

ONTARIO PLACE HOSTESSES

Hostesses at Ontario Place, Toronto's summer entertainment complex, are wearing a versatile new "watercolour blue" ensemble this year. Designed by Marilyn Brooks, the outfits can be worn as blouse-and-skirt combination, blouse and pants, or jacket, blouse, skirt or pants, according to the weather and the occasion.

The girls are all college students from many parts of the province, who will be working at Ontario Place until it closes on Thanksgiving Day, October 9.



WESTERN COAL RESERVES APPRAISED

The Federal Government and the Province of Saskatchewan have agreed to carry out a \$912,000 shared-cost program to determine the extent and economic viability of the lignite coal reserves in southern and central Saskatchewan.

Under the terms of the agreement, the Federal Government is contributing \$550,000 over a two-year period and the province is providing the remaining \$362,000. The program is being carried out by the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Lignite, used as a fuel in thermal generating plants, is in great demand by electric utilities in Western Canada, Ontario and Quebec; reliable estimates indicate that the demand in Western Canada alone will increase fivefold by 1980. The Saskatchewan reserves have never been accurately measured, and this has made energy resource-planning difficult.

During the first year of the program, geologists will evaluate the reserves and economic potential of the Ravenscrag and Swan River coal areas of Saskatchewan. A rough outline of the deposits will be determined through drilling, logging and sidewall sampling of test-holes carried out by the Saskatchewan Research Council in co-operation with geologists from the Geological Survey of Canada and the Saskatchewan Department of Mineral Resources.

A more detailed drilling program will be carried out during the second year to outline clearly the boundaries of coal seams selected from those surveyed the previous year. The target-date for the completion of the program is March 31, 1974, and a final report on the location and quantity of probable reserves will be issued by October 31, 1975.

EQUIPMENT SALE TO DUTCH NAVY

The Royal Netherlands Navy has placed an order in excess of \$3 million for the supply of sonar-detection and training apparatus designed and developed in Canada. This equipment is to be used on new frigates soon to be commissioned for the Netherlands Navy.

A major role in the development and production of this kind of sonar equipment was played by Westinghouse Canada Ltd., Hamilton, Ontario, under contracts initiated by the Canadian Maritime Forces. This order, and two previous ones received from the Belgian and West German navies, are the result of several years' export-marketing effort, during which Westinghouse Canada worked closely with the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in the pursuit of this business.

Interest in the program has been indicated by at least two other countries and further sales are expected in the near future.

FOOD AID TO BANGLADESH

Canada has allocated an additional \$3 million to purchase and ship more wheat to Bangladesh.

This raises the total of Canadian grants for food aid to Asia's newest nation to \$24.5 million in the 1972-73 fiscal year. Of this, \$19.5 million has been allocated for the purchase and shipment of 210,000 tons of wheat and 4,000 tons of rapeseed oil worth \$2.2 million. The remaining \$2.8 million will be used to ship more food in the near future.

The increase in Canada's contribution to the Bangladesh food-aid program comes in response to an international appeal by UN Secretary-General