

## CANCER MAN SAVES LIFE

Globe-trotting cancer campaigner Stan Guignard left the colony recently after a successful stay of two months. The 63-year-old Canadian, whose vintage model-A Ford that he is driving round the world drew a lot of media attention, was unable to say how much money he had raised as donations were still coming in when he left, but it was a substantial amount. "Hong Kong people are very generous", he said and regretted having to leave just when Hong Kong people were starting to recognise the campaign. During his visit here, Mr. Guignard probably saved the life of a 26-year-old woman who had a cancerous growth in one breast. She could not afford to have it removed but he stepped in and paid for the operation. He intends to return here for a two month private visit next year as he felt it was one of the nicest places he has visited on his travels around the world.

## THATCHER ON FREEDOM

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher recently addressed a joint session of the Canadian parliament — an honour previously accorded to Churchill, Eden and Harold Macmillan. During her speech she told the Canadians: "It is time for freedom to take the offensive. There is a battle of ideas to be won. We are better equipped than our adversaries for our ideas are better. We must constantly proclaim our ideals, to our people, to young countries yet to choose, to those who live in the shadow of tyranny." Mrs. Thatcher said the threat to democracy did not come from superior ideas "We have nothing to fear from the bankrupt ideology of the Soviet Union. The combination of political repression and economic failure is there for the world to see."

## MAGIC PALACE K.O.'S DALLAS

Canadian television shows are seen in about 80 countries, according to a television programme exporter. In some South-east Asian countries, a programme produced in Calgary and called Magic Palace has challenged Dallas for the number one spot in the ratings, and throughout the rest of the world Canadian programmes ranging from The Little Hobo to The Nature of Things have become a small but growing part of viewers' diets. The value of Canadian TV and movie exports is conservatively estimated at C\$20 million.

## B R I E F S

### RADIO SELLS CANADA GOODS

Canada is one of the countries being featured on a regular weekly basis in a new series promoting the goods and services of Hong Kong's leading trading partners. Since October 7th, Canada has been featured every Friday between 6 and 6.30 p.m. on Commercial Radio's English service. The programmes are hosted by Lawrie Rixon, who pioneered the successful format used in the Noel Leigh Boat Show which has been on the air for nearly seven years, and Margarete, who with Lawrie co-hosted the Watson's Health Food Half Hour. The two presenters have products in the studio and discuss, recommend and advise listeners where the products may be purchased. The programme format allows a maximum of six co-sponsors, with each receiving about two minutes air time. When appropriate the musical content relates to the country whose products are being promoted. Items of special interest relating to the country or territory involved are sometimes broadcast during the programmes.

### NEW TECHNOLOGY AT VIDEOTEX

Several of the two dozen Canadian companies participating at Videotex '83 in New York used the prestigious show to unveil new technology. Several international firms at the show were using Canadian equipment and others announced agreements with Canadian firms. Electrohome Ltd of Kitchener, Ontario, unveiled a prototype of a slick, small TV-top terminal which, like cordless TV channel selectors, uses an infrared light beam to signal from keypad to computer. The Bank of Montreal has developed a home banking service to be offered over Infomart's Grassroots system which has 14,000 subscribers in southern Manitoba and has been expanded into Ontario. The United States broadcasting stations NBC and CBS, as well as Time Inc., were using teletext decoders from the Canadian firm Norpak, as did IBM. The Japanese giant Panasonic used Canadian-generated pages from Infomart to demonstrate its system.

## A FORCE FOR UNDERSTANDING

A new programme designed to prepare Canadian and foreign students for careers involving work and travel abroad has been launched by Trent University of Peterborough, Ontario. The administration hopes to produce a group of internationalists who will become a "force for understanding between nations." At first glance the programme does not seem to contain much that is new. The 75 foreign and 25 Canadian students who will be admitted in the first year will choose, like other Trent students, from among the university's 425 courses in 23 fields of study, and will graduate with the same bachelor's or master's degrees. Only one special course is being developed with the programme and it is open to other students as well: a four-week summer English language and cultural-immersion program offered in association with Sir Stanford Fleming College.

## FINGERPRINTS MADE EASY

A revolutionary process for locating and exposing latent fingerprints is winning world-wide recognition, and sales, for a Canadian company. Visuprint "fumes" the object or area being examined with a special chemical vapour. After about 10 minutes any prints present become visible and permanent. The portable unit is produced and marketed by a high-tech company, Payton Scientific Inc of Scarborough, Ontario. Visuprint will develop latent fingerprints on more surfaces in a single process than any other conventional method. Hitherto difficult and often impossible surfaces such as plastic bags, plastics, aluminium, firearms, stainless steel, chrome, silverware, wood, cardboard, paper and many others all become excellent possibilities with this simple new piece of equipment and progress. There is also a very strong possibility that this method will develop prints on human skin.

## ZHAO ZHIYANG CANADA VISIT

Ottawa: Chinese Premier Zhao Zhiyang will visit Canada in late January as a sign of China's interest in closer economic and political ties with Canada, Chinese foreign minister Wu Xueqian announced during his recent trip to Canada. It will be the first visit to Canada by the top Chinese leader since Canada extended recognition to the People's Republic of China 13 years ago.