

Another special event is the *DC-3* Air-mada, which will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the inaugural flight of the *DC-3*. Fifty *DC-3*s will participate in a flypast over the city of Vancouver and the Expo site on June 7, 1986.

From opera to pop

The arts and entertainment will also be an important part of EXPO 86. Some 14 000 performances will occur in one of 14 venues on the main False Creek site. Well known attractions will perform at the Expo Theatre, a 4 500-seat covered outdoor facility with state-of-the-art lighting and sound systems. Cabarets, bandstands and even the boulevards of EXPO 86 will host various entertainers, including street performers.

Other on-site venues range from the 1 500-seat International Amphitheatre which will host ethnic attractions like Canada's Shumka Dancers, to the 3 000-seat Pacific Bowl where the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride will perform daily. By night, the Plaza of Nations, under a large, glass canopy, will light up with "Expo After Hours". Here, visitors will be able to enjoy a laser and fireworks extravaganza and cabarets with live entertainment. Entertainers will also perform daily in the Canadian pavilion.

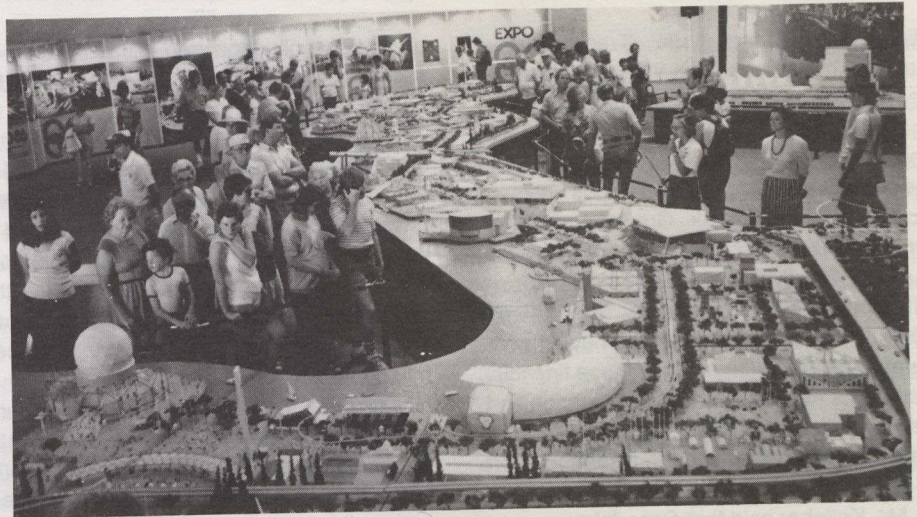
Another area of the exposition will be the Folklife Festival. This festival will celebrate the folk culture of Canada's native and settler groups in an area surrounded by wooden buildings and boardwalks and a grassy area much like a village green.

Traditional ceremonies, games and sports, many of which will involve audience participation, will be included. Each week a native group and a particular nationality will be featured. Ethnic cuisine will be highlighted, and two theatres will accommodate the music, dance, story-telling, theatre and other performing arts of native and folk cultures across Canada.

Off site, EXPO 86 will present, in three of Vancouver's major theatres, the longest, largest and most ambitious Canadian festival of the performing arts since Expo 67. The 1986 World Festival will host more than 300 Canadian and international performances of dance, theatre and music during its five-and-a-half month run.

A number of exhibitions are also planned for EXPO 86. One of the most important ones will be *Ramses II and His Times*. This exhibit will include 80 objects from the reign of the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II, also known as Ramses the Great, who ruled from 1290 to 1224 BC. Selected from the collection at the Cairo Museum in Egypt, the objects range from monumental statuary to gold jewelry to rare burial objects.

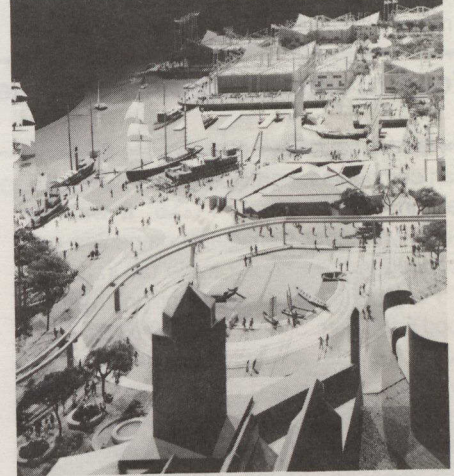
Scale model views of EXPO 86



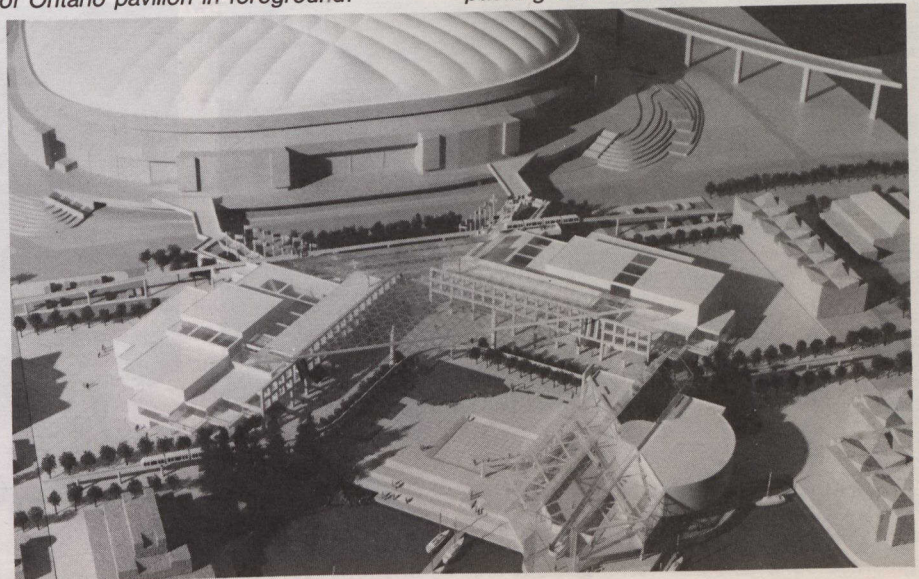
The 1:100 scale model of EXPO 86 in the Expo Display Centre which is now open seven days a week, offers visitors a preview of the 173-acre world exposition site.



The main False Creek site, looking west to the BC Place Stadium with curved outline of Ontario pavilion in foreground.



The Alberta pavilion in the foreground on the main site with the monorail track passing over Marine Plaza.



The British Columbia pavilion with the stadium in the background. A Plaza of Nations at the centre of the complex leads to a man-made forest and coastal rockery at the water's edge.