

Carle, Vancouver film critic Les Wedman, American critic Rex Reed, French writer Gilbert Sigaux, European producer Henri Lassa, Italian actress Gina Lollabrigida and Spanish cinema veteran Luis G. Berlanga.

Ecumenical award

The ecumenical prize, presented by a special jury, was won by Gunnel Lindblom's, *Sally and Freedom*. The jury also gave special mentions to *The Chosen* and *Who's Singing Over There*.

The bronze plaque bearing a dove is awarded to "films demonstrating real artistic talent, that manage to express behaviour or a human witness that conforms to the gospel, or can sensitize the spectator to spiritual, human or social values".

The Montreal film festival is a competition festival which means that 21 of the 128 films were never seen — not even at other festivals. The festival itself is preceded by a four-day conference on the business of film, including financing, marketing and distribution.

This year's festival honoured the New German Cinema and was attended by German director Rainer Werner Fassbinder, who came with his new movie *Lola*.

News briefs

Labour Minister Gerald Regan has announced an increase in funding in the federal government's quality of life program. The increase announced at the International Conference on the Quality of Working Life held recently in Toronto, will amount to \$5.5 million over the next five years. The money will go to organizations to implement quality of working life projects and for research and development programs. The government will also embark on a more intensive information dissemination program, said the minister.

The University of British Columbia has established a 56-acre research park on its campus. Discovery Park UBC, as it is called, will help develop advanced technology related to the expertise of UBC faculty members. The park is expected to enhance educational programs for students, particularly at the graduate level, and foster collaborative research among government, industry and the university. The park was funded through the province's Discovery Foundation, which has three other research parks at Simon

Fraser University, the University of Victoria and the British Columbia Institute of Technology.

Simpsons Limited of Toronto and Hudson's Bay Company of Winnipeg have announced their participation in a trial project, co-sponsored by Bell Canada of Montreal, linking consumer terminals to a data base of information about shopping, banking and other topics. The 491 terminals will be located in homes and busy commercial outlets in Ontario and Quebec, and the information will be carried on existing telephone lines.

The federal government has given the go-ahead to the expenditure of nearly \$24.5 million for the development of coal and grain terminals at Ridley Island on British Columbia's north coast. The project will generate more than \$4 billion over 30 years and create between 7,000 and 9,000 new jobs in the port, coal mines, railways and other sectors.

Gulf Canada Resources Inc. of Calgary has awarded a \$190-million contract to two Japanese companies, Ishikawa-Harima Heavy Industries Company and Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Company. The contracts are for construction of two systems — one floating and one to be placed on a subsurface berm — for use in the search for oil and gas in the Beaufort Sea.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has commissioned a report on the state of the beef cattle industry in Canada. The report, which is expected to be completed by this January, will make recommendations on "what can be done at the producer, industry, provincial and federal levels to permit the entire industry to once more flourish and expand to meet the demand for beef by Canadians, at reasonable prices in the immediate, medium and long term," said Mr. Whelan.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the signing of 11 financial agreements totalling \$13,036,950 (Cdn.) to support Canadian export sales to Australia, Algeria, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Panama and Poland.

The federal government has signed contracts expected to be worth \$64 million to supply canola oil to Algeria from plants in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. The contracts signed through the federal government's export supply centre are the first in a series that will run until December 1982 and will result in \$140 million in export business to Algeria, a new customer for Canadian canola oil.

Mitel Telecom Limited of Britain, a subsidiary of Mitel Corporation of Kanata,

Ontario has won a contract worth a minimum of \$22 million from British Telecom. The one-year contract is for the provision of a stored program, fully electronic PABX known as the *Regent*, a version of the Mitel SX-200 superswitch product.

Bombardier Incorporated of Montreal has received a \$17.5-million order from the Iraq Republic Railway Organization for the manufacture and supply of spare parts to be used in the maintenance of Bombardier-built diesel electric locomotives in service in that country.

Two pamphlets relating to Canadian affairs have been published by the Harvard University Consortium for Research on North America. Both pamphlets are reports of symposiums held at the university's Centre for International Affairs. The first, entitled *Canada and Mexico: The Comparative and Joint Politics of Energy*, was prepared by Elliot J. Feldman with W. Douglas Costain, Fen Hampson and Lauren McKinsey. The second pamphlet, titled *Regional Issues in Energy Development: A Dialogue of East and West*, was edited by Christopher Leman, with an introduction by Belden Hull Daniels and an assessment by Neal Pierce. The pamphlets are available from the University Consortium for Research on North America, Harvard University, 1737 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138.

For the first time in modern naval history, Canada and the United States joined forces for the Great Lakes Cruise of 1981. The *HMCS Ottawa* and the *USS William C. Lawe* spent six weeks this summer visiting both countries' ports located on the Great Lakes. The ships were open for inspection by visitors from both countries at each stop in a combined effort to publicize both navies and the friendship between Canada and the United States.

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