

Another prize for Canada's contribution to Spokane world fair

The 1974 Environmental Improvement Grand Award presented to Canada by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America in St. Petersburg, Florida, on January 29, is the third prize earned by Canada's permanent contribution to the environmental theme of last summer's Expo '74 in Spokane, Washington, U.S.A.

Canada, by turning a derelict industrial site into what proved to be one of Expo '74's most environmentally-oriented exhibits, created a miniature woodland park on a 45,000-square foot rocky island using over 50 varieties of the trees and shrubs usually found in the Pacific Northwest. The park, re-named "Canada Island" was given to the people of Spokane as a permanent wilderness area.

Families of native Canadian animals underwent inoculation and an incubation period before being allowed to cross the U.S. border to live among the trees and rocky caves of the island; and a score of dinosaur-size imaginary prairie animals created by Saskatchewan artist Russell Yuristy, lumbered safely, in tractor trucks, over



the Selkirk mountains and along the Oregon Trail onto Canada Island to become a children's playground.

All summer long, these fantasy animals, made of recycled materials, delighted children; the nature trails provided a haven for people from all over the world who came to the fair and discovered that, as well as talking about "environment" Canada had done something about it. Alberta's amphi-

theatre was a popular meeting place for those who loved listening to music, while British Columbia's on-site creative artists ranged from a Renaissance musical instrument-maker to Pacific Northwest carvers and silversmiths. "This is the only place where they are really protecting the environment instead of just telling people to protect it", one Spokane resident was quoted as saying.

Andrew J.H. Kuhlmann, landscape architect for Canada Island, a member of Information Canada/Expositions Division, has assumed the major design responsibility for many Canadian Government trade and cultural expositions both in Canada and abroad.

Among Mr. Kuhlmann's award-winning projects were the Canadian exhibit at the Brussels World Fair 1958; two gold medal awards for his exhibit design at the Barcelona International Trade Fair; and a gold medal won at the New York Furniture Show. Now, the top 1974 award for environment improvement has been added to the landscape award earned from the Washington State Nurserymen's Association and a Certificate of Merit from the American Association Nurserymen to honour Canada's island in Spokane.



Dr. George Mraz, airport veterinarian for Agriculture Canada, gives a final

check to a Hereford about to embark for Czechoslovakia.

Canadian cattle in Czechoslovakia

The people of Czechoslovakia are not likely to see cowboys galloping over their hills, but they will be seeing red and white Herefords grazing on ranches in western Canadian style.

Czechoslovakia recently took delivery of 1,105 polled Herefords (1,054 heifers and 51 bulls) purchased from Canadian cattle producers for a pilot project aimed at using the hillside rangeland in southwestern and eastern Czechoslovakia.

The hill country, similar to the Alberta foothills but with a slightly milder climate, is mostly in the Sudetenland.

Most European beef comes from dual-purpose cattle raised on typical dairy farms, says Dr. W.H.J. Davis, import-export supervisor for Agriculture Canada's Health of Animals Branch in Ontario. He said that one of his problems was persuading the buyers that Canadian Herefords could take care of themselves on the open range.