

CIDA provides wheat for refugees in Pakistan

Canada is providing \$5 million in wheat through the Canadian International Development Agency to help feed Afghan refugees living along the northwestern border of Pakistan since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

The contribution in food aid brings Canada's support for Afghan refugees to \$13.45 million. Approximately half of the total aid to date has been in the form of cash grants to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the International Committee of the Red Cross.

In addition, Canada's recent \$6.5 million contribution of wheat to the Interna-

tional Emergency Food Reserve has been designated by the World Food Program for relief of Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

The most recent contribution by Canada of \$5 million in wheat is aimed at helping Pakistan reach a 1982 target of \$150 million (U.S.) in foodstuffs. The target set by the United Nations World Food Program of 385 000 tonnes of wheat, 23 000 tonnes of edible oil and 23 000 tonnes of skim milk powder is deemed to be essential to the basic health and well-being of the more than 2 million Afghans currently resident in Pakistan.

Stamps honour two Canadians

Canada Post Corporation has issued two postage stamps in memory of two renowned Canadians.

The 30-cent stamps commemorate former Governor General Jules Léger, who died in 1980, and one-legged marathon runner Terry Fox, who died last year.

Mr. Léger, born in Saint-Anicet, Quebec in 1913, earned his doctorate degree at the Sorbonne in Paris. He later joined the Department of External Affairs and worked in the offices of Prime Ministers William Lyon MacKenzie King and Louis St. Laurent.

In 1953, he became an ambassador, the youngest Canadian to hold such a post and from 1964-1968 served as ambassador to France. Mr. Léger became Governor General in 1974 and it was during his tenure that the Governor General began, on the Queen's behalf, to accredit Canadian diplomats abroad.

Mr. Léger encouraged Canadians to visit Rideau Hall, the official residence of the Governor General in which he placed many Canadian works of art.

The Léger commemorative stamp was designed by Pierre Fontaine of Montreal using a portrait by Ottawa photographer Michael Bedford.

The Marathon of Hope stamp in honour of Terry Fox was first shown at a special ceremony held in Port Coquitlam, where Mr. Fox lived.



Mr. Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 1958 and later moved with his family to Port Coquitlam, British Columbia. It was in March 1977 that doctors diagnosed the bone cancer that forced the amputation of his right leg. Following his operation, Mr. Fox decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He began training in February 1979 and continued until he had covered 5 000 kilometres.

On April 12, 1980, Mr. Fox set out on his cross-Canada Marathon of Hope from St. John's, Newfoundland. By August, he had passed Sault Ste. Marie but in September 1980 severe chest pains forced him to curtail his run at Thunder Bay, Ontario. Doctors discovered secondary cancer in his lungs and after nearly ten months of intensive treatment Mr. Fox died in June 1981. To date more than \$24 million has been raised for cancer research as a result of the Marathon of Hope.

The stamp honouring Mr. Fox was designed by Vancouver graphic artist Friedrich Peter, an instructor at the Emily College of Art and Design.

Special telephone service

Bell Canada recently started a new operator-assistance service for its 2 000 deaf customers in Ontario and Quebec, allowing them to make collect and person-to-person calls, get directory assistance or even complain about a bill.

The operator service for the deaf is being handled out of an Ottawa Bell office and is available day and night by calling a toll-free number from anywhere in Ontario or Quebec. It can also be used to place calls outside those two provinces.

Visual ear used

To operate the service, the customer calls the operator on a visual ear — a telephone device for the deaf introduced a year ago — by typing in the words most people would normally say. As the customer types the request the same words appear on a computer screen in front of an operator who makes the connection with another visual ear.

It takes just a few seconds longer than a normal call would take. The operator can also answer questions and provide telephone numbers, which will appear on the tiny screen of a deaf user's home telephone set, normally a visual ear or a converted teletype machine.

Bell is also developing a device to allow quadriplegics to call the operator even though they have no use of their hands. The user would simply blow air into a tube attached to his telephone and the connection would be made automatically. That device, which will soon be tested among quadriplegics, could be on the market in another year.

Gretzky breaks another record

Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers became the first player in National Hockey League history to surpass 200 points in a season.

Gretzky passed the 200 barrier in a game against the Calgary Flames with two assists and two goals to bring his total to 203. The two goals brought the 21-year-old's season total to 90.

Gretzky has broken numerous records in the National Hockey League this season: quickest 50 goals ever scored; the most goals in a single season; most goals in a single season including playoffs; most assists; most total points; most hat tricks; and highest point average per game.