

News highlights

Agreements

Canada and the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic recently signed a pact for the Development of Trade, Economic and Industrial Co-operation. The ten-year agreement will enhance bilateral trade relations by a regular review of trade issues. In 1985, Canadian exports to Czechoslovakia amounted to \$21.6 million while Czechoslovak exports to Canada were \$66.6 million.

Simon Fraser University in BC will implement a major aid project in Indonesia over the next five years with up to \$15 million provided by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The aims of the project are to upgrade facilities and train personnel in a number of Indonesian universities.

Two agreements have been signed to assist the Philippines, a priority country for Canadian development assistance, in long-term development. In the first agreement, \$11 million will be given to the Negros Rehabilitation and Development Fund, which focuses on agricultural diversification, agro-forestry, education and training. Under the second agreement, \$5 million has been allocated for the supply of five types of Canadian vaccines to help the Philippines achieve its goal of universal child immunization by 1990.

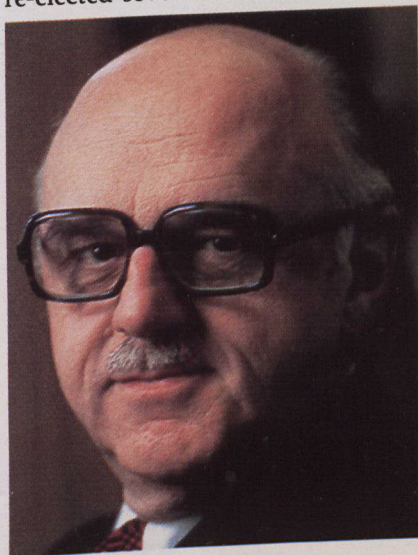
Technology

Workable Futures: Notes on Emerging Technologies, a handbook prepared by Words Associated of Ottawa and the Economic Council of Canada, is designed to help non-specialists understand key developments in major new technologies. The easy-to-read guide, the first of its kind in Canada, is considered an excellent introduction to modern high technology. It is available in Canada for \$5.95 and in other countries for \$7.15 (Cdn).

The Cray XMP/22, considered the most powerful computer in Canada, was installed at the University of Toronto in September. The supercomputer's ability to store vast amounts of information will allow it to produce sophisticated models and simulate many situations. Working at excessive speed, it can solve 50-hour problems for conventional computers in less than an hour.

People

Jean Drapeau, the mayor of Montreal, Quebec for 29 years, announced that he will retire from public office following the election of a new mayor on November 9. He served his first term as mayor from 1954 to 1957 and, since 1960, as leader of the Civic Party of Montreal which he founded, he has been re-elected seven consecutive times.



Mayor Jean Drapeau

Born in Montreal on February 18, 1916, Mr. Drapeau received his bachelor of law from the University of Montreal in 1941 and joined the Bar of the city in 1943. He holds a number of honorary doctorates from universities and institutes in Canada and the US and has received many national and international awards and honours. He was given the Companion of the Order of Canada, the country's highest decoration, in 1967.

Mr. Drapeau has played a major role in establishing Montreal as an important international metropolis. A few of his contributions include: the realization of Place des Arts and the underground Métro in the city; obtaining the 1967 World Exposition and the 1976 Summer Olympic Games; and the presentation in 1980 of the first Florales internationales in North America.

Stephen Lewis, Canada's ambassador to the United Nations, has been appointed special political adviser to UN Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar for the five-year economic-recovery program for Africa. One of his tasks in the program, which is the first of its kind in UN history, will be to "mobilize the support of the international community".

Mike Beedell of Orleans, Ontario and Jeffrey MacInnis of Toronto have completed the first half of a voyage that will make them the first to navigate the treacherous Northwest Passage in a solely sail-powered boat. Their 1 600-kilometre journey, from Inuvik at the mouth of the Mackenzie River to Cambridge Bay, took 34 days. Next summer the second half of the journey from Cambridge Bay to Pond Inlet on Baffin Island, is expected to take about 50 days.

Conferences

Senior industry leaders from the six ASEAN countries (Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines and Brunei) and Canadian business representatives participated at the Canada/ASEAN Forum in September. Focusing on three major industry sectors — oil and gas, mineral development and telecommunications — the forum featured an opening seminar in Victoria, BC on potential trade, investment and joint ventures; attendance at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce annual meeting in Vancouver; and visits to a number of firms across Canada ■

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