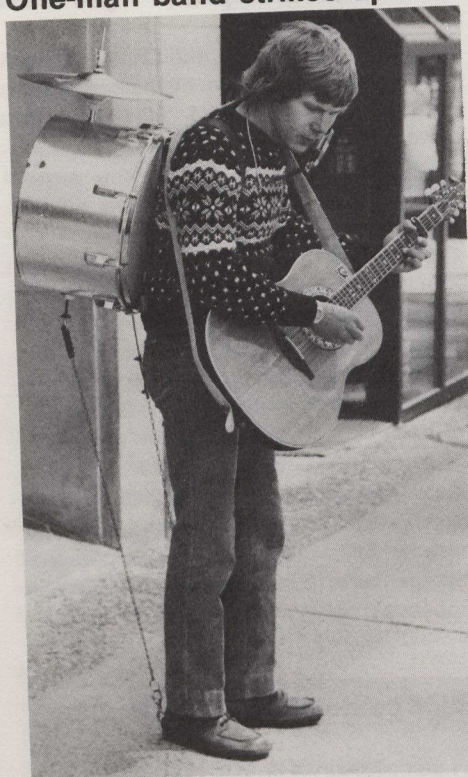


One-man band strikes up



Nicholas Cox, an enterprising young musician, entertained pedestrians recently on an Ottawa mall. One foot controls his drum, the other his high-hat cymbals, he strums the guitar with one hand and completes the ensemble with a mouth organ.

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Canada will host the 100th session of the International Wheat Council, Canadian Wheat Board Minister Hazen Argue announced recently. The event will be held in Ottawa June 25 to 27. A special anniversary symposium, the Centennial Forum, will follow the IWC's regular business meeting.

Control Data Canada Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario, has announced the availability of a microcomputer system known as the Plato Personal Workstation. The IBM-compatible machine, a Zenith Z-150, will be sold in Canada under an agreement with Zenith Data Systems, a unit of Zenith Radio Canada Ltd. of Toronto, as part of Control Data's Plato computer-based education system. The work station has 128 kilobytes of memory, expandable to 640K.

The University of Toronto and the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology in South Korea have signed an agreement to co-operate in the field of nuclear engineering. Research areas will include nuclear reactor safety and control,

reactor systems design and operation, and fuel and waste management technology. The agreement provides for an exchange of faculty members, graduate students and research staff.

IBM Canada Ltd. of Markham, Ontario, has announced a family of IBM PC programs for a variety of home and business applications. The programs support each other and enable users to exchange and combine information. They include: Writing Assistant, a word processing program; Filing Assistant and Reporting Assistant, for designing filing systems and sorting and organizing files; Graphing Assistant; and Planning Assistant, a spreadsheet program.

Northern Telecom Canada Ltd. of Toronto has opened a \$3-million installation in St. Laurent, Quebec, to house its Data Systems Canada unit. The building will house Data Systems' senior management, product development and support groups, and Eastern Canada sales group. Northern Data Systems Canada also has a technical centre in Toronto and eight sales offices across Canada.

Construction will begin in Elliot Lake, Ontario, on a building to house the research laboratory of the Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology (Canmet). The new installation, to continue the work of the original complex established in 1964, will focus on developing safe and efficient mining techniques. Studies, applicable across the entire mining sector, are to be aimed at improving ground control and rock stability, and refining measurements of dust and radiation levels. Completion is expected in September 1985.

The greatest increase in Canadian exports in the first two months of the year was to the US and Japan, with sales climbing 33 and 30 per cent respectively. Exports to Britain were up 17 per cent and the increase to other European Community countries was 14 per cent. Elsewhere, exports rose 8 per cent.

Hydro-Quebec will open an office in New York City in September, according to a Hydro official. The three-man office is to promote energy sales to northeastern United States and to look after Hydro's varied interests there.

Eleven of Canada's best household furniture manufacturers will showcase their products at the New York Furniture and Accessory Market (FAM '84) to be held in the New York Coliseum, New York City, July 21-23. This will be Canada's second participation at the annual show which last year drew more than 300 exhibitors and about 12 000 visitors.

Montreal has become the newest member of the World Trade Centres Association, having been officially admitted at a recent meeting in Lisbon, Portugal. With some 55 centres worldwide, the World Trade Centres Association has a membership of close to 100 000 business persons.

Géomines Ltée. of Montreal has been awarded a \$3.7-million contract by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) to carry out a mining research assistance project in Niger. The purpose of the project is to diversify the exploration, mining and marketing of the country's mineral resources. Seven Canadians from Géomines will provide technical expertise to Niger's Ministry of Mines and Industry and National Mineral Resources Board and will also be responsible for training local counterparts.

Bell-Northern Research Ltd., a unit of Northern Telecom Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario, is establishing a laboratory in Atlanta, Georgia, for research and development in telecommunications network technology. The laboratory will be the fifth BNR operation in the United States.

Canada has pledged \$30-million in overseas food aid in 1985 and 1986 making it the world's second largest food donor after the US. About \$60-million will be given in cash, and \$250-million in food products.

The value of the fish component of Canada's 1983-84 international food aid program reached \$24.6 million, compared to \$9.7 million the year before, it was announced recently. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) provides herring and sardines, and small quantities of other canned fish to low-income countries which do not produce enough food for their people's needs. Of the \$24.6 million in fish products provided last year, \$8.8 million was distributed through the United Nations World Food Program which delivers food to the neediest areas of the world, while the other \$15.8 million was delivered as bilateral food aid to Zaire, Peru and Jamaica.

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