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(From left to right): Minister of State for Science and Technology (now Minister of the Environment) John Roberts, Minister of Communications Francis Fox and Minister of State for Mines Judy Erola at the inauguration of Anik-D1.

Department of Communications

Canada has announced support for a plan to send Canadians into space under the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space shuttle program.

The announcement was made jointly by Communications Minister Francis Fox, Minister of State for Science and Technology (now Minister of Environment) John Roberts, Minister of National Defence Gilles Lamontagne, and Minister of State for Mines Judy Erola, during a special celebration at the David Florida Laboratory of the Communications Research Centre marking the twentieth anniversary of the launch of Canada's first satellite, *Alouette 1*.

The ceremony also marked the formal inauguration of service by *Anik-D1*, the first satellite for which a Canadian company was the prime contractor. *Anik-D1*, built by Spar Aerospace Limited and launched by Telesat Canada August 26,

1982, was officially placed in operation by Mr. Fox and John Almond, vice-president of Telesat Canada.

Hosted in Canada

The twentieth anniversary of Canada-in-space celebration, hosted by Mr. Fox, was attended by pioneers of the *Alouette* program, leading figures from Canada's space industry, members of Cabinet, and General James Abrahamson, associate administrator of NASA, who announced guidelines for the participation of Canadian personnel aboard the space shuttle.

Responding to General Abrahamson's announcement, Mr. Roberts said: "On behalf of Canadians, I welcome this exciting challenge to expand our space interests and knowledge. The government of Canada is now considering the details for the selection and training of Canadians to fly on the shuttle."



Poster for Canadian arts festival in West Berlin (see Page 7).



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