

News briefs

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States (ACSUS) is holding its eighth biennial conference, September 19-21, 1985 in Philadelphia. Panels are being organized in all areas of Canadian studies including business, trade, law, literature, geography, history and communications. Details on the conference and /or information on the new ACSUS membership directory that lists members alphabetically, geographically and according to area of Canadian studies interest, are available from: ACSUS, One Dupont Circle, Suite 620, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recently announced the signing of financing agreements with the government of Malaysia. EDC has agreed to a \$30-million (US) buyer credit protocol to facilitate the purchase of Canadian goods and services in all sectors of the Malaysian economy. CIDA has agreed to a \$9.5-million (Cdn) general purpose line of credit in favour of Malaysia. The proceeds of the line of credit are to be used to finance the costs for purchase in Canada of services and machinery, equipment, spare parts, associated services and related training to meet the priority development needs of Malaysia.

Minister for International Trade James Kelleher has announced that the import quotas on footwear will be extended for 12 months from December 1, 1984 to November 30, 1985 instead of the 16-month period previously announced. Quotas have been in place on footwear since December 1, 1977. The recent change was made to ensure that any changes in the government's footwear import policy arising out of the current enquiry by the Anti-dumping Tribunal can be implemented as expeditiously as possible. The Tribunal has been asked to complete its enquiry by June 1985.

Telecom Canada recently signed an agreement with Western Union Telegraph Company of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, outlining procedures for the joint provision of trans-border fixed satellite services between Canada and the United States. The agreement, along with a Western Union-Telesat Canada agreement covering space-segment use, will make available specially designed, private-line satellite services to meet the specific telecommunications requirements of customers who have trans-border applications.

The new Gasoline and Diesel Fuel Tax Rebate Program was recently outlined by the Minister of National Revenue Perrin Beatty. The program to rebate the tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for farmers, fisher-

Population figures

Statistics Canada recently reported the estimated population in Canada on October 1, 1984 was 25 213 100.

Population figures for the provinces and territories were as follows:

- Newfoundland, 579 700
- Prince Edward Island, 125 900
- Nova Scotia, 874 100
- New Brunswick, 714 900
- Quebec, 6 562 400
- Ontario, 8 984 900
- Manitoba, 1 060 500
- Saskatchewan, 1 010 900
- Alberta, 2 344 700
- British Columbia, 2 882 800
- Yukon, 22 400
- Northwest Territories, 49 900

These postcensal estimates are published in *Quarterly Estimates of Population for Canada and the Provinces*.

men, loggers and mine operators became effective December 1, 1984 and will remain in effect until January 1, 1987. Eligible users will be entitled to a rebate of 4.8 cents per litre on the cost of fuel for off-highway use in commercial activities. The rebate is composed of 3.0 cents federal sales tax and 1.8 cents petroleum compensation charge. The rebate can be granted directly to purchasers who hold a sales tax bulk permit or through filing rebate applications.

David MacDonald, Canada's emergency co-ordinator for the African famine, led a fact-finding mission to Ethiopia in mid December. He was accompanied by three members of Parliament representing the major political parties, one representative from a non-government organization, one from the Canadian International Development Agency and three aides, during the four-day visit to the drought-ravaged country. The group visited relief centres and met with field workers in Ethiopia to assess the country's needs and difficulties.

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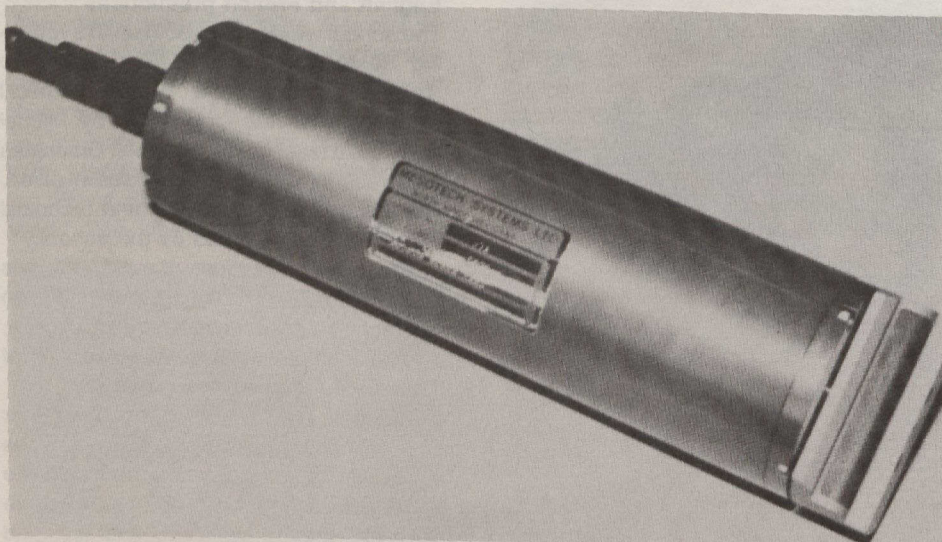
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Precision sonar wins US award



Mesotech Systems Limited of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia received a Special Meritorious Award for Engineering Innovation from the Petroleum Engineering International and Pipeline and Gas Journal for their new precision colour imaging sonar. The sonar, model 971, is capable of producing high definition images of the underwater scene and effectively extends the range of human vision (typically five metres maximum) to 100 metres. This allows inspection, measurement and site supervision for offshore oil, civil engineering, pipe and cable laying, and archaeology.

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