

New anti-tank weapon for armed forces

The Canadian Forces are getting a new anti-tank weapon.

Delivery of the new missile system identified as TOW, (tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided), will begin in 1975 for Canada's NATO forces in Europe, as well as for infantry and reconnaissance units at home. About 150 units will be bought.

Cost of the program, including spare parts, technical publications, target and missiles, is estimated at \$30 million.

TOW is a highly accurate, semi-automatic missile system capable of destroying a tank at ranges from 70 yards to a maximum of 3,300 yards, or about two miles. It will replace the 106-millimetre recoilless rifle in use since the early '60s and the SS-11B1 guided missile system, in use since the mid-1960s.

It is designed to destroy bunkers, gun positions, vehicles and other targets, as well as armoured vehicles.

Ontario commuter rail service

The Federal Government will provide \$10 million for the purchase of rolling stock for a commuter rail service between Richmond Hill, Ontario and Toronto's Union Station, Transport Minister Jean Marchand and Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Donald Macdonald announced this month, in conjunction with Ontario Minister of Transportation and Communications, Gordon Carton and Metropolitan Toronto Chairman Paul Godfrey.

Three trains will run during peak periods for about one-and-a-half hours

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each morning and evening on weekdays. All operating costs will be borne by the Province of Ontario.

Mr. Macdonald said that the provision of railway rolling stock for commuter services of this type would make a significant contribution to energy conservation and was consistent with the type of transportation desired by the people of Metropolitan Toronto, as expressed by Mr. Godfrey.

The commuter rail link will help alleviate the stress imposed on the Yonge Street subway during peak periods and will be linked by Provincial GO Bus services to Barrie, Newmarket and Aurora.

The service will remove some 5,000 daily passenger trips by private automobile and relieve traffic pressure on the Don Valley Expressway and downtown parking areas.

Steel expansion in 1974

Interprovincial Steel and Pipe Corporation Ltd. of Regina, Saskatchewan, Western Canada's largest steel producer, is expected to start in 1974 a \$40-million expansion of its Saskatchewan and Alberta steel-making operations. The program, which is scheduled over a period from four to five years, will include: establishment of a 400,000-ton-a-year iron reduction plant close to the company's current ingot-producing installations at Regina; installation of a new furnace at the Regina ingot plant; and establishment of three or more steel mills in Alberta.

The net impact of the expansion will be to increase Ipsco's current annual ingot capacity from 600,000 tons to about one million tons.

Kenya university assignment

Dr John T. Sears of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, will travel to Kenya this month to head an evaluation team for the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Dr Sears, Dean of Arts and Science at the University, will chair the three-man review committee that will evaluate the development of the Faculty of Commerce at the University of Nairobi.

The faculty was established in 1971 through the work of the Universities of Alberta and Nairobi with assistance from CIDA.

The committee will view the progress in the development of the faculty at the Kenya university and will also evaluate the commerce training program there.

This is the third international assignment in which Dr. Sears has participated during the past 12 months. Last March he assisted CIDA in the evaluation of the feasibility of setting up small businesses in Lesotho. Later he was part of a team that conducted a management training program in Sweden.

Hockey standings at January 17

National Hockey League

East Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
Boston	27	7	6	182	113	60
Montreal	24	10	6	146	109	54
NY Rangers	20	14	10	160	137	50
Toronto	21	15	7	157	126	49
Buffalo	21	18	4	144	138	46
Detroit	16	21	6	142	172	38
NY Islanders	10	21	11	101	138	31
Vancouver	10	25	7	110	160	27

West Division

Philadelphia	25	9	5	127	75	55
Chicago	19	8	14	146	89	52
St. Louis	18	16	6	116	107	42
Atlanta	17	19	7	110	123	41
Los Angeles	15	20	7	117	136	37
Minnesota	13	19	10	131	147	36
Pittsburgh	11	26	5	110	159	27
California	9	28	5	107	177	23

World Hockey Association

East Division

	W	L	T	F	A	P
New England	24	16	2	160	137	50
Toronto	22	20	4	178	153	48
Cleveland	21	16	5	133	127	47
Quebec	20	20	3	161	142	43
Chicago	17	19	3	125	136	37
New Jersey	17	22	2	111	143	36

West Division

Houston	22	13	4	156	108	48
Winnipeg	21	21	4	153	164	46
Edmonton	23	20	0	153	146	46
Minnesota	21	21	1	159	161	43
Vancouver	17	26	0	151	181	34
Los Angeles	16	27	0	132	176	32