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Defence spending aims, first and always, to give our fighting men equipment that makes them equal to others anywhere. But to do this we have to plan ahead in areas yet undeveloped. As a defence analyst once put it, "A long range military problem is comparable to the problems of the owner of a racing stable who wants to win a horse race to be run many years hence, on a track not yet built, between horses not yet born."

It's this need, and this capability, to pick areas of future fertility that gives defence spending its high multiplier factor....

Because only a prosperous industry can afford the innovation that generates productivity and jobs. And only a stable industry, reliable in an emergency, can underwrite the needs of national defence. National security and economic prosperity are opposite sides of the same coin.

## News briefs

**Prime Minister of Israel** Menachem Begin will make an official visit to Canada November 6 to 12. He will visit Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto.

**Saskatchewan's New Democratic Party** was returned to office October 18, winning 44 seats and 47.5 per cent of the vote, while the Progressive Conservatives won 17 seats and 37.6 per cent of the vote. The Liberals, who claimed 14.9 per cent of the vote, won no seats in the Legislature. Premier Allan Blakeney interprets the victory as a vote of confidence in his party's emphasis on provincial control of resources.

**Pollution Probe**, a non-profit organization based at the University of Toronto, recently presented awards for "environmental achievement" for, among other things: promoting energy conservation

and durability of products (Shell Canada Ltd.); designing an office building that recycles energy and uses waste to power its air conditioning (Canada Square Management Ltd.); developing non-toxic and biological pest-control products (Fossil Flower Com.); and designing a high-temperature incinerator to handle medical wastes safely (Syntath Pathological Disposal Ltd.).

**Canada is expected to sign** a new agreement with Japan on limiting exports of certain textiles to Canada. The agreement, approved recently by Cabinet, will cover imports of textiles such as polyester fabric, nylon fabric, worsted fabric and acrylics.

**Dr. Phil Gold** and Dr. Samuel O. Freedman, both of Montreal, will receive joint awards of \$5,000 each for discovering a substance called carcinoembryonic antigen, often found in association with cancers in intestinal organs. They are among nine winners of the 1978 Gairdner International Awards for outstanding contributions to medical science announced recently. The Canadians' work pioneered a new area likely to lead to diagnostic blood tests for cancer. (See *Canada Weekly*, dated May 10, 1978). Dr. Gold was also awarded the Johann-Georg-Zimmermann prize for cancer research last spring.

**British Columbia** and the Federal Government have signed a \$50-million five-year agreement to support tourism in the province. The Canada-British Columbia Travel Industry Development Subsidiary Agreement provides for low interest or forgivable loans for new and expanded facilities; creation of "travel generators", such as park development and cultural centres; training programs for management and staff at tourist spots; and year-round, multi-recreational facilities at areas designated world-class ski resorts.

**Farmers' cash receipts** from farming operations totalled \$7.31 billion in the January-August period, up 12.5 per cent from \$6.5 billion in the corresponding 1977 period, Statistics Canada reports.

**The Export Development Corporation** has signed a loan of \$5.7 million to support a contract by Spar Technology Ltd., Montreal, a division of Spar Aerospace Products Ltd., of Toronto, to supply and install an earth satellite telecommunications system in Accra, Ghana. The contract should provide 300 man-years of employment for the exporter and some ten sub-suppliers in Canada.

**Life insurance companies** doing business in Canada increased their total Canadian assets by \$3.2 billion to \$30 billion between 1976 and 1977, the Canadian Life Insurance Association reports.

**Manufacturing and processing activity** in August was higher than it was in July, according to a survey by the Purchasing Management Association of Canada. New orders booked were up according to 43 per cent of respondents, down according to 12 per cent and the rest reported no change. Production increases were reported by 42 per cent, declines were noted by 16 per cent and the rest reported no change.

**At least 1,033 Canadians** were alive with functioning kidney transplants at the end of 1976. During the year, 341 persons received kidney transplants. Some 85 per cent of the kidneys used in the operations were from dead donors; almost 12 per cent from living donors. In the other cases the source of the kidneys was not known. The Canadian Renal Failure Register maintained by Statistics Canada included 3,150 patients with irreversible kidney trouble in 1976, of whom 1,899 were male and 1,251 female. Of these, 1,752 were on long-term dialysis (kidney machine) at the end of the year.

**Kuujuamiutitut** is one of the newest course subjects in the Faculty of Arts at Montreal's McGill University. It is a basic course in the Inuit language given by the Department of Linguistics. Students will learn the Fort Chimo dialect called Kuujuamiutitut meaning "in-the-big-river-resident-way".

**Transport Canada's airports** will receive 20 new airport emergency vehicles at a cost of \$4,025,000. Because of the specialized construction of the vehicles, none is expected to be in service before December 1979.

**The total number of degrees, diplomas and certificates** awarded by Canadian universities during 1977 increased by 3.3 per cent from the 1976 figure. There were 7.1 percent more Masters degrees awarded, 4.9 percent more Bachelor degrees and 0.5 percent more doctorates.

**Cathy Sherk of Fonthill, Ontario** claimed the individual title in the women's world amateur golf championship October 13 in Pacific Harbour, Fiji. Australia beat Canada by one shot for the team title. Canada finished with 597, while France stood third with 602.

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