

CIDA joins children's exhibit

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recently announced its participation in a children's exhibition at Man and His World in Montreal.

"In this International Year of the Child, CIDA wanted to draw attention to its concern for the rights of the child and highlight the aid programs designed specifically for children in developing countries," said Minister of State for CIDA, Martial Asselin.

During the summer, the "Children of the World" pavilion will present an exhibit on the rights of the child and show for the first time a film entitled *Children*. Three other films, *Water - The Hazardous Necessity*, *Development Without Tears*, and *Exploding Cities*, in addition to slide shows on CIDA's international role and photographs of the world's children, will also be presented.

The project, carried out in co-operation with the Director-General of the Exploration pavilion and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is intended to make Canadians more aware of the quality of life in Third World nations where children represent the majority of the population.

Last spring, CIDA's President announced plans to provide two forms of multilateral aid in honour of the International Year of the Child. The joint Red Cross-UNICEF Committee received a cheque for \$832,790 for its program aimed at informing Canadians about the situation of children in the Third World, and UNICEF was awarded a grant to conduct aid programs for the world's children.

The agency supports the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child which affirms the right of every child to receive adequate nutrition and medical services, including pre-natal care, to be given an education in order to become a useful member of society, and to be brought up in a spirit of peace and universal brotherhood.

Canadian manufacturing in better competitive position

Canadian manufacturing is in its best competitive position since 1970, according to a study by the Bank of Montreal.

In an analysis of Canadian manufacturing performance in the past two years, published in the July issue of *Business Review*, the bank concluded the industry has improved.

"Output, employment and capacity utilization have all increased substantially." As long as cost increases can be held in check, says the study, the industry is in a good position.

Furthermore, the bank says it expects that the results of the current round of world trade negotiations will have an

important positive impact on Canadian manufacturing. "With tariff barriers lowered by up to 40 per cent and with about 80 per cent of Canadian industrial exports now to enter world markets duty-free, there is a significant expansion potential for Canadian manufacturing."

Unlike manufacturers in the European Economic Community, the United States and Japan, Canadian manufacturers have been at a disadvantage as production runs have been limited by the relatively small size of the domestic market.

Relief worker lauded for humanitarian contribution

Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, the founder and executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada (USC), recently received the 1979 Royal Bank Award for her contribution to humanity.

The award, consisting of a gold medal and \$50,000, is presented annually for "outstanding contributions to human welfare and common good".

Dr. Hitschmanova came to Canada from Czechoslovakia under an emergency visa, in 1942, and three years later founded the USC to assist child victims of the Second World War. The Ottawa-based organization has expanded in the intervening years to become a development agency in Third World countries.

Last year the USC raised \$3.9 million to support aid programs in Vietnam, Lesotho, Botswana, Indonesia, Greece, Bangladesh and Nepal.

In 1952, Dr. Hitschmanova became the first Canadian relief worker invited by the United Nations into war-torn Korea, and in 1976 she was the first representative of a Canadian agency to be asked into Vietnam by the Hanoi government.

J.V. Clyne, Chairman of the award selection committee said, "It is entirely fitting that someone who has dedicated most of her life to helping children should be the recipient of the Royal Bank Award during the International Year of the Child."



Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova, founder and executive director of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada receives the \$50,000 1979 Royal Bank Award and gold medal from W. Earle McLaughlin, chairman of the bank's Board of Directors.