern and western parts of the province.

**Teleglobe Canada** plus eight US companies and 26 European companies will build the world's first undersea fibre-optic telephone cable. American Telephone and Telegraph Company will lead the US consortium on the cable, dubbed the TAT-8 project. Teleglobe and the US companies will hold 50 per cent interest in the cable, which will run 5 160 kilometres from New Jersey to terminals in England and France.

**Canada's Ambassador to Belgium**, d'Iberville Fortier, has been appointed Commissioner of Official Languages, replacing Maxwell Yalden who completes his seven-year term in September. Mr. Fortier was Ambassador to Italy for four years before his Belgium posting. He served as Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs from 1972-76. As languages commissioner, he will monitor federal government departments to ensure they adhere to the Official Languages Act and language provisions in the Constitution.

**Trillium Telephone Systems Inc.** of Kanata, Ontario, has won the marketing and advertising award of the Chicago-based US Industrial Film Festival for a video film promoting its Talkto 109 telephone and inter-

com system. The film was produced by Tahl Commercial Film Productions Ltd. of Toronto.

**Two Canadian agencies** won gold medals at the recent International Radio Festival in New York. Ian Roberts Inc. of Toronto won in the 60-second category with a commercial for Canon Canada Inc. of Mississauga, Ontario, and Foster Advertising Ltd. also of Toronto, won in the 30-second musical category with a commercial for Toronto-based Ontario Place Corporation.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has signed a \$20.25 million (US) financing agreement with the Republic of Indonesia to support a sale by de Havilland Aircraft of Canada, of Downsview, Ontario. The sale involves the supply of two Dash-7 aircraft and related spare parts to Pertamina, Indonesia's state-owned national oil company. The aircraft were selected for their payload and STOL (short takeoff and landing) characteristics and will be operated by P.T. Pelita Air Services, a subsidiary of Pertamina, to provide Pertamina and various other oil companies with the ability to operate to and from remote airfields.

**A Vancouver, B.C. company** expects to earn at least \$1 million this year as the result of a contract it has signed with a US firm. International Phasor Telecom Ltd. will provide data encryption security for an electronic mail system being marketed by GTE Telenet Communications Corp., a unit of GTE Corp. of Stamford, Connecticut.

**Spar Aerospace Ltd.** of Toronto and Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan have signed an agreement whereby Mitsubishi will act as marketing representative in Japan for Spar's Remote Manipulator Systems division. The agreement covers marketing of remote manipulator systems for application in future Japanese space projects. Current plans call for Japan to join the United States and other countries in building a permanently-manned space station.

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