

News briefs

Ten Ontario firms recently participated in a ten-day trading house mission to Southeast Asia. The mission, sponsored by the Ontario government, consisted of six trading houses and four manufacturers. Hong Kong and Singapore were visited and other Southeast Asian markets, particularly in Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and Thailand, were explored.

The Canada Oil and Gas Lands Administration (COGLA) recently announced it has approved the drilling of a wildcat well, named Mobil et al Linnet E-63, approximately 180 kilometres northeast of St. John's, Newfoundland. The well will be drilled in some 157 metres of water to a projected depth of 5 639 metres by Mobil Oil Canada Limited, Norcen Energy, Canterra Energy Limited, Pan Canadian Petroleum, and Roxy Petroleum.

Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario is the first bilingual Canadian university to become a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), administered by the Office of International Programs at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. ISEP students remain registered at and pay fees to their home university. Canadian students may choose from 100 American universities.

The federal government is allocating \$700 000 over two years to field test an electronic filing cabinet system at Energy, Mines and Resources Canada. The money will be spent under the Office Communications Systems (OCS) program, established in 1980 to help Canadian companies develop the industrial capacity to supply the growing national and international markets for integrated electronic office products and services. The electronic file cabinet is a software program which runs on various microcomputers to allow for access, and retrieval of office documents and information stored in electronic form.

Northern Telecom Limited has announced a \$220 000 program to assist Canadian universities to improve the quality of education in microelectronics technology and computer-aided design tools. Integrated circuits designed by students as part of their course requirements will be fabricated by Northern Telecom at its Ottawa plant and returned to universities in packaged form along with test results. The universities currently do not have ready access to fabrication capability.



OCTOBER 4-11, 1982

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Agriculture Minister Eugene Whelan has announced that the week of October 4 to 11 has been designated "Agri-Food Week" in Canada. Agri-Food Week is a national information campaign carried out jointly by the various sectors of the agri-food industry, from farmers to food retailers and governments.

Mitel Corporation of Kanata, Ontario, and Scientific-Atlanta Incorporated of Atlanta, Georgia, have signed a joint agreement which could allow Mitel to enter into a multi-million-dollar satellite communications market. Mitel has agreed in principle to design, manufacture and market a product known as Skyswitch in conjunction with the US maker of earth station equipment. Skyswitch will enable companies with remote branches to communicate voice or data via satellite, thereby eliminating the need for an ordinary telephone network. Remote regions not equipped with telephones will also be able to communicate.

Communications Minister Francis Fox has announced that, in line with the guidelines for administered prices announced on June 28, four federally-regulated telecommunications carriers are being limited to rate increases of 6 per cent in the first year and 5 per cent in the second year. The four companies affected are CNCP Telecommunications, Telesat Canada, Terra Nova Telecommunications Incorporated and NorthwTel Incorporated.

University Hospital in London, Ontario has announced plans for a proposed \$12-million Heart and Brain Research Institute, the first of its kind in Canada. The 4 500-square-metre institute would be a joint project of the hospital and the University of Western Ontario.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council has awarded 478 grants totalling \$23.4 million to professors in

Canadian universities for equipment in 1982-83. These grants assist in the purchase of research equipment or installations costing more than \$7 000 but less than \$100 000; major equipment grants are for the purchase of facilities costing between \$100 000 and \$275 000; major installation grants are for the purchase of equipment costing in excess of \$275 000.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has been directed by the federal government to take steps to restrict cross-ownership between broadcasters and owners of daily newspapers. Acting under the provisions of the Broadcasting Act, the government has issued a direction to the CRTC that would deny new broadcasting licences or licence renewals to applicants who are owners of daily newspapers in the same market area. The direction is one of several initiatives outlined on May 25, 1982 by Multiculturalism Minister Jim Fleming, who is responsible for the response to the Royal Commission on Newspapers.

The five-day Drum Corps International Championships held recently in Montreal drew 13 000 young participants from Canada and the United States. There were 106 units in the extravaganza of drills, drumming and colour guards, 20 from Canada and the rest from the U.S. It was the second year in a row the championships were held at the Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

A 31-year-old Georgia man, James Franzen, recently received a new lung in a six-and-a-half hour operation at Toronto General Hospital. Mr. Franzen, whose lungs were destroyed by the herbicide paraquat, received the right lung of an Atlanta man. Mr. Franzen is the thirty-ninth lung transplant recipient in the world and the first in Canada since 1977.

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