

News briefs

Labour Minister Charles Caccia has announced a one-year extension of the labour education financial assistance program. A \$4.9-million grant which will fund the program until next June will be distributed among individual union members, independent unions and six central labour organizations. Introduced in 1977, the program contributes to the training of union officials in various disciplines including collective bargaining, collective agreement administration and occupational safety and health.

Suncor Incorporated of Edmonton has proceeded with a \$355-million expansion of its oil sands plant near Fort McMurray, Alberta. Work began in August on the two-part program that will add to the plant's efficiency and improve production. The expansion is expected to result in the production of an estimated 90 million barrels of synthetic crude oil.

A joint venture of AMCA International Limited of Montreal and Balfour Beatty Construction Limited of Britain has been awarded a contract for the design and construction of a coal transshipment terminal in Indonesia. The total contract is worth more than \$85 million, with AMCA's share amounting to some \$50 million. The terminal will receive, stockpile and load coal onto ships bound for a power generating plant at the rate of 5 000 tonnes an hour.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$16.6 million (Cdn) allocation under a line of credit with Banque Algérienne de Développement (BAD) to support a sale of prefabricated buildings by Treco International Limited of St. Romuald, Quebec, to Algeria. The \$19.5 million (Cdn) sale involves the fabrication, delivery and construction on a turnkey basis of eight colleges in Ech Chlef, formerly El Asnam. Each college will consist of five equipped, semi-prefabricated buildings, one each for classrooms, workshops, dining facilities, administrative offices, and living quarters for college personnel.

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Bell Canada-International Management Research and Consulting Limited, a subsidiary of Montreal-based Bell Canada, has signed a one-year contract worth \$322 000 with Medellín Public Enterprise Telephone System of Colombia to act as consultant in planning Medellín's telephone system until the year 2000.

Health and Welfare Minister Monique Bégin recently announced 30 health research training and career awards totalling \$841 879, which will support scientific research and related activities designed to provide information on issues related to the health care system, environmental health, the health consequences of human behaviour and the health status of selected populations. Dr. Zalman Amit, involved in research on alcoholism and drug abuse at the Department of Psychology at Concordia University in Montreal was named a National Health Research Scholar.

A film on the subject of reindeer herding in Canada entitled, *Canada's Reindeer*, was recently premiered at a conference in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. Using a combination of archival footage, interviews and live-action photography, the film commences in the 1930s when Andrew Bahr, a Sami herder from Scandinavia, brought 3 000 animals to the western Arctic in an experiment for the Canadian government. *Canada's Reindeer*, which is available for viewing from the National Film Board, was produced and directed by Andrew Steen and Mary Anne DeWolf of Inuk Films, Yellowknife in collaboration with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada.

The Agriculture Canada quarantine station at St. David, Quebec has been turned into an experimental farm. The station has been renamed Chapais Experimental Farm, in honour of Jean-Charles Chapais, Canada's first agriculture minister after Confederation July 1, 1867.

The Canadian Government Office of Tourism has introduced the first in a series of guides designed to help Canada's tourism interests promote more effectively in foreign markets. *Introductory Guide to the German-Speaking European Market* is a 40-page manual designed to assist the Canadian travel industry in their efforts to attract more visitors to Canada from the Federal Republic of Germany, Austria and German-speaking Switzerland. The guide includes background on the three countries, as well as information on travel patterns and Canadian package tours.



Karen Dianne Baldwin, 18, of London, Ontario has become the first Canadian to be named Miss Universe, winning the 1982 crown over 76 other entrants in Lima, Peru. Miss Baldwin, who currently resides in Toronto, will receive more than \$150 000 in cash and prizes and will spend the next year making personal appearances throughout the world.

Inter Air '82, an aviation trade show aimed at displaying the products of small specialty manufacturers and suppliers in the aerospace industry, was held recently at the International Centre in Toronto. Show manager Albert Duncan said it was the only show of its kind in Canada. The show attracted 122 exhibitors and included manufacturers of avionics equipment, aircraft parts and instruments and air charter and training operators. Several helicopters, light planes and ultra-light aircraft were also displayed.

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