

taping, puppet theatre, and theatre classes for children and professionals.

Young People's Theatre plans to celebrate the opening of the Centre in October 1977 with a month-long festival of art activities.

Canada and Cuba discuss fisheries

Canadian and Cuban representatives met in Ottawa on March 25 and 26 to discuss future co-operation in fisheries, following the understanding reached between Prime Minister Trudeau and President Castro in Havana on January 30, 1976, on the negotiation of a bilateral fisheries agreement.

The two sides put forward proposals as the possible basis for an agreement on the terms and conditions that would govern continued fishing by Cuban vessels in areas under Canadian jurisdiction. On the basis of the proposals they agreed on the terms of an agreement which, if approved by both Governments, would permit Cuban vessels to fish in the area concerned, under Canadian authority and control, for resources surplus to Canadian requirements.

The proposed agreement is being submitted for approval of both Governments.

France/Canada/Germany in Drone System development

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(SAT), a French company which is well known in optronics. France's participation, which represents about 10 per cent of the total program, does not reduce the Canadian share of the work content.

The AN/USD-502 is a surveillance and reconnaissance drone system designed to provide tactical intelligence

in the forward battle areas and is an improved and longer range version of the AN/USD-501 (CL-89) Surveillance Drone System developed by Canadair a few years ago. The AN/USD-502

Drone Project is managed by the Department of Supply and Services on behalf of the German Ministry of Defence and the Canadian Department of Industry Trade and Commerce.

News briefs

- *En route* for a vacation at Easter, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau addressed a gathering at charter day ceremonies at the University of California, Berkeley, U.S., on April 7.
- More money for French-language instruction, a new type of probationary driver's licence, continued rent control, help for small business and tighter control of residential institutions were the main points of the Speech from the Throne in the Ontario Legislature at the end of March. Stricter operating standards are to be imposed on youth residences and children's institutions and programs in four ministries will be merged in a new children's division, with a budget of \$300-million.
- The Commons has given approval in principle to a new immigration bill. The bill, which now goes for detailed study before a Commons committee, would give the Government authority to set annual quotas on the number of immigrants and empower it to direct immigrants away from big cities to communities where labour shortages exist.
- Legislation has been introduced in Quebec under which only individuals would be permitted to make cash contributions to parties or candidates, to a maximum of \$3,000 a year. Corporations, associations or partnerships would not be permitted to give any money but they would be permitted to provide broadcasting time, newspaper space, transportation or other services as long as they were provided to all authorized parties and candidates.
- Canadian and Japanese Government negotiators have reached agreement in principle on nuclear safeguards designed to allow the resumption of Canadian uranium deliveries to Japan. The Canadian Government will lift the embargo, which started on January 1, when the agreement is signed.
- The Federal Government does not intend to impose foreign exchange controls or intervene in any way to

hold up the Canadian dollar-exchange rate, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau says. "We have a floating dollar and if it is the judgment of the money markets of the world that the Canadian dollar is worth less, then we're not going to intervene to prevent it from being traded at less.... We're not going to go to exchange controls and try to pretend that we are richer when we are poorer."

- About 65 per cent of Canadian exporters surveyed by the Canadian Export Association think business is going to be better in 1977 than it was last year. With 1976 exports of about \$6 billion, the 138 firms answering the questionnaire represent what the association calls a "good mix of large and small companies in all industrial sectors excluding automobiles."
- New prospecting permits and applications for land use near the community of Baker Lake in the eastern Northwest Territories will be deferred to provide time to study the impact of increased exploration activity on two large caribou herds and other wildlife, Northern Affairs Minister Warren Allmand announced recently.
- A wealth of undiscovered minerals may be sitting on the doorstep of mines in Northern Ontario and Quebec, says W.T. Jolly, professor of geological sciences at Brock University. He suspects a thorough study of the area will reveal enough gold, silver, uranium, nickel, cobalt and zinc to be mined.
- The League of Canadian Poets recently published a 135-page catalogue of 129 poets, listed alphabetically, from Milton Acorn to Dale Zieroth. It includes photographs of each poet, as well as bibliographies and critics' comments.
- At April 14 (press time), teams in the National Hockey League quarter finals best-of-seven game play-offs had played two games. Toronto was leading 2-0 over Philadelphia; Montreal 2-0 over St. Louis; Boston 2-0 over Los Angeles; and New York Islanders 2-0 over Buffalo.

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