

## Official languages get funding

The federal government will provide the provinces with more money to help Canadian school children learn Canada's two official languages.

Secretary of State Francis Fox has announced that the government will contribute \$33 million for teaching of the official languages. This figure represents an increase of \$2.6 million over the amount given in 1980-81.

The money is provided by the federal government for specific provincial initiatives and activities relating to education in both the minority and second official languages.

Of the \$33 million available for the programs in 1981-82, \$10.9 million will be allocated to two national programs administered by the Council of Ministers of Education. The two programs "Canada — the "Summer Language Bursary Program" and the "Official Language Monitor Program" are designed for post-secondary students. The remaining \$22 million has to be apportioned among the ten provinces. Each provincial government will now submit to the federal government for approval a plan for using the funds which they will receive.

## News briefs

The federal government will contribute \$1.176 million to l'Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario (ACFO) to assist the association in carrying out its program of activities on behalf of Ontario's French-speaking citizens. Projects funded include a study involving native citizens to identify areas of possible co-operation on issues of common interest and the establishment of a resource and documentation centre for francophone organizations.

Air Canada has signed a five-year agreement with the Royal Canadian Golf Association to sponsor the Senior Golf Championship of Canada. The championship, first played at the St. Charles Country Club, Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1962, is staged annually at selected Canadian golf courses. It is open to golfers 55 years of age or older, and is considered the premier national tournament for senior golfers in Canada.

Canadian Astronautics Limited of Ottawa has won a \$2-million contract to build two camera systems for the National Research Council, which will send



Cancer victim Louis Lourmais is pulled from the St. Lawrence River at Quebec City after successfully completing his 360-kilometre "Swim of Hope" down the river from Montreal. In covering the distance, he broke his own record of 100 hours set in 1959. The Montreal oceanographer, who is blind in one eye and suffers from lymphatic cancer, said his swim was inspired by Terry Fox's "Marathon of Hope".

them into orbit in 1984 aboard a Swedish satellite. The cameras, weighing just five kilograms together, will send pictures of the aurora back to earth every 20 seconds. Auroral activity, produced by energy particles from the sun that are trapped in the earth's magnetic field, often causes serious problems on earth, disrupting shortwave communications in the north, affecting power lines and other communications.

Western Canada may set a record in grain production this year, led by exceptionally large wheat and barley crops. United Grain Growers Limited of Winnipeg forecasts a crop of 41.8 million metric tons, compared with 38.4 million metric tons in 1976. The bumper crop would follow two years of below average crops.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has announced the conclusion of a \$7.5 million (U.S.) loan agreement to support the \$9.2 million (U.S.) sale of Canadian goods by CAE Electronics Limited, St. Laurent, Quebec, to Eastern Airlines Incorporated, Miami, Florida. The transaction involves the supply and on-site installation and support services for a Boeing 757 training complex consisting of a flight simulator, cockpit system simulator and ground maintenance trainer for Eastern Airlines.

The National Library of Canada will begin testing a new system for exchanging bibliographic information among libraries. The experiment will test the use of advanced telecommunications technologies to provide for information exchange and document delivery between Canadian libraries. Applications under study will include videotex (Telidon), videodisc and electronic mail systems.

The Alberta government has approved construction of two styrene petrochemical plants for the province's Bruderheim area: a \$300-million Esso Chemical Canada-Alberta Energy Company Limited plant and a \$200-million Nova Corporation-Shell Canada Limited plant.

Royal Bank of Canada has completed the purchase of outstanding shares of Orion Bank Limited of London as well as those of the associated Orion banking group of companies. The bank's name has been changed to Orion Royal Bank Limited.

Goodwood Data Systems Limited of Ottawa has been awarded a contract to build a \$1-million typhoon warning system for Hong Kong. The detection system will be built for the Royal Observatory and will allow two to three hours warning of a coming typhoon. The system, which will be delivered in a year, will be used mainly by the air industry in Hong Kong to improve safety conditions.

A Montreal doctor has come out with a new mouthwash that works in reverse to help people stop smoking. The mouthwash, called Tabanil, works like any other mouthwash in non-smokers. But introduce a puff of cigaret smoke and "it will make the thought of a second or third drag as welcome as shin splints," said Dr. William Najjar, who developed the mouthwash.

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