

in Toronto last year, will dance Colas in two performances of *La Fille Mal Gardée* and will also appear in the one-act ballets. Peter Schaufuss will dance the male lead in one performance of *Swan Lake* and two performances of *Giselle*.

The tentative schedule and casting for the New York season calls for Karen Kain and Frank Augustyn to open the engagement in *La Fille Mal Gardée* on July 12. The guest engagement closes on July 23 with Kain and Augustyn dancing *Giselle*, the performance which brought them such acclaim at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow when they appeared as guest artists there in January.

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service and in the schools. Ontario and Manitoba, while choosing not to establish the equality of the two official languages through legislation, have nevertheless also made progress in the provision of educational facilities for their French-language minority groups.

"Acceptance of the principle that knowledge of English and French by Canadians who choose to learn them is desirable entails that the provinces be willing to assume the obligation to offer the university levels of schooling so that, by the time each Canadian student has completed such schooling, he or she will have had the opportunity to obtain a basic knowledge of the second official language.

"The cultural agencies of the country, public and private, including particularly the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, could play a more significant role in providing young Canadians across the country with additional opportunities for learning their second official language...."

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News briefs

■ The Quebec government and the Federal Government signed a major financial agreement on June 22. Federal Regional Expansion Minister Lessard joined his Quebec counterpart Jacques Leonard in signing a \$440-million cost-sharing agreement for roads, reforestation and agricultural development. Both ministers emphasized that despite differences in their political views and on some aspects of regional developments, the two governments had managed to agree on the five-year pact.

■ Average weekly earnings rose to \$246.22 in April from \$244.29 a month earlier.

■ Gasoline prices will rise by 14 cents a gallon and heating oil by 12.4 cents in the next two years as a result of higher crude oil prices announced by Energy Minister Alastair Gillespie on June 23. The minister said in a statement to the Commons that the increases would come in four six-monthly stages starting July 1. Passing the increases along to consumers will be delayed 60 days beyond those dates. Natural gas prices will increase by 17.5 cents a thousand cubic feet effective August 1 and a further 17 cents next February 1. Further increases for 1978 will be discussed with the Alberta government, the major producer, next spring.

■ Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson said on June 24 that if no progress were made in settling the U.S.-Canada boundary waters dispute by the autumn the issue might go to the International Court of Justice. The minister said he and U.S. State Secretary Cyrus Vance had agreed to appoint special negotiators to handle the issue, and that "substantive discussions" would begin on July 15. They would be given a deadline — probably mid-October — to make some headway toward settlement.

■ Canadian Finance Minister Donald Macdonald speaking at the 24-member OECD meeting in Paris said on June 24 that he was reasonably optimistic Canada's economy would grow by nearly 4 per cent this year, but added that attempts to force faster growth would mean more inflation. The OECD countries agreed to hold an urgent conference on youth unemployment.

■ Joe Morris, president of the Canadian Labour Congress, has been elected chairman of the executive board of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the first chairman in the ILO's 58-year history from outside the ranks of government representatives.

■ Canada's merchandise trade surplus in May declined to \$57 million, the smallest monthly surplus so far this year, Statistics Canada reported recently. The surplus compares with April's figure of \$153 million and the record March total of \$502 million.

■ André Fortin, 33-year-old federal Social Credit party leader died on June 26, when his car plunged into the des Saules River, five miles north of Drummondville, Quebec. He was alone in the car.

■ The national economy grew at a solid 5.2 percent annual rate in the first three months this year after a six-month decline in output during the second half of 1976, reports Statistics Canada.

■ Loblaws Ltd. has sold all common shares in drug-store chain operator G. Tamblin Ltd. to Boots the Chemist Ltd. of Britain, which operates 1,200 drug stores in Britain. Tamblin has 96 drug stores in Ontario and had sales of \$68 million in 1976. It has been plagued with losses in recent years.

■ Saudi Arabia and Canada have signed an agreement under which Canada will undertake to extend electric power in Saudi Arabia.

■ Canada recognized the Republic of Djibouti on its independence, June 27, with a telegram of congratulations from Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson to President Hassan Gouled.

■ The Department of External Affairs has announced the establishment, on June 29, of diplomatic relations between Canada and the Comorian State.

Corrigendum

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