

News briefs

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mohamad paid a four-day visit to Canada beginning January 12, returning Prime Minister Trudeau's visit to Malaysia a year ago. It was the Malaysian Prime Minister's first official visit to Canada. In Ottawa, Mr. Mahathir met with Prime Minister Trudeau and members of the Cabinet before proceeding to Toronto where he met with business leaders and members of the provincial Cabinet.

Soviet customers for Canadian farm equipment are being wooed by three western manufacturers. Co-op Implements Ltd. of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Flexi-Coil Ltd. of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan have signed initial agreements with Soviet officials. Versatile Farm Equipment Co. of Winnipeg is working out a similar preliminary agreement. All are negotiating sales of technology, tooling and parts to allow Soviet plants to manufacture Canadian farm equipment under licence. Company officials say the deals could total \$250 million over the next decade.

The University of Toronto has established a Centre for Nuclear Engineering to co-ordinate teaching and research on nuclear technology and stimulate interaction with industry, according to Gordon Slemon, dean of applied science and engineering. The centre, jointly financed by the university and private industry, will be under the chairmanship of Professor O.J.C. Runnalls.

The city of Calgary has gained the distinction of becoming the first major Canadian city to charge \$1 transit fares. Fort McMurray in Northwestern Alberta, with 34 000 residents, also has a \$1 fare. Edmonton and Toronto are in second place, with 90-cent fares, followed by Ottawa, 85 cents; Montreal, 85 cents; Vancouver, 75 cents; Winnipeg, 65 cents; and Regina, 60 cents. Calgary Transit blames the high fares on the low urban transit subsidy from the Alberta government — 6 per cent of operating costs, versus the 16 per cent provincial subsidy in Ontario.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has signed a \$16-million (US) loan agreement to support the sale of 15 diesel electric locomotives, spare parts and tools to Egypt by General Motors Market Development of Canada Limited of Montreal. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will provide parallel financing of \$6.25 million (Cdn) in connec-

Up in the air



Out from under her grandmother's feet, nine-month old Sheena Jorgenson just hangs around waiting while Shirley Ferris browses through an antique furniture store in the Vancouver suburb of Burnaby, British Columbia.

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tion with the \$25-million (Cdn) sale. The buyer is the National Organization for Egyptian Railways of Cairo and the loan is guaranteed by the National Bank of Egypt, also of Cairo. The sale brings to more than 250 the number of units supplied to Egypt by the Diesel Division since 1975.

Canadian John Campbell was North America's leading money-winning harness driver in 1983 and Eddie Davis scored the most victories for the second time in three seasons, the US Trotting Association has announced. With his horses earning \$6.1 million in 1983, John Campbell of Ailsa Craig, Ontario became the first harness driver to win \$6 million. He surpassed the previous record of \$5.75 million set by Bill O'Donnell of Springhill, Nova Scotia, last year. John Campbell, 28, the leading money-winning driver in 1979 and 1980, ended the two-year reign of Bill O'Donnell's who wound up second when his horses accounted for earnings of \$5.83 million in 1983.

A new look for Quebec City's waterfront is under way. The federally-funded \$100-million project will transform a run-down region into a marina for pleasure craft, plus a set of new docks for visiting ships in an excavated basin protected from tidal changes; an outdoor amphitheatre with seating for 6 000; and a commercial area to include an outdoor market plus shops and restaurants, housing units, a riverside boardwalk, and an eight-storey clock tower with an observation deck. The federal government hopes that private investors will produce another \$150 million in housing projects and warehouse conversions.

The Canadian Commercial Corporation (CCC) has been awarded a contract valued at \$22 million (US) by the Algerian Enterprise Nationale des Corps Gras (ENCG) for 30 000 tonnes of Canola Oil extracted from Canadian rapeseed. CCC's suppliers are Alberta Food Products, Fort Saskatchewan, Alberta; GSP Foods Ltd., Winnipeg, Manitoba; and United Oilseed Products Ltd., Lloydminster, Alberta. The CCC has also awarded a contract valued at \$8.8 million (US) to Hermes Electronics Ltd. of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, for AN/SSQ-53 B Sonobuoys. The Sonobuoys will be supplied to the US Navy under the umbrella of the US-Canada Defence Production Sharing Arrangement.

Lana Spreeman of Olds, Alberta and Landa Chysyk of Crescent Beach, British Columbia won silver medals in the giant slalom at the third International Winter Games for the disabled held recently in Innsbruck, Austria. Lana Spreeman, who competed on two skis, one an artificial ski-leg below the knee, beat six others over the 500-metre course, while Landa Chysyk surpassed 12 competitors with above-knee amputations en route to the silver medal.

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