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## **News briefs**

Immigration Minister J.S.G. Cullen has proposed that Canada take up to 400 refugees from camps in both Hong Kong and the Philippines on condition that the countries grant entry to the 5,000 refugees aboard two rundown freighters off their shores. If neither country likes the idea, he said, "we'll have to go back to the drawing board". Refugees from the land camps will be included in the 5,000 Indochinese refugees the Government plans to accept this year, he said.

Non-smokers are now able to request accommodation in smoke-free areas of at least three Toronto hotels. Rugs and drapes have recently been cleaned on the sixth floor of Sutton Place in anticipation of requests for rooms in the restricted area. Bristol Place Hotel and the Harbour Castle Hilton have offered such service for three or four years.

The University of Manitoba senate has turned down a scholarship established for male students only. The senators said student awards should be based on merit and should not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, national origin, age or political belief. The board of governors must now decide whether to return the bequest or overrule the senate's decision.

Leader of the Opposition Joe Clark recently returned from a 12-day tour of five countries, designed to acquaint him with key issues and leaders in Japan, India, Greece, Israel and Jordan.

Twenty-one-year-old Steve Podborski won first place in the World Cup down-hill race in Morzine, France recently, after an objection to the suit worn by teammate Ken Read led to the Calgary skier's disqualification. Read, who finished less than half a second ahead of Podborski, was wearing a suit with less wind resistance than is allowed by competition rules.

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