

News briefs

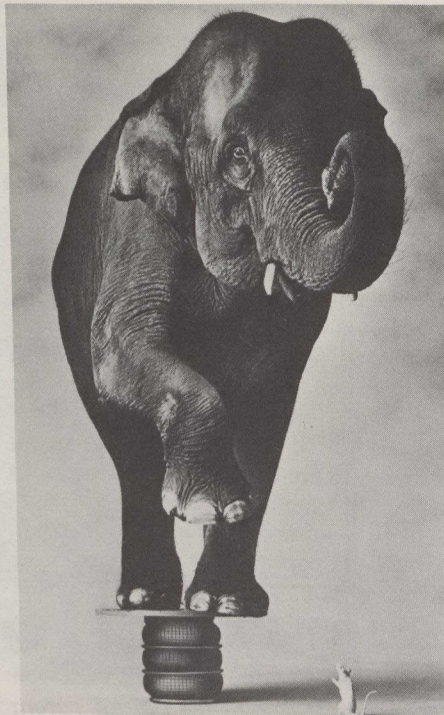
Ian Sinclair, chairman of Canadian Pacific Enterprise Ltd., was one of three Quebecers to be appointed to the Senate recently by Prime Minister Trudeau. Charlie Watt, an Inuit from northern Quebec and Leo Kolber, a Montreal businessman, were also appointed. All three will sit as Liberals. Mr. Sinclair will fill an Ontario vacancy and the other two will fill Quebec vacancies.

Businessman Alan Abraham will become lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, Prime Minister Trudeau announced. Mr. Abraham, who served as provincial party president from 1976-81, is also chairman of the board of Allied Van Lines.

A spectrum analyzer that is used in conjunction with an Apple computer for a wide-range of biomedical, audio and industrial analysis functions has been announced by Allan Crawford Associates Ltd. of Mississauga, Ontario. The IQS 401 provides all the hardware and software to acquire and analyze arbitrary analog signals or perform impulse testing of electronic, electroacoustic, electromechanical or mechanical systems. Applications include biomedical measurement and analysis, and production testing of high performance audio products.

The Export Development Corporation (EDC) has re-established its line of credit agreement with the United Republic of Cameroun. The agreement, originally valued at \$100 million (US), expired May 26, 1983 after two allocations totalling \$21.0 million (US) were made under it. The allocation period for the re-established agreement expires on May 26, 1984. The allocations under the original agreement supported the sales of two *Buffalo* aircraft by the de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited of Downsview, Ontario and goods and services for the reconditioning of a damaged locomotive by Bombardier Inc. of Montreal.

Canadian Commercial Corporation has awarded a contract valued at \$314 460 (US) to Bombardier Incorporated, Valcourt, Quebec for the supply of modified Skandic snowmobiles to be used by the US Army National Guard for patrolling in northern Alaska. The Skandic snowmobiles are capable of carrying an operator and a passenger while towing a sled. They are light duty, have a single-track drive and have been modified in accordance with special military specifications.



A white mouse puts Judy the elephant to the test in part of a promotion in Toronto for Goodyear's vehicular air spring. The tractor-trailer spring, which uses air to cushion loads instead of the usual flexing steel, easily withstood Judy's 3 600 kilograms.

Canada and West Germany have signed a ten-year agreement extending arrangements for combat-type exercises by West German Forces in Manitoba and in the skies over Labrador. Defence Minister Jean Jacques Blais and his West German counterpart Manfred Worner signed the agreement recently at NATO headquarters. The new agreement will be worth \$120 million to Canada, not including the money spent locally by West German soldiers and airmen.

Civil rights activist Daniel Hill has been named Ontario's ombudsman. Dr. Hill, a past director and chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, is the first non-political appointee to the post since the ombudsman's office was created in 1975. He has an impressive record as a human rights activist and civil libertarian and has worked on several government task forces and as a consultant to assorted groups, including the Canadian Civil Liberties Union and the federal parliamentary committee on the participation of visible minorities in Canadian society.

A Montreal company has become the first outside dealer in the world to market computer systems using Sperry Univac Corp.'s MAPPER and Sperrylink software.

The Société de bureautique et d'information intégrés Inc. (SBIII) has a five-year exclusive contract in Quebec for the system. Sperry is seeking partners to offer the service in other regions of Canada. The newly-formed company will offer consulting services, computer hardware and software, servicing and space in its mainframe computer. SBIII is investing \$2.5 million to get started. The company already has a \$1.5-million contract with Canadian Pacific Consulting Services and is negotiating agreements with other potential clients.

The new CBC head office complex is to be built on what is now a huge open parking lot next to Roy Thomson Hall and the CN Tower in downtown Toronto. Cost is estimated at \$530 million. The CBC bought the land in 1978 for \$19.5 million, and proposes to lease it to a developer, who will undertake the entire project and lease back the broadcasting section to the CBC. The building will contain stores, private offices, apartments and will collect CBC radio and TV units now in 22 separate locations, costing about \$17 million a year. This will provide state-of-the-art facilities with relatively little public money, the CBC says. The city hopes to see the adjacent area developed as a communications industry park.

Nova Corp. of Calgary and Alberta Government Telephones have formed Novatel, a joint venture to develop a world-class cellular mobile telephone system. The project, which could cost them \$30 million by the end of the year, will be based on micro-electronics and computer switching, and will compete with Japanese, Swedish and US equipment. The system could provide Nova with a large percentage of its income by the end of the decade.

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