

## Pro skate winners

Canadians Lynn Nightingale of Ottawa, Ontario, and the husband and wife team of Candy Jones and Don Fraser of Montreal, Quebec, won the women's and pairs championships respectively at the \$50 000 Pro Skate championships held in New York City in December.

Canada's national women's champion 1974-77, Miss Nightingale, received \$8 000 with a well-executed traditional program that earned her 68.4 points out of a possible 70.0. The defending champion Angela Greenhow of Great Britain placed second with 67.9. Denise Biellmann of Switzerland was third with 67.4.

Since turning professional in 1976, after winning the Canadian pairs title for the third successive year, Candy Jones and Don Fraser have been undefeated in pro competition and they extended that streak with an uplifting athletic program full of spins, throws and jumps that earned them a 69 mark with one perfect 10 from a judge.

Jo Jo Starbuck and Ken Shelley of the United States finished second with 68.7 breaking a tie on technical points with Americans Tai Babilonia and Randy Gardner, third with the same score.

In the men's event, Toller Cranston of Toronto came second with 68.8 points and Brian Pockar, also of Toronto, third with 68.5. Robin Cousins of Great Britain won the event.

## News briefs

**Secretary of State for External Affairs** Joe Clark has announced that direct development aid to El Salvador, suspended in 1982 because of the guerilla war in the Central American country, will be restored. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has been authorized to begin negotiations with El Salvador. Canada is also concentrating on aid and development in Nicaragua, and encouraging the four Central American countries as they try to find an enforceable peace plan for the area.

**The Export Development Corporation** (EDC) has announced the signing of a \$5-million (US) line of credit agreement with Deutsche Aussenhandelsbank Aktiengesellschaft (DABANK) of East Berlin to support sales of Canadian capital goods and services to the German Democratic Republic. The line of credit agreement will assist Canadian exporters competing for sales in GDR by providing their buyers with a simple and easily accessible credit facility through the bank. EDC expects that the main application of the line of credit will be to support small- and medium-sized export sales to various foreign trade organizations of the GDR. The sales contracts will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

**Statistics Canada** reports that Canada's gross national product (GNP) rose 1.4 per cent in the third quarter of 1984 to a level of \$425.4 billion, seasonally adjusted at

annual rates. After allowing for a 5 per cent decline in over-all prices, real GNP increased 1.9 per cent, more than double the .8 per cent average increase of the first two quarters. About half of the strong growth in economic activity was due to increased real net exports of goods which rose by 8.6 per cent. This strength was most notable in motor vehicles and parts, but there was also considerable growth in wheat, woodpulp, lumber, newsprint, aircraft engines and parts and some electrical equipment.

**Spar Aerospace Limited of Toronto**, Ontario is currently involved in three space projects for the federal government. The projects include: a \$14.7-million contract for the definition phase of a satellite that will scan earth pressures, measure ice thickness, define icebergs and determine ice flows in Canadian shipping lanes; a \$2.5-million contract for development of a computerized TV system that will be installed on the Canadarm of the US space shuttle; and a \$1.5-million contract to study potential Canadian participation in the US aeronautical space station project.

**Justice Minister John Crosbie** has announced that two search and rescue ships will be built to patrol off northeastern Newfoundland. The cutters will have reinforced hulls so they can operate in ice. They will be based in Twillingate and St. Anthony to assist the inshore fleet. Construction will begin in the spring and the vessels should be ready for patrols by the fall of 1986. The cost of each vessel is estimated at \$5 million.

**Canada's offer to host** the eighteenth annual session of the Conference of Ministers of Youth and Sports of French-Speaking Countries (CONFESJES) in 1987, has been accepted. The invitation was made at the fifteenth annual session held in Libreville, Gabon, October 29 to November 3, 1984. The session will be organized by the federal government and the Quebec provincial government. Twenty-six French-speaking countries are members of the CONFESJES.

## Jump in jeep sales to home and overseas markets



**Bombardier Inc. of Montreal, Quebec**, recently won two large and a number of smaller contracts for the sale of their Iltis jeeps. The first large contract, is for the supply of 2 500 jeeps to Belgium's Ministry of Defence over the next year and a half. The other large contract is with the Canadian Armed Forces and involves 1 900 of the jeeps. Luxembourg has also ordered 500 Iltises and negotiations are currently underway with West Germany for a further order of 250 vehicles.

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