

News briefs

There were about 24 739 400 people living in Canada as of January 1, or about 240 500 more than a year earlier. A Statistics Canada preliminary estimate indicates the increase in 1982 was slightly less than the previous year's, due mainly to people moving out of the country. The four western provinces had a faster population growth in 1982 than the rest of Canada, mostly because of higher birth rates.

Sofati Container Line Limited of Montreal plans monthly sailings to the Mediterranean beginning in late June. Kurien Jacob, the company's chief executive, said the decision will mean the container company can take advantage of a \$260-million construction project in Algeria by Sofati Limited, a separate company owned by Michel Gaucher, the main backer of Sofati Container Line.

Canadian and US Great Lakes shipping and government organizations have agreed on the first stages of a joint strategy to market the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway system. Robert Sammel, president of Great Lakes Cargo Marketing Corporation, a Chicago-based organization established by US ports, shipping, labour and government interests, met recently with transport officials from the Ontario and Quebec governments in Milwaukee. Matters discussed included development of a co-operative "feeder system" using small freighters to carry containers and general cargo from Canadian and US lakes ports to ocean ships calling at Montreal.

Dome Petroleum Limited and its partners have signed an oil exploration agreement with the federal government calling for an investment of more than \$113 million in work offshore Nova Scotia. The operator for the East Sable exploration program will be Home Oil Company Limited, under a farm-out agreement with Dome Petroleum. The agreement for the East Sable block covers 240 000 hectares and requires the operator and partners to drill two wells. The agreement has a term of two-and-a-half years.

The Export Development Corporation has approved export credits insurance and export financing transactions supporting potential sales of up to \$53.2 million to eight countries. Export sales which will result if sales are finalized will create and maintain in the order of 1890 person-years of employment in Canada and will involve 36 exporters and major suppliers.



United States pioneer astronaut Scott Carpenter (centre) meets with Manitoba officials during a recent visit to that province as part of the Manitoba Telephone System's seventy-fifth anniversary celebrations. Mr. Carpenter spoke with Russel Doern, member of the Legislature (Elmwood), vice-chairman of the Manitoba Telephone System (left) and Eugene Kostyra, Minister responsible for telecommunications policy, about space age telecommunications. Included in the display was a replica of the space shuttle Columbia, which transported into space Canada's latest communications satellite, Anik C, developed by Telesat Canada of which MTS is part owner.

A bilingual book by four Canadian poets has been published by The Press at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The poets included in the book, *Dentelle Indented*, are Ralph Gustafson, D.G. Jones, Roland Giguère and Gaston Miron. Co-editors are Ronald Sutherland of the Université de Sherbrooke and Elmer Peterson of Colorado College. Translations are by Mr. Sutherland by Monique Grandmangin of the Université de Sherbrooke. Colorado College has offered intensive summer institutes in Canadian studies.

The federal government has approved a "protocol" negotiated with provincial education ministers for programs to support education in the minority official language in each province (English in Quebec, French elsewhere) and provide opportunities for Canadians to learn English or French as a second official language. The protocol will be for a three-year period beginning in 1983-84 and \$190 million would be available for the first year, representing a \$15-million increase over the 1982-83 figure.

The first Canadian journal devoted to the subject of race relations was published in January. *Currents: Readings in Race Relations* is edited by Tim Rees and published by the Urban Alliance on Race Relations in Toronto. "The intent of this

new publication is to provide a regular medium for the sharing of information ideas and skills in the field of race relations," said Mr. Rees. Each issue of the quarterly is to have a particular theme. For further information on the publication contact the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, 229 College Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1R4.

Cape Breton Development Corporation of Sydney, Nova Scotia has sold 160 000 tonnes of metallurgical coal to Pohang Iron and Steel in South Korea. Devco is a federal Crown corporation that operates all the underground coal mines in Cape Breton.

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