

## News briefs

Prince Edward Island Premier James Lee led his Progressive Conservatives back into office in an election held September 27 in which his party took 22 of the Legislature's 32 seats. The results represented a gain of one seat for the Progressive Conservatives over standings at dissolution, while the popular vote was virtually the same as in the 1979 election — the Conservatives capturing 53 per cent, the Liberals, 45 and the New Democratic Party 1 per cent.

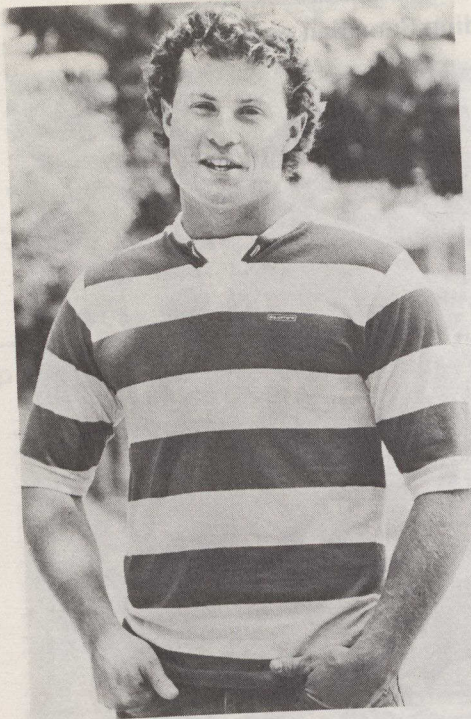
Three organizations have received federal grants in recognition of their contribution to energy conservation and the use of renewable energy. The Solar Energy Society of Canada of Winnipeg received \$10 000, while the Biomass Energy Institute, also of Winnipeg, and the Brace Research Institute of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, were given \$5 000 each.

The Export Development Corporation and the Bank of Nova Scotia have signed a \$2.85-million (US) loan agreement to support a sale by General Motors Market Development of Canada Limited, to Peru. The \$3.16-million (Cdn) sale involves the supply of two locomotives and related spare parts to Empresa Nacional de Ferrocarriles S.A. (Enafer S.A.) of Peru. The locomotives will be manufactured at General Motors' diesel division at London, Ontario.

The federal and Ontario governments have signed an agreement under the new National Training Act which will ensure skills training programs meet Ontario's needs for at least the next three years. It is the first agreement signed under the Act that was proclaimed on August 2. The agreement will ensure that Canadians are trained for occupations in demand and not for those that have a labour surplus.

Turbo Resources Limited has officially opened a new \$200-million refinery. The refinery, located five kilometres north of Calgary, marked Turbo's re-entry into the petroleum refining field. The 30 000-barrel-a-day plant is the only major crude oil refining complex to operate in southern Alberta.

Philippe Kirsch, deputy director of the economic law and treaty division of the Department of External Affairs, has been elected chairman of the United Nations General Assembly's legal committee, which acts as a legal drafting arm for the world organization.



Eric Frycer, a 21-year-old Toronto man, is playing the role of Terry Fox in a movie being produced by Robert Cooper of Toronto. The film will depict the "Marathon of Hope" run by Fox to raise money for cancer research, Frycer, like Fox, lost a leg due to cancer.

Three Canadian scientists were honoured recently at the annual meeting of the American Society for Horticultural Science held in Ames, Iowa. R.E.C. Layne, C.S. Tan and J.M. Fulton of Agriculture Canada's Harrow, Ontario research station received the Carrol R. Miller Award for excellence in research relating to the improved production and use of peaches. It was the fourth time since 1977 that members of the Harrow tree-fruit research team have won the award.

Minister of State for Mines Judy Erola has announced details of a five-year federal research program to study the potential long-term effects of uranium mine and mill wastes. The \$9.5-million program, aimed at speeding development of technology to reduce harmful effects of waste materials from uranium mining and milling, stems from the recommendations of the National Technical Planning Group on Uranium Tailings Research. The group's report follows a year-long review of uranium tailings management in Canada.

Eleven Ontario firms recently participated in an Ontario Ministry of Industry and Trade mission to Cuba. The five-day mission included meetings with central-

ized purchasers in Havana. Talks with product end-users were also planned. In 1981 Ontario exported \$72.6-million worth of goods and services to Cuba, while Ontario imported \$33.6-million worth from Cuba during the same period.

Participants from more than 25 developing countries recently attended a two-week United Nations mineral exploration drilling workshop held at Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario and sponsored by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources. In addition to technical sessions, featuring world experts on drilling, a number of field trips took participants to various drilling sites in the Sudbury area, as well as to Ontario plants manufacturing drilling equipment in North Bay, Orillia and Toronto.

Bristol Aerospace Limited of Winnipeg has received a \$5.29-million (Cdn) contract from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, at Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland, for the supply of 43 Black Brant Propulsion Systems and Subsystems. Bristol Aerospace Limited, a world leader in the field of high altitude research rockets and research rocket telemetry, obtained the contract through the Canadian Commercial Corporation in competition with US firms.

Alberta's Polar Park and the People's Republic of China have agreed to exchange certain species of wild animals. Some of the creatures coming to the Edmonton park are Tibetan macaques, heavily furred monkeys; Manchurian cranes; Mongolian desert cats; desert cats, desert foxes and Tibetan wild asses. The Canadian park will send to China animals such as white rhinoceros, white elk, muskox, polar bears, barasingha deer and Afghan markhor goats.

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