

New stamps commemorate World University Games and Canadian forts

Two postage stamps have been issued to honour the 4 500 athletes from nearly 90 countries participating in the World University Games taking place in Edmonton, Alberta, this month. The games are held every two years and are, in terms of the number of sports and athletes involved, second only in importance to the summer olympics.

Participants must be either university students or less than a year out of university. Their ages must be between 17 and 28 years. Competitions are held in track and field, swimming, diving, cycling, fencing, basketball, volleyball, tennis, water polo and gymnastics.

The Universiade '83 stamp designs are intended to capture the spirit of the event by using a victory pictogram against a background of official colours representing the various disciplines included in the games. Edmonton graphic artists Krista Huebner and David Kilvert designed the stamps.



Heart experts to meet in Ottawa

The world's leading heart specialists will meet in Ottawa for an international meeting this fall.

The symposium to be held September 10-12 will mark the official opening of the University of Ottawa's new cardiac unit at the Civic Hospital.

The symposium, entitled "Perspectives in Coronary and Valvular Disease", will include reviews by ten of the world's leaders in heart disease.

At the symposium, world renowned specialists will discuss the current thinking and techniques involved in the investigation and treatment of heart disease.

As many as 1 000 health workers involved in the treatment and rehabilitation of heart patients are expected to attend.

Guest speakers are to include: Dr. Viking Bjork from Sweden's Karolinska Institute; Dr. Mortimer Buckley, chief of the cardiac surgical unit at Massachusetts General Hospital and surgery professor at Harvard; Dr. Denton Cooley, surgeon-in-chief at the Texas Heart Institute; Dr. J. Willis Hurst, chairman of Emory University School of Medicine; Dr. Marian Ionescu, consultant cardiothoracic surgeon, Leeds, England; Dr. Michael Pollock, director of the cardiac rehabilitation program at the Mount Sinai Medical Centre; Dr. J. Isobel Dawson Roncari, associate professor, School of Nursing, Victoria, British Columbia; Dr. H.J.C. Swan, professor of medicine at U.C.L.A.; Dr. John H. Tinker, chief of the cardiovascular anesthesia group, Mayo Clinic; and Dr. Barry L. Zaret, chief of Yale University's cardiology section.

Child abduction treaty

Canada has ratified an international treaty which would ensure that children kidnapped from their home country by one parent could be returned to their rightful guardian, Justice Minister Mark MacGuigan has announced. The convention, ratified by Canada and France, must still be signed by a third country before it comes into force. And it will apply only in those countries that have ratified and apply only to international cases occurring in provinces which have signed the treaty. Mr. MacGuigan said Belgium, Greece, Portugal, Switzerland and the United States have all signed the convention and are expected to ratify it in the near future.

Canadian forts

Also issued recently is a series of ten commemorative stamps portraying historic Canadian forts. The ten stamps have been issued in booklet form only. This will be the first time that commemorative stamps have been issued in this form since the 1954 five-cent beaver stamp. This booklet not only offers a convenient way to purchase ten stamps but also increases Canadians' awareness of commemorative stamps.

The ten forts featured are: Fort Beauséjour, New Brunswick; Fort Chambly, Quebec; Fort at Coteau-du-Lac, Quebec; the Halifax Citadel/Fort George, Nova Scotia; Fort Henry, Ontario; Fort No. 1, Point Lévis, Quebec; Fort Prince of Wales, Manitoba; Fort Rodd Hill, British Columbia; Fort Wellington, Ontario and Fort William, Ontario.

The stamp booklet features a map of Canada showing the location of all ten forts, with a keyed legend inside the cover. It also contains a miniature pane of ten stamps, each showing a different fort. There are descriptive legends about each fort in the margins of the stamp pane adjacent to the respective fort stamp.

