

News briefs

The fourth International Conference on Urban Design will be held in Toronto, October 13-16. The conference will focus on how transportation and movement shape urban environments — with a parallel theme featuring the dimensions, design and "dynamics" of Toronto and how the movements of its people help shape the city. The meeting is being sponsored by the United States-based Institute for Urban Design in co-operation with the city of Toronto and the University of Toronto.

Members of 198 senior citizens groups across Canada will be busy starting up new projects with the help of \$1.28 million in New Horizons grants announced by Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin. The projects, covering a wide range of activities, will involve almost 23 000 participants.

General Instrument Corporation of New York, a supplier to the cable TV industry, has formed a satellite system business section at the Toronto location of its subsidiary, General Instrument of Canada Limited. The unit will be responsible for the design, manufacture and marketing of General Instrument's satellite-related products.

Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal has received a multimillion-dollar order for 2 000 Displayphone units from Metpath Incorporated, a unit of Corning Glass Works of Corning, New York. The company said it hopes to put a displayphone in its client-physicians' offices for access to test information and other data.

Labour Canada has published *Canadian Women and Job Related Laws*, a booklet summarizing the provisions of federal and provincial legislation as well as international charters and conventions which affect women working for pay. Organized according to subject matter and identifying federal or provincial jurisdiction, the booklet covers topics such as discrimination in employment, equal pay, maternity leave, health and safety, and domestic workers.

The Bank of Canada is making a short-term loan of \$150 million (US) to the Banco de Mexico. The loan is Canada's share of \$1.85-billion (US) in emergency aid to Mexico, which has outstanding debts of about \$81 billion. An estimated \$5 billion of that is held by Canadian banks. Eleven other countries are participating in the loan, with the United States providing about half of the money.



Ottawa Mayor Marion Dewar did a jig for the audience after taking part in *Market-Up*, a play based on *Bytown council minutes of 1847-48*. The *Bytown councillors' roles* were taken by members of the current council. Mrs. Dewar, naturally played the mayor.

Increases in the Old Age Security pension, Guaranteed Income Supplement and Spouse's Allowance will take effect in October 1982, Monique Bégin, Minister of National Health and Welfare has announced. The basic Old Age Security pension will be increased to \$246.92 monthly from the present \$239.73.

Northern Telecom International Limited, a unit of Northern Telecom Limited of Montreal, has received a contract for upgrading and expanding the telephone system in Trinidad and Tobago. Initial installations under the contract are expected to be worth \$60 million (US). The initial phase covers the Port of Spain area of Trinidad with the second phase, scheduled to commence in 1984, extending the modernization to other parts of the country.

The Department of External Affairs has announced that 16 candidates from across Canada have been awarded 1982-83 scholarships by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The object of the scholarship program is to provide opportunities for Canadians to enhance professional competence in the field of international development. The winning candidates will join 12 others from last year, whose scholarships have been renewed, in sharing the \$400 000 awarded each year by CIDA.

Canada has one of the top five credit ratings in the world, according to the US magazine *Institutional Investor*. Canada ranks fifth after the US, Japan, Switzerland and West Germany but before Britain, Australia, the Netherlands and France.

AEL Microtel Limited, a unit of British Columbia Telephone Company Limited of Burnaby, British Columbia, has received a telecommunications equipment order valued at more than \$10 million (US) for construction of a voice-data communications system in Pakistan. The system will extend from Rawalpindi in the north to Karachi in the south.

The board of directors of the Export Development Corporation has approved export financing transactions totalling \$654.9 million involving loans of \$374.1 million, insurance of \$279.5 million and guarantees of \$1.3 million to 27 countries. Export sales that will result if sales are finalized will create or maintain 26 453 person-years of employment in Canada and will involve 203 exporters and major suppliers.

Canadian Commercial Corporation has received a \$3.4-million (US) contract from the US Army for two de Havilland STOL utility aircraft. The procurement was made by the US Army under the terms of the Canada-US defence production sharing agreement. This order pushes de Havilland sales of *Twin Otters* over the 800 mark. The planes will be based in Anchorage, Alaska for use by the Alaskan National Guard.

Canadian runner Angella Taylor of Toronto won the women's sprint double at an international track and field meet held recently in Bern, Switzerland. Taylor captured the 100-metre race in 11.34 seconds and came back to take the 200 metres in 22.88.

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