

two months of filming.

Shooting took place near Newfoundland, the Magdalen Islands, on the Saguenay River and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. After three weeks of filming with the *Calypso*, a reduced crew of ten filmed on land along the St. Lawrence and on board icebreakers. Shooting was completed February 5 and the *Calypso* returned to the Cousteau Society office in Norfolk, Virginia.

The final product of the expedition will be three one-hour films co-produced by the National Film Board and the Cousteau Society. NFB director Jacques Gagné said he hoped to have the three films ready for next October.

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— we are prepared to do a good deal more to enhance the vital contribution of the private sector to the objectives of our joint trade and economic co-operation.... Canada's industrial co-operation program stands ready to assist in establishing new mutually beneficial relationships.

#### Additional programs

To deal with the security needs of the region, additional programs will be made available. Among those proposed:

— Canada is prepared to offer training in civil emergency planning (to deal with disasters such as hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, oil spills and epidemics) either to CARICOM as an institution or to individual states;

— Canada is prepared to accept modest increases in the number of candidates for military and police training on a space available basis at Canadian institutions; and

— a modest number of candidates for coast guard training will be accepted at the Department of Transport schools on a space available basis....

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### News briefs

**Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin** announced a recent 9.9 per cent increase in the Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits. CPP benefits are paid to more than 1.2 million recipients. The minister also announced the new maximum amounts to be paid to persons who qualify for benefits in 1981. The current retirement pensions, disability and survivors' benefits, paid to an estimated 1,205,000 persons, will be increased by 9.9 per cent to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index.

**Inco Limited of Toronto** has announced that it and three French mining investment companies plan a \$14-million (U.S.) chromite mine and upgrading unit in New Caledonia in the South Pacific. Construction is about to begin and plans are to start operations in mid-1982. The mine will produce 110,000 metric tons of ore a year and the upgrading unit will yield 85,000 tons of chromite ore products. Inco will have a 55 per cent equity interest in the venture. *Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas* will have a 22.5 per cent interest and the remaining 22.5 per cent will be held by a joint company to be formed by Dong-Trieu and another unnamed French company.

**The Export Development Corporation (EDC)** has announced the signing of a \$21.1-million (Cdn.) financing agreement with Bank Hapoalim B.M. of Israel to support the sale of up to three *DASH-7* aircraft and support services and spare parts by the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited, Downsview, Ontario, to Arkia Israel Inland Airlines (ARKIA). The aircraft will be used by ARKIA, Israel's domestic airline, to replace Vickers *Viscounts* in its route expansion program.

#### Mountain in the city

*A new prehistoric park at Calgary Zoo is scheduled to be completed in 1982, but this adventurous climber could not wait to test one of the piles of rock that will enclose the site. The park is just one mile away from the Calgary Tower, seen in the background.*



**Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources Marc Lalonde** has announced the appointment of Lorne D.R. Dyke as the president and chief executive officer of Canada's new alternative energy corporation, CANERTECH. The new company has been formed as a subsidiary of Petro-Canada and will open offices in Winnipeg this year. Initial funding of \$20 million is in place from the federal government's 1979-80 share subscription in Petro-Canada.

**The estimated number of families in Canada** (not including the Yukon and the Northwest Territories) was about 6 million as of June 1, 1980 Statistics Canada reports. This represents an increase of 1.5 per cent over the number as of June 1, 1979. Compared with the growth rates in the number of families in 1978-79, the rates in 1979-80 were higher for Alberta and British Columbia, almost unchanged for Quebec and Ontario, and lower for the remaining provinces.

**Mike Bossy** of the New York Islanders of the National Hockey League recently broke a 36-year-old record when he scored 50 goals in 50 games. Bossy, a Montreal native, equalled Maurice (Rocket) Richard's record in a game against the Quebec Nordiques in Uniondale, New York.

**Hyak the killer whale** refused to do his show at Vancouver Aquarium recently because he preferred to gape at his two new female companions, Finna and Bjossa. He spent all night with his snout pressed against the mesh screen separating the aquarium's main pool from the adjoining pool which held the two Icelandic whales. When the screen was removed, he shot through to the holding pool. The Icelandic whales squealed and slapped their tails on the water while Hyak swam around and around in circles.