

Canadian women's team in

World hockey finals

The Canadian Women's Field Hockey Team surprised everyone except themselves by reaching the finals of the World Championship held in Kuala Lumpur at the end of April.

The Canadians are a young team, comprised mostly of university students, and they play a sport which is relatively unknown in their own country. However, several years of hard training and teamwork under the leadership of their coach, Marina Van de Merwe, brought them from eleventh seed to second place.

Along the way, the Canadian team beat the reigning champions, West Germany 2-1, the Soviet Union 4-0, and the Australians in penalty strokes in extra time. Their running speed, physical fitness and strong goal tending were decisive in this string of victories.

In the end, their youth and enthusiasm proved no match against the Dutch team's age and experience, and after leading in the first half, the Canadians lost the final match 4-2.

Yet they were delighted with the unprecedented publicity they received in Malaysia and Canada, and with their own performance. Said the team captain, Suzanne Nicholson, "After this, it will be impossible for us not to be invited to the Olympics."

The team was pleased with the support extended by the Canadian community in Kuala Lumpur.



MINISTER'S WIFE VISITS CONVENT: Carole Regan, wife of Canada's Minister for International Trade, presents a cheque to Sister Dorothy at the Good Shepherd Convent, Madonna Heights, Kuala Lumpur. Mrs. Regan visited the Convent on behalf of the Canadian High Commission while her husband, the Hon. Gerald Regan, was in Malaysia. The Convent runs an academic and vocational residential school for displaced young women. The High Commission was able to provide funds for a new pumphouse needed to solve problems of low water pressure and inadequate water supply. Mrs. Regan was given a tour of the school and watched a cultural program prepared by the students.

THAILAND

CIDA funds seminar series on economic issues

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is funding a series of seven seminars that are designed to solicit views on important economic issues related to Thailand's Sixth National Economic and Social Development Plan (1987-91).

The seminars will be organized by the development studies division of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), in collaboration with the Economic Society of Chulalongkorn University. They are to be held monthly and will be open to the public in the hope of stimulating public awareness of the issues involved in employment.

The first seminar, entitled "Economic Development and Employment" will have as participants Dr. Chira Hongladarom, director of the human resource development centre at Thammasat University; Dr. Virapong Ramangura, dean of the faculty of economics at Chulalongkorn University and advisor to the Prime Minister; Dr. Pirathep Rungchivin, chief of the wage and employment planning

sector at NESDB, and Mr. Kosit Panpiempras, advisor to the Prime Minister and director of the development studies division at NESDB. Mr. Kosit will take part in all the seminars as moderator.

The second seminar will deal with rural employment. Participants will be Dr. Suthiporn Chirapan, director of the research and planning division at the Land Reform Office; Mr. Somchai Krusuansombat, chief of the economic studies sector at NESDB, and Assistant Professor Rachaneewan Uthaisri of the faculty of economics at Chulalongkorn University.

In the third seminar, industrial employment will be discussed by Dr. Chirayu Isarangkura Na Ayuthaya, deputy minister of industry; Dr. Narongchai Akaraseranee, managing director of the industrial management company, IFCT; and Mr. Thawat Yipinsoi, managing director of the Parawindsor Company.

Agricultural employment will be considered in the fourth seminar. Dr. Nipon Poapongsakorn of the faculty of

economics at Thammasat University; Mr. Phasook Pongpaichit of the International Labour Organization; and Mr. Kamchai Iamsuri, the managing director of the Kamonkit Company and a former advisor to the Prime Minister, will be participating.

The subject of the fifth seminar is urban employment. The participants will be Assistant Professor Supachai Manaspaibol of the faculty of economics at Chulalongkorn University; a representative of the labour department; and a representative of the labour union.

The sixth seminar is entitled "Employment and the Education System". Professor Dr. Saneh Chammarik, director of the Thai-Khadi Research Institute at Thammasat University; Dr. Saisuri Chutikul, the deputy secretary-general of the Office of the National Education Council; and Mr. Narong Petprasert of the faculty of economics at Chulalongkorn University will participate.

The seventh and final seminar will deal with the major conclusions and recommendations of all the participants.