

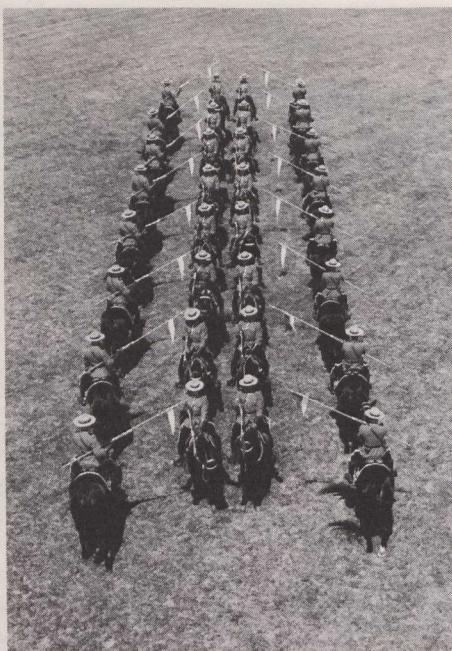
## News briefs

The Canadian government and the Commission of the European Communities have agreed to sponsor a world symposium on asbestos in Montreal, May 25-27, 1982. The theme of the symposium will be "Asbestos: Health and Society". The symposium will focus on questions related to occupational and public health, product safety, the protection of the environment and trends in regulatory policy. Since 1978, questions concerning asbestos have been included in the program for industrial co-operation between the EC and Canada.

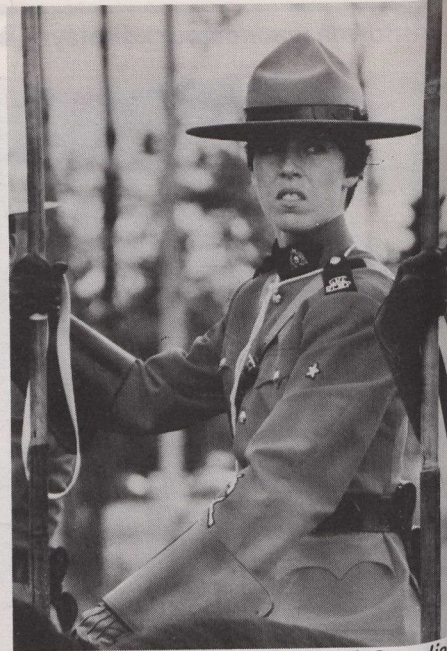
**Moving Mountains**, a film about women in non-traditional jobs, has been bought by the federal government and will be distributed across Canada by the National Film Board. The film represents "a milestone in our efforts to end job stereotyping", said Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy. The film tells the story of the coal mining women in Elkford, British Columbia. Mr. Axworthy said the film demonstrates that women entering non-traditional jobs must still be prepared to face social prejudices which, as the film shows, can be overcome.

A Canadian woman has been named to the presidency of Pilot Club International, a women's service organization with 20,000 members in eight countries. Helen Quinn of Ottawa is the second Canadian to hold the office in 66 years. Pilot Club International Incorporated, named after river boat pilots who guided their vessels through uncharted or difficult waters, was organized in 1921 in Macon, Georgia. It is one of five classified civic-service organizations for executive and professional women in North America. There are 609 Pilot Clubs in the United States, Canada, England, France, Japan, Bermuda, Mexico and the Bahamas.

**Doctors at the Hospital for Sick Children** in Toronto recently made medical history with a brain operation on Tabitha, a gorilla born at the Metropolitan Zoo last November. The two-hour operation was performed to drain an abscess on the gorilla's brain. Tabitha was treated from the beginning of the operation as a human infant. The abscess was drained after holes were drilled in her skull and she was given antibiotics. More than 15 medical staff donated their time to perform the life-saving operation. Tabitha was one of two gorillas born at the zoo one day apart — the first gorillas to be born in Canada.



Christine Mackie (right) participates as one of the first women in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's famous musical ride. Miss Mackie, a six-year veteran of the force, was joined by Joan Merk, a four-year RCMP veteran. Any RCMP officer with one year of service may volunteer for the ride but this is the first year that women's applications were accepted. Each year 18 candidates are chosen from the volunteers in the two-month equestrian training course, for a two-year stint in the musical ride. Practising the ceremonial manoeuvres and drills takes another six months before the group is ready to perform in public. At left, members of the musical ride perform the "bridal arch".



The federal government will pay Canadian grain farmers \$81 million in compensation for losses resulting from the 1980 partial embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union. The Canadian government also announced that it will pay \$1.2 million to the Canadian Olympic Association in compensation for the federal decision to boycott the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow.

The State of California recently passed a resolution commemorating Terry Fox. The resolution was presented to Consul Edward Hepner of the Canadian Consulate in Los Angeles by Assemblyman David Elder of the California state legislature. The resolution called the one-legged runner who undertook a "Marathon of Hope" to raise funds for cancer research, "an inspiration not only to the people of Canada but also of California". Copies of the resolution will also be presented to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and to Mr. Fox's parents, Rolly and Betty Fox.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the conclusion of a \$27.6 million (U.S.) financing agreement with Tocur Nominess Pty, Limited, Canberra, Australia, to support the sale of Canadian equipment and services by de Havilland Aircraft of Canada, Limited,

Downsview, Ontario, to Papua, New Guinea.

Against high waves that reached heights of two metres (eight feet), Jocelyn Muir, 15, braved Lake Ontario recently to become the youngest swimmer ever to conquer the 51-kilometre (32-mile) stretch. Cindy Nicholas set the record for the youngest swimmer in 1974 when at 16 she covered the distance in 15 hours 35 minutes. Muir swam the distance in 15 hours 56 minutes. The 15-year-old, who began swimming long distances two years ago, started training extensively for her lake swim in June.

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