

## Turkish Foreign Minister visits

During a visit to Canada from October 31 to November 2, Foreign Affairs Minister Gunduz Okcun of Turkey was received by Governor-General Jules Léger and was guest at an official luncheon hosted by M. Prud'homme, Chairman of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence.

At meetings with Secretary of State for External Affairs Don Jamieson, Mr. Okcun discussed various international and bilateral issues including East-West relations, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, Cyprus and economic co-operation. Mr. Okcun also met with Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Jack Horner and with officials of the Canadian Commercial Corporation.

## Manitoban Crown land awaits transfer to Indian bands

Manitoba's Natural Resources Minister Brian Ransom says about 70,000 acres of provincial Crown land will be turned over to the Federal Government to meet Indian treaty claims. Occupied Crown land will be exempt from transfer.

"In all instances of land transfer, the rights of Manitoba society in general, and the public interest, shall be an overriding consideration in the negotiations," the provincial policy statement says.

The statement endorses transfer of mineral rights, but denies transfer of lakes or rivers. The province will not pay for access roads to new lands.

The Manitoba Indian Brotherhood (MIB) had proposed a formula that would have given Indians an additional 530,000 acres.

Under the provincial proposal, land would be granted on the basis of Indian band populations on the date of the first application. The MIB wants the calculation date to be December 31, 1976.

The amount of land to which a band is entitled will be determined by multiplying the population by either 32 or 138 acres, depending on the treaty involved.

The province was given control over its natural resources in the Manitoba Natural Resources Act of 1930. At that time the province promised to provide unoccupied Crown land on request to Canada so the Federal Government could honour its treaty obligations.

## Skate Canada results

For only the second time in the six-year history of Skate Canada, an international invitational figure skating competition held this year at the Pacific Coliseum in Vancouver, October 26 to 29, Canadian women failed to win medals for their singles performances. Janet Morrissey of Ottawa placed fifth, while Peggy McLean and Cathie McFarlane, both of Calgary, finished ninth and thirteenth, respectively. Lisa-Marie Allen of the United States took first place.

Canadian champion Brian Pockar of Calgary, who received a standing ovation for his long program in the men's singles event, won the bronze medal, finishing

ahead of Vern Taylor of Toronto. The other Canadian, Jim Szabo of Coquitlam, British Columbia, was sixth. Fumio Igarashi of Japan won the gold medal.

Lorna Wighton and John Dowding of Toronto took the silver medal in ice-dancing, just behind Krisztina Regoczy and Andras Sallay of Hungary. Marie McNeill and Robert McCall of Halifax finished eighth over all, while Lillian Heming and Murray Carey of Winnipeg were eleventh.

Fifty-four skaters from 13 countries competed in the events.

(The photo shown below, by Cyril Leonoff of Vancouver, was chosen best black and white entry in "Perfection on ice", a contest sponsored by *Canadian Skater*.)



Silver medallists Lorna Wighton and John Dowding of Toronto.

## Belize fishermen train in Nova Scotia

The government of Nova Scotia is co-operating with the Canadian International Development Agency to assist fishermen from Belize to upgrade their knowledge of fisheries techniques and navigation.

Twenty fishermen from Belize attended an eight-week course from August 21 to October 14 at the Fisheries Training Centre at Picton, Nova Scotia. CIDA underwrote the travel expenses of the trainees.

The program was brought about through a unique federal-provincial organization called the Voluntary Agricultural Development Aid (VADA) program.

Belize, formerly known as British Honduras, is a tiny nation located along

the eastern coast of Central America. Fishing is an integral part of the country's way of life. More than 80 per cent of the catch is exported — mainly to the United States.

While in Nova Scotia, the Belizean fishermen received training in navigation, deep-sea fishing techniques, maintenance and repair of engines, and net-mending.

Jim McLevey, director of training and field services at the Nova Scotia department of fisheries, who arranged the program, explained that electronic equipment was gradually being introduced in the Belizean fishery but that training was needed to enable fishermen to navigate around a major barrier reef located off their coast, and thereby expand their fishing grounds.