

Funds for projects using Telidon technology

The Department of Communications has announced a number of projects that will utilize Telidon, Canada's two-way television and computer communications system.

The Canadian Close Captioning Development Agency (CCDA) will receive a \$125 000 grant to establish a Telidon-based closed-captioning service for Canadian television. The funds will be used to purchase the necessary captioning equipment to improve the TV viewing enjoyment of more than one million hearing-impaired Canadians.

The CCDA will produce subtitles or captioning for use on a specially adapted television or with a decoder attached to a television set. In April the agency received \$200 000 from the federal government to cover start-up and administrative costs including training, marketing and liaison; this was part of a total contribution of \$350 000 to be awarded over three years.

Under agreements with the National Captioning Institute in Washington, D.C.,

the CCDA is now supplying both the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and CTV networks with captioning of Canadian programs. The CCDA also intends to negotiate with Global, TV Ontario, TVA, Radio-Québec, pay television licences, the federal government and advertising agencies in order to attract other clients.

Norpak Limited of Kanata, outside Ottawa, has received a \$500 000 contract from the agency to develop the equipment that will electronically encode dialogue in the television signal for Canadian networks.

Services for British Columbians

In addition, five Vancouver-area organizations will receive a total of \$222 300 for the development of new Telidon services for tourists, students, advertisers, businesses and the general public. The funding agreements will assist the following projects:

— Dominion Directories will receive \$80 400 towards the purchase of 24 user

terminals and four page-creation terminals which will be used in the development of its tourist information system, Dominion Directories Tourism;

— British Columbia Telephone will receive \$72 855 for the purchase of equipment to support the expansion of its Telidon field trial. About 175 user terminals and six page-creation terminals will be in operation;

— Premier Cablesystems will receive \$27 729 towards the purchase of two page-creation terminals and six user terminals to expand its cable TV project for consumer information and TV listings;

— Canada Videotex Systems will receive \$26 376 to support the development of its page-creation service. Project VISP is to provide 2 550 pages of information for business and government users; and

— The University of Victoria will receive \$15 000 towards the purchase of six user terminals and five page-creation terminals for the expansion of its educational service, Project Natal.

The funds are being provided under the Telidon industry investment stimulation program (IISP) to help the organizations buy terminals for new Telidon systems. The recipients are required to purchase at least as many terminals as provided by the government, and to pay for content development, communications charges, salaries and other operating costs.

Roosevelt anniversary celebrated at Campobello International Park



Special ceremonies were held July 4 at Roosevelt Campobello International Park at Campobello, New Brunswick to mark the centenary of the birth of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The park is a joint memorial by Canada and the United States and is a symbol of the close relationship between the two countries. In 1964, an agreement to establish the 4.2-hectare Roosevelt Campobello International Park comprising the 14-bedroom Roosevelt cottage (pictured above), a reception centre and surrounding areas was signed by President Lyndon B. Johnson and Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson. It became the first international park administered by an international body, the Roosevelt Campobello International Park Commission. Campobello Island is located in the Bay of Fundy, its principal access being the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge at Lubec, Maine.

New Brunswick Department of Tourism

Canada and Venezuela sign co-operation agreement

Canada and Venezuela have signed an agreement to further co-operation between the two countries. The agreement was signed in Ottawa by Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan and the Ambassador of Venezuela in Canada Francisco Paporini.

The agreement recognizes the importance of traditionally friendly links between Canada and Venezuela and is aimed at encouraging the development of co-operation in the cultural, economic and technological fields.

Under the agreement a consultative committee will be established and will meet every two years. The committee, which will be co-chaired by the foreign affairs ministers of both countries or their representatives, will further the agreement's objectives, evaluate activities undertaken under its provisions and provide a forum for high-level discussion of matters of mutual interest.