

receive a minimum price of \$3.25 a bushel for all wheat, including durum. Should world prices fall below the maximum set for domestic consumption, the return to producers will decrease accordingly but will not fall below \$3.25 during this period.

Under this new two-price program, which is effective immediately, the Government's contribution will be paid directly to wheat producers in all parts of Canada, through the Canadian Wheat Board's Pool Account in Western Canada and in co-operation with the Ontario Wheat Producers Marketing Board in Ontario.

Milk subsidy for Quebec

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan recently announced that agreement had been reached with the provincial government of Quebec to contain and reduce milk prices to the consumer.

"The price of fluid milk in Quebec will be reduced by 4 cents effective Monday, September 17, from the previously-announced level that would have been in effect on that date had this agreement not been reached," the Minister said.

The base price to the consumer on September 17 would have been 38 cents a quart; as a result of the agreement the price will be 34 cents.

"Prices will vary from the base price of 34 cents due to container size, fat content, and so on, but irrespective of this, the 4-cents a quart roll-back will apply," Mr. Whelan said.

The action on milk prices was made possible by a federal consumer subsidy of 5 cents a quart. The difference of 1 cent between the subsidy and the "roll-back" will be used by provincial authorities to cover, at least in part, cost increases for the next year.

The agreement provides that this

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price will remain in effect for a year, subject only to the provision that discussions between the federal and Quebec authorities could be reopened should unforeseen or extraordinary cost changes take place.

Negotiations will be undertaken with other provinces as soon as they indicate that they are prepared.

Hockey Canada scholarships

The names of 103 student-athletes who will receive 1973-74 Hockey Canada scholarship and bursary awards were announced recently by Health and Welfare Minister Marc Lalonde.

This awards program, conducted by Hockey Canada in conjunction with the Department's Fitness and Amateur Sport Branch, offers annual scholarships and bursaries to young men who demonstrate outstanding hockey ability as well as academic excellence.

Gary Aldcorn, director of programs for Hockey Canada, stated that 17 scholarships and 86 bursaries would be given. The scholarships, valued at \$2,000 the first year with subsequent renewals of \$1,200, and the bursaries, valued at \$700, are administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

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tests — which was the ultimate objective of the signatories of that treaty. Despite improving prospects for international security resulting from strategic arms-limitations agreements, there has, regrettably, been no sign that either of the super-powers is prepared to curtail underground nuclear testing — or to enter into active negotiations towards the achievement of a comprehensive test-ban treaty. Nor have two great powers brought to an end nuclear testing in the atmosphere, despite the overwhelming weight of world public opinion.

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UN conference in Vancouver

Last year the General Assembly accepted the Canadian invitation to host a conference on the urgent and vital question of human settlements now scheduled for Vancouver. We were

delighted that the General Assembly responded so warmly to this invitation and are encouraged by the co-operation and enthusiasm which has been displayed during the initial planning stages for the conference.

This year we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Human Rights Declaration. Yet parts of Southern Africa minority régimes still deny man's basic rights through stubborn opposition to his efforts to achieve quality. Canada recognizes the legitimacy of the struggle to win full human rights and self-determination in Southern Africa and is studying ways to broaden its humanitarian support for those engaged in these efforts. The most effective way to mark this anniversary will be for each nation to redouble its concern to extend human rights to all its people. But concern must be expressed through achievement.

Mankind's occupation of this planet has been neither wise nor far-sighted. Because of our greed, our indifference and our ignorance, we are speeding on a fatal collision course with our environment. The exploitation of our natural resources has been incessant, uncaring and exhaustive. Our air and our waters are becoming foul and poisonous. We seem to be incapable of feeding and clothing adequately our growing millions. We are unable to live peacefully together or share our bounty so that all may live a life of dignity.

Although there is no doubt that in some circumstances the agencies of the United Nations can and do move swiftly, on the whole no one can accuse this organization of approaching its problems with unseemly haste. Too many items have taken up permanent annual residence on the agenda. Still some progress is being made. The increasing universality of the United Nations is an outstanding example.

But there is lacking a sense of urgency — a collective sense of urgency about the towering problems confronting mankind and this organization. In our race with poverty and starvation, terrorism and armaments, pollution and bigotry we are too apt to forget that time is not on our side.

