

## News briefs

**Dwight W. Fulford**, 51, has been appointed ambassador to Saudi Arabia, with concurrent accreditation to the Yemen Arab Republic. He replaces Jacques Roy who has taken up a new assignment in Washington. Mr. Fulford, originally from Brockville, Ontario, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1955 and has served abroad in Buenos Aires, Havana and Mexico City. Since 1978 he has been ambassador to Argentina and concurrently to Paraguay and Uruguay.

**The Housing and Urban Development Association of Canada (HUDAC)** expects that there will be some 150 000 housing starts in Canada next year. HUDAC's economic research committee said that lower interest rates should level off soon and bring a return of consumer confidence. The association also welcomed the extension of the \$3 000-federal grants to buyers of new homes to April 30.

**Cliff Lumsdon** of Toronto, winner of five world marathon swimming titles, was invested with the Order of Canada in a Government House ceremony on October 20. He won his first title in 1949 by beating a field of 70 in the 51-kilometre Canadian National Exhibition swim. In the mid-1950s, he won the Atlantic City (41-kilometre) marathon and became the first to conquer the Straits of Juan de Fuca. In addition to his past athletic feats, the Order of Canada was awarded to Mr. Lumsdon for his work with handicapped children as he devotes countless hours teaching them to swim.

**The Export Development Corporation** signed a \$6.3-million (US) financing agreement, which is guaranteed by the Bank of Nova Scotia, to support a sale by Northern Telecom International Limited to the Barbados Telephone Company, Limited of St. Michael, Barbados. The sale involves the supply of local and remote digital switching equipment, related transmission facilities and various analog switching systems which will be integrated into the Barbados Telephone Company's existing telephone network.

**RMS Industrial Controls Incorporated** of Port Moody, British Columbia has been awarded a contract to supply monitoring units for advanced light rapid transit vehicles being built for three North American cities. The company will supply up to 200 units to monitor the conditions of electronic sub-systems aboard rapid transit vehicles in Toronto, Detroit and Vancouver.



*Like many passers-by, this woman seems curious about the canoe parked in Ottawa's Byward Market. It was being sold by three Swiss tourists who were sheltered from the rain in the van, awaiting buyers.*

Paul Latour, The Citizen

**The Department of Health and Welfare** is considering major changes to Canada's prescription drug control system, beginning sometime next spring. Two proposals being discussed are: a new drug safety evaluation method and a better post-marketing surveillance system to monitor new and possibly harmful drugs.

**Canada Career Week**, November 1-7, was co-sponsored by the University and College Placement Association along with the Canadian Guidance and Counselling Association. It featured career planning activities in elementary, secondary and post-secondary educational institutions. There was also stepped-up activity at Canada Employment Centres and in community organizations.

**Simon Reisman** has been appointed chief federal negotiator on the land claim of the Committee for Original Peoples' Entitlement (COPE) in the western Arctic region. Mr. Reisman is a well-known economist and a former federal Deputy Minister of Finance. He succeeds Senator David Stewart in the position. During his 30 years of public service, in addition to being a Deputy Minister of Finance, Mr. Reisman held various executive positions including those of Treasury Board Secretary and Deputy Minister of Industry, where he was principal negotiator of the Canada-US Automotive Agreement of 1964. Mr. Reisman is also an Officer of the Order of Canada and in 1974 received the Governor General's Outstanding Public Service Award.

**Westeel-Rosco Limited** of Toronto has sold four commercial grain bins, each 12.8 metres in diameter, to National Flour Mills Limited of Trinidad. The sale by the company's agricultural division, was for a total of \$128 400 (US). Westeel will also supply engineering services for the erection of the bins.

**Jean-Luc Forest**, 15, of St. Boniface, Manitoba recently won the Wheaties World Junior Frisbee Disc Championship in Dallas. He threw a frisbee 107 metres to establish a Cotton Bowl record but he did not break his own Canadian junior record set in Toronto at 109 metres. He also won the maximum time class, keeping his frisbee in the air 8.4 seconds. Another Canadian competitor, Bill Eisenhauer of Bridgewater, Nova Scotia was sixth in the world competition.

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