

Symphony Orchestra at Expo 70 in Osaka, Japan. She made a summer tour of Yugoslavia, Spain and Israel in 1968-69 and gave a recital that same season at the Salzburg Festival.

Among the most recent of the singer's recordings is of a Handel opera, *Theodora*, and her voice is on the sound track of a documentary drama covering the 4,000-year history of Jerusalem, called *Next Year in Jerusalem*, featuring Lorne Greene and Sam Jaffe.

In Canada she is much admired, one of the personalities honoured in the first list to receive the Order of Canada in 1967. At Canada's international exposition — Expo 67 — in Montreal that year, the story of her life was told in an exhibition, and a motion picture has been made about her by the National Film Board. It was Maureen Forrester too, who accompanied the Montreal Symphony under Zubin Mehta on a tour to introduce the orchestra to Europe in 1967. And she created an artistic precedent when she was invited to sing at the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa for the diplomatic corps.

At home in Toronto, this tall, attractive blonde is the wife of prominent Canadian violinist and conductor Eugene Kash, and a mother of five.

She packed her bags October 6, to begin what is likely to be another successful tour of the United States. She'll be in New York on November 12, with her accompanist John Newmark. The performance will be a repeat of the program she sang 20 years ago.

Assistance to Laos

On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, Ambassador William H. Barton, recently gave to Sir Robert Jackson, Under-Secretary-General and Co-ordinator of Assistance to Cape Verde, Indochina and Zambia, a cheque for \$250,000 for the Special Account for Indochina Humanitarian Assistance.

The contribution was in response to a request forwarded to the United Nations by the Government of Laos and will facilitate the purchase on the international market, by the World Health Organization, of urgently-required basic medical supplies and equipment.

Canada/U.S. satellite classes

A television hook-up, which works through the multi-million dollar *Hermes* satellite launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida last January, began operating recently between Ottawa's Carleton University and Stanford University, California, in the United States.

The unprecedented video system allows students at the two universities to participate in classes beamed across the continent in a two-hour exchange for five days a week for a period of two terms.

Beginning on October 18, Carleton students sit in their classroom and take part in the course taught by Stanford professor Hans Mark on the management of research institutions. Stanford students are enrolled in two Carleton courses — Professor Esin Ulug's course on computer communications networks and Professor B.A. Bowen's course on digital systems architecture.

The courses actually began on September 13, but because the satellite was in its eclipse until mid-October, the first several classes were conducted using videotape of lectures

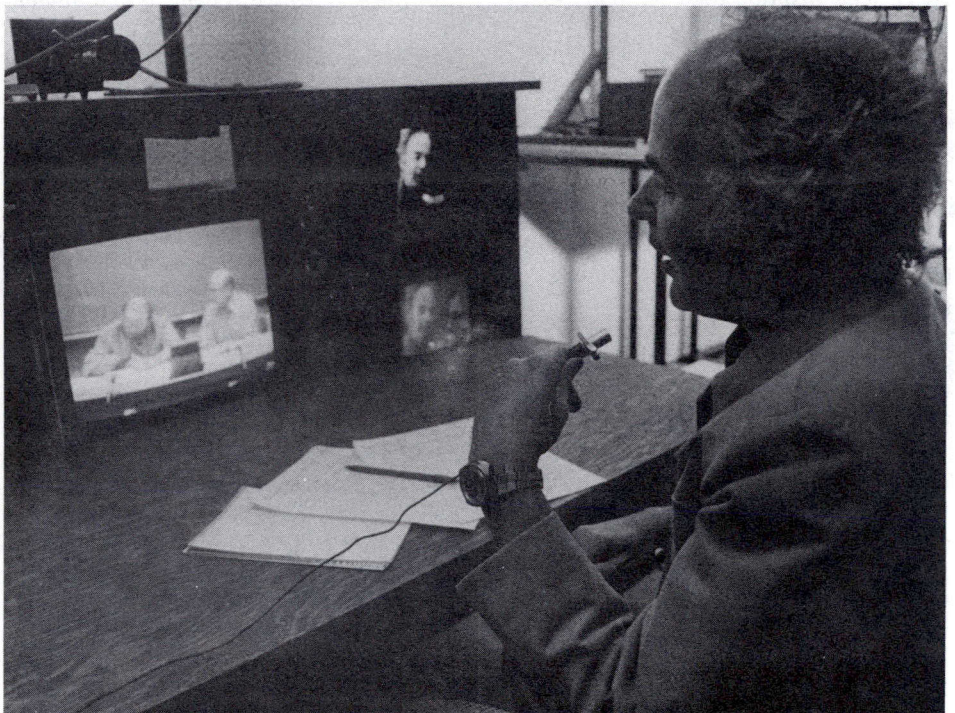
mailed between Ottawa and Palo Alto. Videotape will also have to supplement live broadcasts for six weeks in the spring when *Hermes* passes into darkness again.

The Carleton-Stanford curriculum exchange is one of a series of experiments being conducted using the joint Canada/U.S. satellite. The project is expected to demonstrate for the first time the potential economic feasibility of using a video relay satellite for both curriculum-sharing and tele-conferencing over long distances. The experiment will also be a test for educational psychologists to study the effects of learning by television.

Local initiatives grants

Federal constituency allocations for the 1976-77 Local Initiatives Program (LIP) totalling \$89.1 million were announced this month by Manpower and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen.

Allocations are based on an estimated unemployment rate for each constituency; the totals by province are as follows: Newfoundland \$7,718,000; Prince Edward Island \$1,638,000; Nova Scotia \$3,707,000; New Brunswick \$7,701,000; Quebec \$28,991,000; On-



Professor of Engineering Don George of Carleton University, Ottawa, dis-

cusses lecture studies with colleagues at Stanford University, California.