

ernments and international agencies on behalf of Canadian companies, had received a contract from the US army for two de Havilland STOL utility aircraft. The sale of the Twin Otters was made under the terms of the Canada/US Defence Production Sharing Agreement (External Affairs press release, September 1).

US Navy Contract

An order consisting of a fifty-two million dollar contract for eighteen "helicopter recovery, assist, secure and traverse" (RAST) systems for the US Navy and a letter of intent for an additional thirteen systems was signed on September 29. The Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) awarded the contract to DAF Indal Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario. The systems will be procured by the CCC and sold to the US Navy under the US/Canada Defence Production Sharing Arrangement (External Affairs press release, September 29).

Satellite Launch

Canada's fifth commercial communications satellite was launched August 26, after having been delayed a week due to an equipment problem with the US launching vehicle, a Delta rocket. The 24-channel Anik D1 spacecraft went into orbit from Cape Canaveral, Florida (Telesat press release, August 17). The same day it was announced that Canada and the US had agreed on terms which would make possible for the first time satellite telecommunications between the two countries on a widespread commercial basis. The agreement permits large business networks to exchange voice and data information (*Globe and Mail*, August 27).

NASA Contract

The Canadian Commercial Corporation, which contracts with foreign governments and international agencies on behalf of Canadian companies, received a \$5,292,000 contract from the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. Under the contract, Bristol Aerospace Ltd. of Winnipeg will manufacture and supply forty-three Black Brant Propulsion Systems and Sub-systems, to be used by NASA to launch scientific research instruments in sub-orbit to conduct a wide range of tests related to upper atmospheric conditions (External Affairs press release, September 2).

Space Shuttle

A Canadian could take a place on a US space shuttle as early as 1984, according to the head of the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). James Beggs told reporters in Washington September 14 that priority under a plan to involve non-Americans in the project will be given to countries that have helped with the space shuttle. Canada had developed and provided the \$100 million manipulator arm used to position space shuttle cargos in space. Mr. Beggs said that the Canadian will probably be a scientist or an engineer (*Globe and Mail*, September 15). On September 29 the *Globe and Mail* reported that Cabinet would be asked this fall to approve funds for the selection and training of up to five mission-

specialist candidates who would qualify to fly aboard the Spacelab.

Beef and Veal Trade

The federal government concluded an arrangement with the US with respect to beef and veal trade between the two countries for 1982. It was announced September 28 that under the arrangement, Canada's exports to the US would not exceed 121.1 million pounds, and imports from the US will not exceed 21.4 million pounds in 1982. International Trade Minister Ed Lumley said that the US had asked Canada and other principal beef exporters to the US to "voluntarily restrain their exports for the balance of 1982 so as not to trigger import quotas under the US Meat Import Law" (External Affairs press release, September 28).

AUSTRALIA

Senate Study

Five Canadian senators were in Australia from September 1 to 19 to observe the workings of an elected senate and study the appropriateness of such a system for Canada. Australia has a parliamentary system with an elected upper chamber to represent the States (*Globe and Mail*, August 28).

Commonwealth Games: Inuit Protest

The Inuit Committee on National Issues sent a telex to the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth in London, England to protest the actions of the government of the State of Queensland in Australia, "in respect of human rights and the aboriginal rights of the aboriginal peoples." Calling the Queensland government an "insensitive and retrograde state government," the Inuit group wanted to draw attention to laws in Queensland and the recent Commonwealth Games Act passed in that State, which was, according to a spokesperson for the group, "designed to suspend planned protests by aboriginal people during the Commonwealth Games." The September 24 telex stated that, "As a people whose political, land and other rights are under negotiation with governments in Canada, we are particularly sensitive to the dangerous precedent being set by Queensland." Peter Jull, Political and Constitutional Adviser to the Inuit Committee on National Issues said that the committee was becoming increasingly sensitive to the issues facing other native groups internationally.

CHINA

Health Care Training Project

Canada announced a contribution September 3, through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), to upgrade the quality of health care training at Sichuan Medical College (SMC) in southwest China. The contribution of \$589,267 will be for upgrading in the areas of science teaching, training in basic clinical science, train-