

World record at Commonwealth Games

Canadian swimmer Wendy Cook, a 17-year-old high school student of Vancouver, British Columbia, shattered a world record in backstroke recently at the Commonwealth Games in Christchurch, New Zealand. Swimming in the 400-metre relay, she covered 100 metres in 1 minute 4.78 seconds to beat West Germany's Ulrike Richter's time of 1 minute 4.99 seconds at the world championships in Belgrade last October.

Miss Cook, who won three gold medals at the Games, was one of the team that won 27 medals in the swimming events, led by Bruce Robertson, also of Vancouver, who won two gold, two silver and two bronze.

In the final medal standings in all events Canada was third, with 25 gold, 20 silver and 17 bronze medals. Australia, with 29 gold, 29 silver and 25 bronze was first and Britain, with 28 gold, 29 silver and 21 bronze was in second place.

Canada Council helps students

A Canada Council publication designed to help find jobs for students nearing completion of their Ph.D. studies under Council fellowships was sent to some 2,000 potential employers across Canada this month.

The new edition of the Council's *Annual Directory of Doctoral Fellowship-Holders* lists 623 doctoral students in the humanities and social sciences who will be available for employment. The list was drawn up from replies to a questionnaire mailed last autumn to 1,050 Council fellowship-holders in the third or fourth year of their Ph.D. studies.

Students are listed by academic discipline, and information on their previous degrees, their areas of specialization and their university teaching experience is included. Preferences in regions and types of employment are indicated, as well as the date that each student will be available for employment.

Diplomatic relations with Arab states

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, Mitchell Sharp, announced this month that Canada and Bahrein, Oman, Qatar and the Union of Arab Emirates would establish diplomatic relations. Mr. James George, currently Canadian Ambassador to Iran and Kuwait with residence in Tehran, will in the near future present his credentials as the first Canadian Ambassador to these four states.

Repatriation of refugees

Canada has supported a massive United Nations-sponsored international airlift to repatriate Pakistani and Bengali nationals by allocating \$1 million to help cover the cost of providing temporary support (shelter, medicine and food) and aircraft. An estimated 200,000 people were to be repatriated by the end of the month at an estimated cost of \$14.3 million. Several other countries including the United States, the U.S.S.R. and Britain are providing cash or aircraft for the airlift, mounted by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Family incomes

According to 1971 census figures published by Statistics Canada, almost 25 per cent of Canada's 5,076,090 families had incomes in the \$10,000-\$15,000 range in 1970 and almost 23 per cent had income of less than \$5,000. More than 38 per cent had income between \$5,000 and \$10,000; almost 14 per cent received \$15,000 or more.

Information collected in the 1971 census shows that the national average family income in 1970 was \$9,600. Only the Yukon with an average of \$11,194, Ontario with \$10,661 and British Columbia with \$10,019 were above the national average. The average was \$9,475 in Alberta, \$9,260 in Quebec, \$8,646 in Manitoba, \$8,449 in the Northwest Territories, \$7,858 in Nova Scotia, \$7,479 in New Brunswick, \$7,328 in Saskatchewan, \$6,989 in Prince Edward Island and \$6,680 in Newfoundland.



One million square feet of office space will be contained in a new Federal Government building in downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, to be completed by 1977 at a cost of \$50 million.

Besides accommodating 6,000 government employees, shops, underground parking for some 600 cars, the edifice will house a small cinema and —

probably a first for a government building — a skating rink. Federal Public Works Minister J.E. Dubé stated that Government of Canada buildings would no longer be "austere and formidable, but would be attuned to their surroundings, lively and vibrant and part of the life of the area in which they serve".