

chased rights to broadcast 52 titles and the United States purchased rights for 37 titles. Six titles, all of them productions of the NFB-Vancouver Studio, were purchased by the Public Broadcasting System.

Hugh MacLennan and **Pierre Berton** were among four Canadian writers named winners of the 1981 Canadian Authors Association Literary Awards. Mr. MacLennan won the fiction award for his novel *Voices in Time*, and Mr. Berton won for the non-fiction award for *The Invasion of Canada 1812-13*. **Leona Gom** of Alberta won the poetry prize for her third book of poetry, *Land of the Peace*. Vancouver playwright **Ted Galey** was named the drama award winner for his

volume of two short plays — *After Baba's Funeral* and *Sweet and Sour Pickles*.

Six dancers from the National Ballet of Canada took top honours at the International Ballet Competition held this summer in Moscow. **Kevin Pugh** and **Kimberly Glasco** received individual silver medals placing second over-all in the senior category. In the junior category, **Owen Montague** won second prize while **Martine Lamy** received a third prize. Mr. Montague was also presented with the Moscow Academy Prize for Excellence. **Miss Lamy** with her partner **Serge Lavoie** won the prize for best duo partnership in the junior category. A special accompanist award went to National Ballet pianist **Mary MacDonald**.

News briefs

The federal government has announced an immediate \$1-million increase in funding for its National Health Research and Development Program (NHRDP). The extra money will raise this year's NHRDP budget to \$11.2 million; further \$1 million increases will be given in 1982 and 1983. This will enable the NHRDP to support as much as 30 per cent more research in 1983 than is possible this year.

Labour Canada has announced the establishment of a new program designed to provide Canada's industrial relations community with access to a full range of data and information pertaining to industrial relations and collective bargaining matters. The industrial relations information service, as the new program is called, will help increase the use and awareness of federal government information on industrial relations and related issues and encourage greater use of various Labour Canada services.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced a \$13-million (U.S.) financing agreement to support the sale of two *DASH-7* aircraft and spare parts by the de Havilland Aircraft to Canada Limited of Downsview, Ontario to Maersk Air I/S of Denmark. The transaction is expected to generate some 524 man-years of employment at the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited and major Canadian sub-suppliers.

Mitel Corporation of Ottawa has reached a four-year \$80-million agreement with Telefonos de Mexico. The agreement will result in the creation of a joint company called Mitelmex which will be housed in a \$20-million production

plant in Mexico. The plant will go into production next year, turning out a line of computer systems and electronic circuitry for the phone company.

Mineral exploration in British Columbia is at a record pace for the second successive year, according to a survey by the British Columbia and Yukon Chamber of Mines. Spending in the search for metallic minerals is expected to be at least \$101.2 million, up from \$81 million in 1980. Coal exploration will remain steady at about \$26.6 million.

Flyer Industries Limited of Winnipeg has underbid other major North American bus making companies to win a contract to supply 168 diesel buses to the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority, which serves the Boston area. Flyer president **Douglas McKay** said delivery of buses produced under the \$21-million contract will start in January. He said the provincially-owned company now has a total of \$80-million in orders for diesel and trolley buses for 1982.

Canada has provided a \$2-million grant in emergency food aid to Pakistan for Afghan refugees. Approximately 5,500 metric tons of Canadian wheat were delivered to Pakistan this summer by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). It is being distributed free of charge to registered Afghan refugees. In addition to the \$2-million grant, since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, Canada has provided \$3.15 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the League of Red Cross Societies to help alleviate the plight of the Afghan refugees.

Agriculture Canada has established a salmonella control unit designed to reduce salmonella contamination of

poultry and livestock by improving sanitation and husbandry practices in the agri-food industries. The creation of the unit follows intensive federal studies of salmonella control programs in Denmark and Sweden and the factors contributing to the presence of salmonella in the Canadian poultry, feed and livestock industries.

British Columbia Forest Products Limited plans to spend \$225 million this year after record spending of \$277 million in 1980. The 1980 figure includes \$151 million for the purchase of 100,000 acres of timberland. Capital spending in 1979 was \$58.3 million.

Dr. Hector Williams, an assistant professor of classics at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver has been named the first director of the Canadian Archaeological Institute in Athens. In addition to encouraging more Canadian archaeological and scholarly activities, Dr. Williams will have a close association with the Canadian embassy in Athens regarding Canadian cultural interests in Greece.

The odds against her were more than 500,000 to one, but she had a little luck of the Irish on her side. **Dana Warmington**, 13, of Ottawa recently found four four-leaf clovers and one five-leaf clover outside her grandmother's apartment building near Ottawa. An Agriculture Canada spokesman said the chances of finding just one four-leaf clover are one in 1,000; the chances of finding a single five-leaf clover are probably one in 500,000. But for Dana it was nothing new. Since she began collecting clovers five years ago as a hobby, she has found more than 300 of the four-leaf herbs, about 25 with five leaves, five with six leaves and even one with seven.

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