

## News briefs

**Governor General Edward Schreyer** and Mrs. Schreyer will make official visits to Greece and Romania this May. The Governor General's visits will provide an opportunity to expand and further enhance Canada's relations with the two countries.

**California Cablesystems Incorporated**, the U.S. subsidiary of Rogers Cablesystems of Toronto, has been selected by the city of Los Alamitos, California to build a cable television system in the city. Rogers said its affiliates in California have or are building cable television systems that when completed will serve more than 250 000 households in the southern California area.

**The federal and Manitoba governments** have announced a \$150 000 study to assess the potential of non-petroleum power sources for Winnipeg Transit System vehicles. The first phase of the transit study will investigate existing and future energy requirements, identifying possible energy options. A second phase will assess the potential of alternative fuels such as methanol, propane natural gas and hydrogen.

**B.C. Coal Limited** has announced the signing of a ten-year sales agreement with China Steel Corporation of Taiwan to supply a total of 2.8 million tonnes of metallurgical coal from its new Greenhills mine. Total value of the contract in 1981 dollars amounts to about \$240 million. B.C. Coal said it is the first long term sales contract the company has signed with China Steel.

**Indian Affairs Minister John Munro** and British Columbia Attorney General Allan Williams have signed an agreement which gives the Penticton Indian Band more than \$14 million and returns 4 800 hectares of land severed from the reserve in 1916. Under the agreement the province will return some 4 800 hectares of cut off land which is still held as Crown land and \$1 million as full payment for the land it will retain. The federal government will pay the Band \$13.2 million as total compensation for alienation of 720 hectares of cut off land to third parties.

**The Export Development Corporation (EDC)** has announced the signing of eight recent financing agreements totalling \$10 993 733 (Cdn.) to support Canadian export sales to Australia, Chile, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Israel, Mexico and Switzerland.



*A Quebec company, Mont Ste. Marie Limited, is developing a \$72-million alpine ski village in Quebec's Outaouais region. Modelled on a formula successful in European ski resorts and similar to the one at Whistler in British Columbia, Village Mont Ste. Marie will have year-round recreation facilities, shipping, a 400-room hotel, timesharing units, as well as less expensive lodgings with a total capacity to accommodate 3 000 people. The two-mountain ski complex will be extended with three new chairlifts, trail development and additions to snow making coverage. The entire resort village, part of which opened in 1977, is expected to generate annual revenues of about \$55 million. After completion of the first village sometime in 1986, a second one, accommodating another 3 000 people is being planned for the same area.*

**J. Russell McKinney** has been appointed Canada's Ambassador to Mexico. Mr. McKinney from Summer Hill, New Brunswick, joined the Department of External Affairs in 1949 and served as Deputy Head of Post at the Canadian Embassy in Washington D.C. from 1972 to 1977. Since his return to Canada, he has been Director General of the Bureau of United States Affairs (1977-79) and is currently Assistant Under-Secretary (Economic) responsible for Energy, Industry and Science Relations.

**TransCanada Pipelines of Toronto** has achieved record levels for natural gas sales and transportation. The company recorded a new peak delivery day of 124.2 million cubic metres of natural gas on January 31. This is 9.55 million cubic metres higher than the previous winter's peak day. TransCanada also recorded a new peak for a seven day period. During the last seven days of January, sales and transportation volumes averaged 119.38 million cubic metres a day. This is an average of 8.886 million cubic metres more than the previous winter's seven day peak.

**Residents of Sudbury** in northern Ontario are testing a wind turbine-assisted diesel generator designed to reduce energy costs. The wind turbine vertical axis machine made by DAF Indal Limited of Mississauga, Ontario will operate con-

tinuously and automatically during a six-month trial. If the project proves successful, the wind turbine will be dismantled and sent to communities along Hudson Bay and James Bay. It is estimated that 50 homes would receive power from the machine.

**Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley** recently declared a Bob and Doug McKenzie Day in that city. The mayor cited the two toque-wearing characters from the popular Canadian SCTV television program for their contribution to "increasing awareness of Canadian culture".

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