

Multinational ocean mining agreement

Canada, the United States, Japan and the Federal Republic of Germany will co-operate in a venture for the mining of manganese nodules from the deep ocean.

Taking part in the project are The International Nickel Company of Canada, Limited and its U.S. subsidiary, The International Nickel Company, Inc.; the Deep Ocean Mining Co., Ltd (DOMCO), which is being established to represent Japanese companies from the Sumitomo and other leading Japanese groups; and several German companies organized under the name AMR (Arbeitsgemeinschaft Meerestechnisch Gewinnbare Rohstoffe) consisting of Metallgesellschaft AG, Preussag AG, Rheinische Braunkohlenwerke AG, and Salzgitter AG.

Interests will be shared equally by all participants; the venture will probably be expanded to afford involvement by others.

The agreement calls for the parties to proceed with design and development work to determine the economic and technical feasibility of mining manganese nodules from the ocean floor. The parties contemplate the eventual establishment of facilities for commercial-scale ocean mining and the recovery of metals from manganese nodules which contain important quantities of nickel, copper and cobalt.

NFB again wins British film prize

For the fourth time during the past six years, the Robert Flaherty Award of the British Society of Film and Television Arts for best documentary film has been won by the National Film Board of Canada. The trophy was presented by Princess Anne by Boyce Richardson and Tony Ianuziolo, co-directors of the winning film, *Cree Hunters Of Mistassini* at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

The award for best animation went to the NFB film, *Hunger (La faim)*, which was directed by Peter Foldes. This short film, made with the help of the National Research Council computer, has been a winner at several festivals and was also a nominee for an Oscar earlier this month.

Canadian candidate for FAO chief

Canada has put forward Dr. W. David Hopper, president of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), as a candidate for the position of director general of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), announced Secretary of State for External Affairs Allan J. MacEachen on April 4. The position becomes vacant at the end of 1975 with the retirement of the incumbent.

The aim of the FAO, an organization Canada helped to establish in 1945 in Quebec City, is to advance the common welfare by promoting separate and collective action to raise levels of nutrition and standards of living, to secure improvements in the efficiency of the production and distribution of all food and agricultural products, to better the conditions of rural populations and thus to contribute toward an expanding world economy.

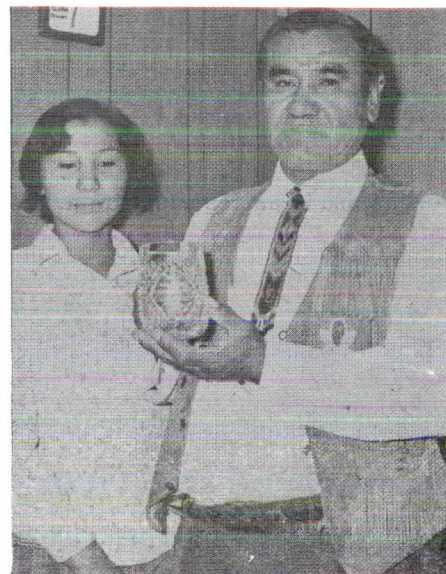
Dr. Hopper has had extensive experience in the research and practice of agriculture and food development in developing countries. He has also been a leader in relating population problems to social and economic development, especially rural development. His work in world agricultural development has influenced activities at national, regional and international levels, and he has had a close association with FAO and the major world investment and agricultural research agencies. Dr. Hopper was directly involved in the establishment of the network of international agricultural research centres and was closely associated with the so-called "green revolution" that has greatly expanded rice and wheat production in Asia.

Champion oyster shucker

Joe Labobe, a Micmac Indian, recently achieved distinction by becoming the new oyster-shucking champion at Prince Edward Island. Mr. Labobe and Raymond Lewis, another Indian Band member, competed in a field of seven in the annual P.E.I. Tyne Valley Oyster Festival and Joe came first by cleanly opening 12 oysters in one-and-a-half minutes. Both men represented the Lennox Island Indian Co-operative.

The fruits of Mr. Labobe's efforts

included \$500 in cash and an all-expense-paid trip to Galway, Ireland, where he competed in an oyster-shucking contest against other national champions from Norway, England, Ireland, Switzerland, and from France.



Joe Labobe and daughter Mary admire the cut glass mug he received as a souvenir from Ireland.

Joe experienced difficulties with the unfamiliar knife provided and he came in fifth. Notwithstanding the disappointment of not winning, he was enthusiastic about the whole trip, particularly the generous hospitality of the Irish hosts. In appreciation, Mr. Labobe presented a beaded Canadian Indian necklace to Mayor F. Coogan of Galway.

Scholarships for Canadian women

Ten post-graduate scholarships in business administration will be awarded to Canadian women as part of the Federal Government's activities for International Women's Year. The scholarships, payable over two years, will be awarded through national competition open to all female Canadian citizens who are academically qualified.

The funds will be for tuition and expenses for a master's degree in business administration at a Canadian university.

The program, which will be administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is the first created specially for women.