

News briefs

Secretary of State for External Affairs Mark MacGuigan has announced that Arthur Menzies has taken up his appointment as Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament. The creation of this new position was announced in the Speech from the Throne and builds on the decision two years ago to appoint an Adviser on Disarmament and Arms Control Affairs in response to the program of action agreed at the Special Session on Disarmament of the United Nations General Assembly.

A \$80,847 federal grant for a project to assist Nova Scotia Métis and non-status Indians in achieving improved access to social services has been awarded to the Native Council of Nova Scotia. It is among 15 national welfare grants, totalling \$501,512, announced by the Department of Health and Welfare.

Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan is proceeding with a \$430-million expansion of its Lanigan mine, north of Regina, to almost triple production by 1983. The expansion will raise Lanigan production to 3.2 million tons of potash a year from 1.1 million tons. The increased production will meet continued offshore sales demand from China, India, Brazil and other current buyers. The company is also trying to cultivate markets in Africa.

Len Stirling won the leadership of the Newfoundland Liberal party November 3. Mr. Stirling, a 43-year-old insurance company executive and Liberal legislature member for Bonavista North, won the post previously occupied by former External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson.

Construction has begun on the 25-hectare shipping terminal at Nanaimo, British Columbia. The Duke Point terminal in the city on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island will be the largest

forest-products shipping terminal in the province.

The National Advisory Council on Aging held its first meeting recently in Ottawa. The council was established on May 1, 1980 to assist and advise the Minister of National Health and Welfare on matters related to the quality of life of elderly Canadians. The 18-member council met to formulate an action plan which will enable it to exercise its mandate.

Toronto has been chosen as the site of the first Canadian Institute of Stress, affiliated with the International Institute of Stress founded by stress expert Dr. Hans Selye in Montreal. Dr. Selye has a network of stress treatment centres in Japan, West Germany, France and the United States, but the one in Toronto is the first in Canada. The Montreal Institute is a research centre, not a clinical treatment facility.

The Board of Directors of the Export Development Corporation (EDC) approved loans of \$185.9 million, insurance liabilities of \$36.8 million, and related guarantees of \$9.2 million to support prospective export sales of \$347 million to 20 countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Denmark, Egypt, France, the German Federal Republic, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, Britain and the United States.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is air-dropping 40,000 meatballs in southwestern Ontario bush areas to test a plan for treating wildlife with an oral rabies vaccine. The test meatballs do not contain the vaccine, because it will not be ready for use until next year. Instead they contain tetracycline, an antibiotic which has the side-effect of colouring the teeth, allowing officials to determine from the catches of local trappers and hunters what proportion of animals are taking the bait. Earlier trials indicated 74 per cent of foxes and 56 per cent of skunks had eaten the meatballs.

The Urban Transportation Development Corporation (UTDC) of Toronto, recently signed an agreement with Metro-Cammell Limited of Birmingham, England. The agreement gives the company access to automated city rail transit systems and associated technology developed by UTDC. UTDC is an agency of the Ontario government.

Residents of South Indian Lake in northern Manitoba buried a local legend October 27. Annie Moose is dead at the age of 113. Mrs. Moose was born on a bush trail somewhere between South Indian Lake and Nelson House on February 9, 1867 — nearly four months before Confederation. The pipe-smoking mother of 18, lived her entire life in the area.



House of Commons Speaker Jeanne Sauvé (far right) welcomes the first women members of the House of Commons protective service after they reported recently for their first day of work in the House. They are (left to right) Rose-Marie Bols of Russell, Ontario; Elizabeth Louise Norris of Bell Island, Newfoundland; and Shelley Nancy Coxford of Montreal, Quebec.

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