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ranging and frank exchange on the current situation in Latin America, with special reference to Central America and the Caribbean....

The Canadian foreign minister explained the importance which Canada attaches to its relations with the Commonwealth Caribbean and welcomed Mexico's increased interest in that area by the energy co-operation program established by Mexico and Venezuela for the countries of Central America and the Caribbean within the spirit of the global energy plan proposed by Mexico to the United Nations.

International co-operation

The ministers recognized the increasing urgency and importance of achieving effective advances in international economic co-operation for development. The fact that, in spite of repeated attempts, it has not yet been possible to achieve the understandings which will permit the initiation of global negotiations with regard to raw materials, energy, trade development and money finance constitutes a clear indication that it is necessary to find, and put in practice, formulae which permit the effective mobilization of the political will that is needed to resolve the principal problems of international economic relations.

Both countries have committed their efforts to the exploration of one of these formulae: the convening in Mexico in June 1981 of an international meeting regarding co-operation and development at the level of Heads of State and/or of government. The ministers agreed to continue participating actively in the preparations for this meeting and confirmed their intention to attend the March preparatory meeting of foreign ministers in Vienna....

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News briefs

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has announced that Francis Jobin has agreed to remain in office as Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba and Hédard J. Robichaud has agreed to remain in office as the Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. Mr. Robichaud was first appointed in October of 1971.

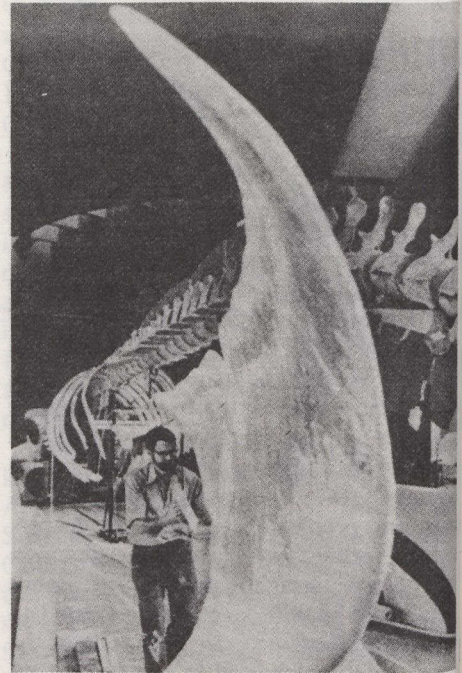
Rio Algom Limited of Toronto has concluded an agreement for the sale of 3.4 million pounds of uranium oxide to the West German electric utility, Preussische Elektrizitäts AG (Preag). Rio Algom said the agreement provides for the uranium oxide in concentrate to be delivered over 13 years beginning in 1983. Rio Algom said its agreement with Preag has been approved by the Euratom supply agency and is subject to Canadian government approval.

Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that a group of insecticides used on house and garden plants has been ordered off the domestic market. The action applies to all domestic-class pesticide products containing the active ingredient disulfoton.

New York Ranger hockey player Phil Esposito has retired from the National Hockey League (NHL). The 38-year-old Esposito is a native of Sault St. Marie, Ontario. Esposito, who started his career 18 years ago with the Chicago Black Hawks, leaves behind a record that includes NHL records of 76 goals and 152 points in one season. He was an NHL first all-star six straight years, led the league in scoring four years consecutively, was twice the league's most valuable player and ranked second in NHL history in goals and points with 778 and 1,589 respectively.

The Canadian government will purchase 353, three-quarter ton, 4-wheel-drive pick-up trucks from General Motors of Canada for use at Canadian Forces bases across the country. The contract, worth approximately \$3 million, was awarded to General Motors which had submitted the lowest bid among four contenders for the government contract.

Manitoba Attorney General Gerry Mercier has announced that, with the addition of Virginia to the list of jurisdictions with which Manitoba has reciprocal enforcement of maintenance arrangements, the province now has more such agreements than any other province in



Artist Paul Geraghty shapes a plaster cast for the tail flukes of a 10-metre fin whale being reconstructed at the Ontario Science Centre in Toronto. Geraghty has restored and treated the bones of the whale washed up on the Nova Scotia coast and is making the shell from fibreglass.

Canada. As a result Manitobans with a maintenance order in their favour may apply to a court in any one of 62 reciprocating jurisdictions around the world, including all Canadian provinces and territories and 38 American states, to secure the payment of arrears.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced that 21 claims totalling \$664,000 were paid to Canadian exporters under its export credits insurance program during the quarter which ended September 30, 1980. This brings claims paid in the year to date, to \$9.5 million. The program protects Canadian exporters in cases in which foreign buyers are unable or unwilling to pay their bills as a result of commercial or political developments.

Canadian sailor Reuben Noseworthy of Halifax was surprised recently when he received a letter from Irishman Michael Meenan. Meenan wrote to say that he had found a rum bottle with Noseworthy's address in it at Tory Island on the north coast of Ireland. Noseworthy and a few others had thrown the bottle into the Straight of Belle Isle, off Newfoundland, 15 months and two days earlier.