Chinese praise Canadians for Peking water rescue

Two Canadians, serving at the Canadian Embassy in Peking, received wide publicity in China recently for rescuing a Chinese child from the icy water of the moat of the Forbidden City.

Radio Peking, the New China News Agency, the People's Daily and many



Margaret Cornish

provincial newspapers praised Margaret Cornish, who while skating with her friend Ann Dale-Harris, had herself fallen into the moat, while trying to save the boy, a non-swimmer. She succeeded in guiding the child to the safety of firm ice.



Ann Dale-Harris

The story appearing in the Chinese press under the title of "Canadian Aunts Save Me", which ran to about

600 words, described how the Canadians went to help the boy when his sled broke through the ice. "The water in the moat was about two metres (six feet) deep," the story ran, "and the cold cut to the quick...But the two Canadian friends continued their efforts to save the boy courageously heedless of their own safety."

The news account quoted part of a letter to the Canadians from the child's parents: "Your action demonstrates your friendly feelings for the Chinese people and has deepened the friendship between the peoples of our two countries."

Second major Boeing contract for CAE subsidiary

Northwest Industries Limited of Edmonton, Alberta, a wholly-owned subsidiary of CAE Industries Limited, Montreal, has been awarded a second major contract by the Boeing Company of Renton, Washington, to manufacture airframe components for the Boeing 707 aircraft.

The latest contract, with a total potential value of \$5 million, is for centre-wing structures, the main structural assemblies for wing-to-fuselage attachment. It consists of orders for 35 ship-sets of centre-wing structures, valued at \$2,700,000, over a 30-month period, with an option for a further 30 during the ensuing 18 months. First deliveries will begin in the summer.

In November, the Boeing Company awarded NWI a contract worth a potential \$6 million for the same number of ship-sets and 30 options to manufacture aft-fuselage sections for the same aircraft for delivery over a similar time span.

Each of the centre-wing structures, weighing 3,200 pounds and measuring five-by-12-by-17 feet, is composed of 1,600 parts. The principal materials are heavy fabricated aluminum extrusions and sheet-metal components.

NWI employs 350 people in the manufacturing of major airframe components for the Lockheed 1011 TriStar wide-bodied commercial jet. It also manufactures complete tail sections for the Scottish Aviation Jetstream twin-turbo-prop aircraft, and repairs, overhauls and modifies C-130 Hercules aircraft for the Canadian Forces.

Assistance program to help restore Nicaraguan economy after earthquake

In a statement to the seventh special session of the United Nations Committee of the Whole of the Economic Commission for Latin America, the Canadian representative, Mr. G.L. Hearn, expressed the sympathy of Canadians for the earthquake victims of Nicaragua.

Immediately following the tragedy, he stated, Canada had given \$50,000 to the League of Red Cross Societies for emergency relief and had made available a Canadian Armed Forces aircraft to transport urgently-needed tents to Managua.

Mr. Hearn outlined as follows a \$1.5-million program of assistance to Nicaragua that Canada would implement "with no serious delay":

...Early in January, senior Canadian officials visited Managua to discuss with the Nicaraguan authorities how Canada could most effectively assist in the task of reconstruction. On the basis of these consultations, a program of assistance has been developed concentrating on four sectors of the Nicaraguan economy which have been assigned top priority by the Government in Managua. The Canadian Government is taking steps to implement this program and it is expected that shipments will begin forthwith.

Type of assistance

The total value of the program agreed upon is over \$1.5 million. Included in it is food aid of up to \$1 million, the precise composition and delivery of which has not been finally determined. Canada is in a position to supply immediately high-protein foodstuffs, including skim-milk powder, dried white beans, canned mackerel and powdered whole milk. In addition, the Canadian Government will provide three firetrucks, including spare parts, related equipment, the necessary advisory services as well as shipping and handling, at a total cost of \$365,000. Four pre-fabricated buildings will be provided to accommodate medical staff and to store supplies at the only permanent hospital at present serving the Managua area. The total value of this portion of the program is \$100,000. Finally, the Canadian Government will