

Track star dies

Harry Jerome, Canadian track star who shared the world's record for the 100-metre sprint for eight years, died in hospital on December 7. He was 42.

Jerome, who was born in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, ran the 100 metres in 10 seconds at the 1960 Canadian Track and Field Championships after running competitively for only one year, tying the world record. The record he shared with West German Armin Hary stood until the 1968 Olympics.

Jerome also briefly held the world record for the 100-yard sprint after running the distance in 9.1 seconds in 1966.

After he retired from running in 1968, Harry Jerome devoted himself to fostering a love for sports in young people.

News briefs

Petro-Canada, the Crown-owned oil company, has reorganized itself in an effort to streamline some of its operations. The company is now divided into two main business groups — Petro-Canada Resources, for exploration and development-related activity, and Petro-Canada Products, for refining and marketing. Previously, the company had been set up in four divisions — offshore and international, mainland Canada, refining, and special projects.

Canada will increase its aid for developing countries by 40 per cent a year in the 1980s, Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan said at the UN's World Food Day ceremonies, October 16. About one-quarter of the government's \$1.5-billion development budget now is spent on agricultural development in the Third World. While Canada will keep providing food aid where needed, it will put more emphasis on development assistance — "in research, education and technical skills. And that's where we shine", Mr. Whelan said.

The Canadian Wheat Board has signed a one-year agreement to sell Japan 1.3 million tonnes of wheat and 900 000 tonnes of barley — the same quantity Canada supplied to Japan in 1982. Based on current prices the sale could be worth about \$400 million.

Two Vancouver firms have won contracts from the federal government worth about \$11 million to supply highly

sophisticated satellite data-processing and communication systems. Microtel Pacific Research Limited won a \$1.4-million contract to develop the first part of an improved voice and data telephone system for the *Anik C* satellite. The project will eventually be worth \$8 million. MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Limited won three contracts — a \$5.5-million project to improve the ability of special airborne radar to make pictures of the ground.

Northern Telecom International announced recently it had signed a \$3.1-million contract to provide an SL-10 data packet switching network in Portugal. The contract, with Empresa Publica Correios Telecomunicacoes de Portugal, marked Northern Telecom's first product sale in the Portuguese market. It calls for an initial four SL-10 switches to form the backbone of a large-capacity public service packet switching network. The first two switches are to be installed in Lisbon by mid-1983.

Canada is granting \$50 000 to the League of Red Cross Societies for its program of medical and relief assistance to Chad, and \$20 000 for relief work in Zimbabwe. The funds will be provided through the International Humanitarian Assistance program of the Canadian International Development Agency. Continuing drought and civil wars have plagued Chad for 16 years. While the political situation is now somewhat stabilized, the worsening drought has resulted in severe food shortages. Canada's contribution will be used to support a Canadian medical team composed of a doctor and a nurse and to supply required medical supplies. In Zimbabwe, drought has resulted in crop failures leading to food shortages particularly in rural areas. Canada's contribution will go toward a feeding program for 20 000-30 000 preschool children in severely affected areas until the new harvest comes in next February.

Preliminary estimates for the third quarter of 1982 show that Canada recorded an estimated surplus of \$474 million on the international travel account, up from \$463 million in the year-earlier period. The rise in the total surplus was the result of a decrease of \$74 million in the spending of Canadians returning from trips abroad, while receipts from visitors to Canada dropped by only \$63 million.

Export financing transactions totalling \$258.6 million, involving loans of \$248.6 million and insurance of \$10 million to



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nine countries, have been approved by the Export Development Corporation (EDC). Export sales that will result if deals are finalized will create or maintain 8 470 person-years of employment in Canada and will involve 89 exporters and major suppliers. An additional 275 person-years of employment would result if two lines of credit are fully utilized. While details of the transactions or the names of Canadian companies could not be disclosed at this time for reasons of commercial confidentiality, they involve oil and gas well test equipment; gas processing and transmission complexes; reconditioning locomotives; an aircraft; goods and services for a pulp mill; electrical equipment and services; and mining vehicles.

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