

## News briefs

Alberta Premier Peter Lougheed will visit Harbin and other Chinese cities in the province of Heilongjiang early this summer to discuss economic co-operation between Alberta and China's northernmost province. Alberta was twinned with Heilongjiang in an arrangement reached last year. Both provinces have similar characteristics in oil production, agriculture, climate and geography, and are roughly the same in area.

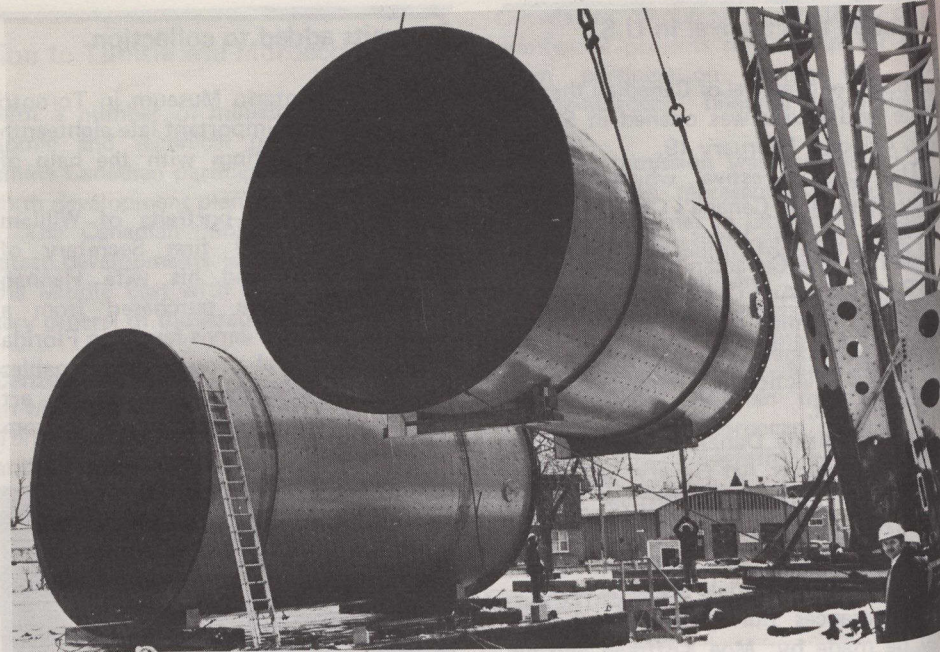
Canada recently served as host of the first meeting of the newly-formed energy committee of the organization for Co-operation for Development in Africa (CDA). Participants at the two-day meeting included specialists in African programs and the energy sector from Belgium, France, West Germany, Britain, the United States and Italy in addition to Canadian International Development Agency's specialists in those fields. The purpose of the meeting was to set CDA's goals and objectives, also to establish mechanisms for African involvement in the identification and development of energy resources.

Hydro-Quebec International, a two-year-old subsidiary of the Quebec government-owned utility Hydro-Quebec, has been awarded its largest contract to date — a \$5-million contract for a rural electrification project in Saudi Arabia.

Fathom Oceanology Limited of Mississauga, Ontario has received a contract to deliver four Model 9-600 variable depth sonar systems to Krupp Atlas-Elektronik of West Germany. The contract, valued at more than \$4 million, is an extension of an engineering order received in November.

Magline of Canada Limited of Renfrew, near Ottawa, has been awarded a \$1-million contract to supply snowshoes to the U.S. Defense Department. Contracted through Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC), the deal calls for Magline, specialists in magnesium and aluminum products, to provide 16,500 pairs of snowshoes over the next 12 months. Since 1950, Magline has produced almost 100,000 pairs of snowshoes for both commercial and military use.

The Canadian Forestry Service and the University of Toronto Press have published the third edition of *Canadian Woods*, which provides a comprehensive overview of the Canadian forest industry. With contributions by 23 specialists, it provides a complete review of the woods



*These huge cylinders are ore grinding mill shells headed for the Montreal wharf and then on to Mexico as part of an export order awarded to Dominion Engineering Works of Lachine by the Minera Del Norte mining company. The shells were shipped by barge via the Lachine Canal, Lake St. Louis and the Seaway to the Montreal Harbour. The Dominion Engineering contract for four such grinding mills is part of a pelletizing complex being built by Mexico's government-owned steel corporation, Sidermex-Mexico.*

found in Canada and their commercial uses. It discusses their structure, strength and other physical properties as well as wood chemistry, lumber production, wood drying, wood protection, glues and gluing. There are also chapters on the processing of woods and wood products along with codes and standards in Canada.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$5-million (U.S.) line of credit agreement with Banco Sud Americano of Chile to support the sale of Canadian goods and services by various Canadian exporters to Chile. The main beneficiaries of the line of credit are expected to be small- and medium-sized businesses in Chile which normally would not be eligible for EDC financing on their own.

Canada's housing starts for all areas totalled 177,973 in 1981, according to figures released by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The comparable figure for 1980 was 158,601.

Linear Technology Incorporated of Burlington, Ontario has been given \$793,000 in federal funding for the transfer of semi-conductor technology developed by the University of Toronto under contract to the Department of Communications. The technology transfer is expected to produce a device which will replace components now used in UHF

(ultra high frequency) telecommunications equipment. The new device would cost substantially less to produce than conventional devices, without sacrificing the high quality and reliability essential to UHF communications.

Gerry Sorensen of Kimberly, British Columbia finished third, clocking 1:37:10 in the final women's downhill race of the season in Arosa, Switzerland. This placed her fourth in the over-all World Cup downhill standings. Sorensen, won the world alpine championship in Austria earlier this year.

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